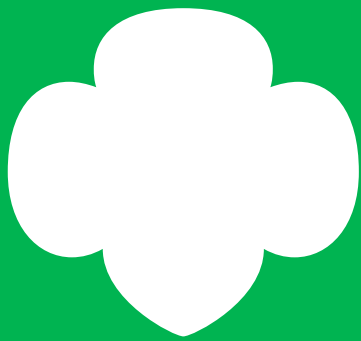




Girl Scout Patch Program Challenge

Could YOU create the next Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania patch program?

Have you ever wished Girl Scouts had a patch about something YOU love? Now's your chance to create it!

Girl Scouts and Girl Scout troops are invited to take on the Girl Scout Patch Program Challenge and design a brand-new patch program for Girl Scouts across western Pennsylvania. This contest is only available to Girl Scouts registered in Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania.

Your challenge is to create a complete patch program guide that Girl Scouts of all ages can enjoy. Your program could focus on almost anything—animals, science, nature, art, history, technology, outdoor skills, careers, food, sports, or an idea we've never seen before!

Who Can Participate?

The Girl Scout Patch Challenge is open to Girl Scouts submitting on their own or as part of a group or troop.

- **Individual Girl Scouts:** A Girl Scout can create and submit a patch program on her own.
- **Girl Scout Troops/Groups:** A troop or group of Girl Scouts can work together to create and submit one patch program. Troops may collaborate on every part of the program or divide up responsibilities among their members.
- Whether you submit individually or as a group does not affect judging. All submissions will be evaluated using the same criteria.

Challenge Timeline

Submissions Open: Oct. 15, 2026

Submission Deadline: Dec. 1, 2026

Judging: December 2026–January 2027

Winner Selected: January 2027

Winner Featured: March 2027—during Girl Scout Week

The Challenge

Create a complete Girl Scout patch program that other Girl Scouts can complete.

Think about:

- What will Girl Scouts learn?
- What will they do?
- What makes your topic exciting?
- How can younger and older Girl Scouts participate?
- How can girls explore the topic in different ways?
- What activities will make the program memorable?
- How can the program encourage girls to try something new?

Your program should be designed for Girl Scouts of all ages, from Daisies through Ambassadors. You don't have to make every age group do exactly the same activity. Think about how an activity could be made simpler for younger girls or more challenging for older girls.

Need Help?

Creating a complete patch program is a big challenge—and that's okay!

Girl Scouts participating in the challenge may email customercare@gswpa.org to connect with the program staff running the contest for guidance or assistance with questions about creating their patch program, using the template, or understanding the submission requirements.

Talking to a staff member does NOT affect judging or your chances of winning. We want every Girl Scout to have the opportunity to participate and understand what is expected.

What You Must Submit

This is not just an idea contest—you are creating the full patch program!

Your completed patch program must:

- Use the council-provided [patch program template](#).
- Be designed for Girl Scouts of all ages.
- Include the complete program requirements.
- Include activity instructions.
- Include age-appropriate adaptations.
- Include lists of any necessary supplies or materials.
- Include opportunities for Girl Scouts to learn, explore, create, or take action.
- Be appropriate for the Girl Scout program.
- Be submitted as a Microsoft Word (.docx) or PDF (.pdf) file.
- Include a sketch of your fun patch. (Focus on the theme of your patch program. Please do not include Girl Scout-branded elements, such as the words “Girl Scouts” or the Girl Scout Trefoil.)



How the Winner Is Selected

The program coordinator will review all submissions, remove any identifying information, and share all patch program guides with a committee of council staff members. The committee will review eligible submissions after the Dec. 1 deadline.

Staff will consider factors such as:

- Creativity and originality
- Girl appeal
- Quality and completeness of the program
- Opportunities for hands-on learning
- Adaptability for all Girl Scout grade levels
- Connection to the Girl Scout experience
- Feasibility of completing the program
- Clarity of the activities and instructions

The winning patch program will be selected by council staff.

The Winner

The winning Girl Scout will have their patch program featured during Girl Scout Week in March 2027!

Council staff may work with the winner to make necessary edits to the program before publication, including edits related to safety, accessibility, formatting, age appropriateness, or council program standards. A staff member will also work with the winner to create a custom fun patch.

The winning Girl Scout(s) will be recognized as the creator(s) of the idea and will have the exciting opportunity to see their patch program shared with Girl Scouts across western Pennsylvania!

Ready for the Challenge?

- Think about something YOU love.
- Think about something YOU wish other Girl Scouts could learn about.
- Then turn that idea into a patch program!
- Your idea. Your activities. Your patch program.
- Take the Girl Scout Patch Challenge!

Use the Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania [patch program template](#) to create your patch program. Submit your patch program guide and patch sketch [HERE](#).