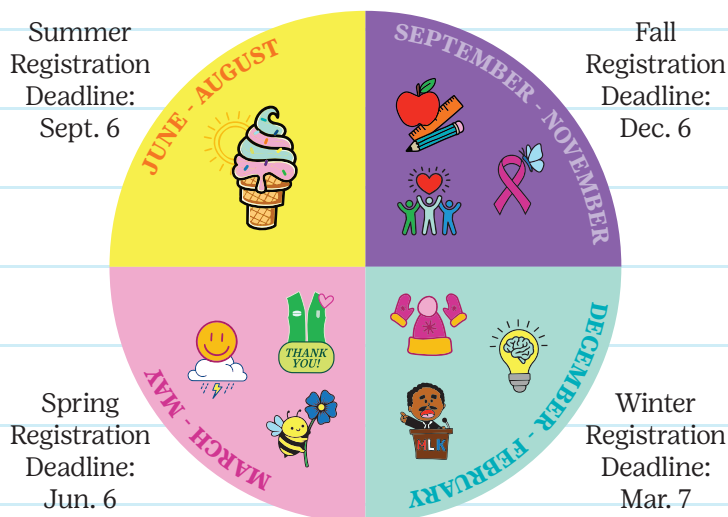


Community Service

GSCI Community Service Patch Program

Take on our Year of Volunteering Challenge as a troop or on your own! NOTE: You have all year to complete the requirements for this patch, they do not need to be met before this registration closes. We give you 3-5 options for service projects but you can also come up with your own ideas based on the theme. Registration for the Fall Community Service Patch closes the 2nd Sunday of December. Registration for the Winter Community Service Patch closes the 2nd Sunday of March. Registration for the Spring Community Service Patch closes the 2nd Sunday of June. Registration for the Summer Community Service Patch closes the 2nd Sunday of September 2027. Each patch is custom designed and will be available or mailed out roughly 8-10 weeks after each registration deadline. The cost of these patches is \$3 each. **Go to bit.ly/GSCIPatchProgram to register and check out the steps for each patch!**



December- Winter Warmth
Winter is a harsh time for many folks. This winter, give back to others by sharing warm things.

January- MLK Day
Join Americans across the country by coming together on the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday to serve your neighbors and communities.

February- World Thinking Day
This year, learn about a challenge that's impacting people all over the globe and spread awareness.

March- March Gladness
Spread some cheer as we enter Spring! While we can't "fix" this for anyone, we can sit alongside them in their "winter blues" and show them some love.

April- Volunteer Appreciation
Each year we pause and say thank you to all of the amazing Troop Leaders, Cookie Coordinators, Service Unit Leaders, Parent Volunteers, Community Partners, and other various grown ups who make our Girl Scout adventures possible.

May- No Mow May
No Mow May was started as a simple way to help out the local ecosystem without having to permanently change our yards. Less mowing allows time for flowers to bloom in your lawn!

June, July, August- Summer of Sweetness
How can you show kindness to others over the summer? Your summer community service may be sweet as in friendly or sweet as in sugary, up to you!

September- Back to School
It's time to get back in the classrooms! Students and teachers are both excited to start the new year. Let's lift up our awesome educators with love and support!

October- Breast Cancer Awareness
October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. By raising awareness, girls can make a difference in the lives of women and families coping with the impact of breast cancer.

November- Thankful for Community
In November, lots of us start thinking of all we're thankful for. Together as a Girl Scout Council, let's say a BIG THANKS to our local communities.

National Service Projects

Girl Scouts are invited to participate in national service projects through GSUSA!

Honoring our Everyday Changemakers

Small acts of kindness and gratitude can have an incredible impact on your community! Girl Scouts can pay it forward by recognizing the people in their communities who have supported them in finding their unique paths.

Fighting Hunger

More than 50 million adults, kids, and families in the U.S. are experiencing food insecurity. Girl Scouts can make a big difference in their communities—and for children around the world—by supporting hunger relief efforts.

Promote the Vote

What do you want the future to look like? Who will lead us as we work to bring it to life? That's up to you—but only if you vote! You might not be old enough to vote—yet—but you're never too young to learn about this process and to get your friends, family, and community involved.

Citizen Science

How can you play a part in solving some of the biggest problems facing our planet? Enter citizen science, where volunteers help scientists collect data for their studies and experiments. Anyone can be a citizen scientist—all you need is curiosity and a willingness to help!

Letter Writing

The idea is simple: Girl Scouts write letters to people in nursing homes, senior residences, and assisted living facilities, including the dedicated staff and caregivers. This long-distance hug is a way to share your good thoughts with these vulnerable and loved community members.

Learn more about these national service projects and steps to complete them at GirlScouts.org (Discover tab - Activity Zone - National Service Projects)