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***Service Is The***



***Of Girl Scouting***

SERVICE is sending "Care" packages overseas, but it is also sharing your lunch with your friend.  
SERVICE is baking cakes for children at the orphanage, but it is also setting the table for your mother.

SERVICE is singing songs at a nursing home, but it is also writing a cheerful letter to a faraway relative.

SERVICE is helping pack Red Cross boxes, but it is also bandaging your little sister's skinned knee.

SERVICE is cleaning up a river, but it is also picking up your room.

Whether large or small, far or near, SERVICE is lending a helping hand!

-Myra Nagel

The Girl Scout program offers informal learning to girls at all times. The learning may be expressed in a variety of ways, one of which is service. This patch program has been designed to help girls experience a variety of learning activities as they complete service projects. Service should be continuous, not just once a year. Get in the service habit!

This is an ONGOING PATCH PROGRAM. When a girl completes the program for the first year, she earns the patch. The second through fourth years are strips. The fifth through eighth years are stars. Be sure to indicate the levels earned on your evaluation.

When you have completed the patch program you may purchase patches from the GSNENY Store.

### **Requirements**

ALL age levels (Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Teens) must do at least one service project for their troop sponsor/owner of meeting place **AND** at least one project for their community **PLUS** Daisy Girl Scouts must complete 2 additional projects, Brownies must complete 3 additional projects; Juniors and Teens must complete 4 additional projects.



### Service Projects may be done for your:

1. Potentially GSNENY – check first
2. GS Community
3. Sponsor or owner of meeting place\*
4. Community\*
5. Leaders
6. Troop
7. Parents/families
8. Your choice – such as youth organizations, religious groups, or another service for one of the above.



- **Daisy Girl Scouts** complete 4 projects (one for your community, one for your sponsor/owner of meeting place, and two other projects chosen from the list above).
- **Brownies** complete 5 projects (one for your community, one for your sponsor/owner of meeting place, and three other projects chosen from the list above).
- **Juniors, Teens** complete 6 projects (one for your community, one for your sponsor/owner of meeting place, and four other projects chosen from the list above).

### Some ideas to help you along the way

#### The Arts

- Dress a doll (or dolls) or make and donate toys for holiday distribution.
- Make and donate tray favors for a hospital/nursing home at least 3 times. Remember non-holiday occasions such as "spring," "smile day," "April Fool's Day," etc.
- Make and donate Christmas or other holiday ornaments/decorations to shut-ins, library, or other organizations.
- Make, set-up and donate a monthly display in a public place (bank, children's room in library, Head Start program). Be responsible for changing it on time!
- Learn dances and put on a dance program for a nursing home, sponsor, senior citizens group, or your parents and friends.
- Plan and carry out your own activity.

#### Out - Of - Doors

- Make and place bird feeders in a community place, or give to shut-ins then keep them filled at least all winter.
- Organize and carry out a games day or games relay event. Invite your families or another troop(s) to participate. Don't forget safety rules or fair play!
- Work with an existing agency to help carry out projects planned by them. Assist with a long event or two to three shorter activities.
- Adopt a stream. Trace its route on a map, if possible, or discover its route as thoroughly as possible. Keep a designated area free from litter/pollution as an ongoing project.
- Prepare a booklet of information about "what to see" along an established trail on camp property. Leave copies for others to use.
- Plan and carry out your own activity.



#### Science and Technology



- Distribute information/brochures for an established community service organization - for example, pamphlets for the League of Woman Voters, P.T.A., or the library.
- Make and carry out a plan to conserve energy in as many ways as possible in your meeting place. Chart your savings.
- Teach others to construct and fly kites. End activities with a party or contest.
- Plan and carry out a career fair for others or assist an established organization with career activities.

- Provide publicity from your troop or service unit on a regular basis to your local newspaper.
- Plan and carry out your own activity.

#### People/Culture

- Following safety procedures go Halloween caroling with "Pumpkin Carols" or Christmas caroling.
- Make and distribute crossword type puzzle books in nursing homes/hospitals.
- Organize a campaign to collect food for a food pantry - and collect yourselves, also!
- Plan and carry out a community improvement project such as collecting litter, planting and caring for flowers, raking leaves or trimming and clipping lawns.
- Plan and carry out a traditional party event for younger Girl Scouts or children of your sponsor. Try an Easter Egg hunt, Valentine Day party, or Juliette Low Birthday Party.
- Plan and serve refreshments for a Service Unit event/meeting.
- Plan and carry out a surprise party for your leaders.
- Help plan and take part in an event to show Girl Scouting to your community.
- Plan and carry out a flag ceremony for your sponsor.
- Plan and carry out your own activity.

#### Health/Fitness/Nutrition

- Make and donate toys or activity books (sections to teach how to snap, tie, lace, etc.).
- Baby-sit for children of leaders when the leaders attend training events or Service Unit meetings.
- Collect ethnic recipes for desserts or whole meals. Try some and invite your parents to a dessert party or dinner to sample your success with cooking projects.
- Make a coupon booklet with coupons to be redeemed by parents. Have each girl make coupons describing specific tasks that girls will do when the coupons are presented to them. Have the girls report results to the troop.
- Plan and carry out a project to make your school, playground or meeting place a safer place.
- Plan and carry out your own activity.



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**Evaluation**

Daisies Brownies	Service for  Community	Month/Year	Activity
	Sponsor/Meeting Place		
Juniors Teens	Community		
	Sponsor/Meeting Place		
Troop# _____ Age Level _____		Service Unit _____	# of girls _____

Leader's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Number of patches: 1<sup>st</sup> Year \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Strips: 2<sup>nd</sup> Year \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> Year \_\_\_\_\_ 4<sup>th</sup> Year \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Stars: 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Years \_\_\_\_\_

Patches can be obtained through the GSNENY Store.

Evaluations may be submitted to Linda Stephen, [lstephen@girlscoutsneny.org](mailto:lstephen@girlscoutsneny.org)