

Presents with a Purpose

Made by Troop 258

November Patch of the Month

All Girl Scouts—no matter how young or old—can find ways to combine their collective talents into a project that gives back to their community. It all starts with listening!

In this patch program, you will learn about the unique needs people face in your community, and how different local organizations and businesses help address those needs. Think about what you've learned and combine that new knowledge with the talents of the Girl Scouts around you to create a project that gives back. Get others involved and share what you've learned when you're finished.





About Patch of the Month

Looking for some additional fun activities for your troop or just to do on your own? Each month, girls can discover, connect, and Take Action in a specific subject area. Hands-on activities are available for all Girl Scout levels and can be done at meetings, as a pre-meeting activity, or as an at-home project.

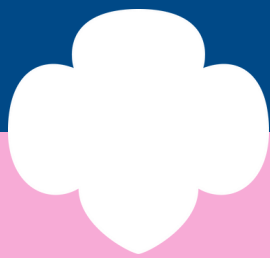
Patch of the Month programs provide Girl Scouts an opportunity to enjoy a variety of activities while earning a fun patch. Patch programs are available to Girl Scouts of all grade levels. Completing patch programs can help complete a Journey and may satisfy requirements for certain badges. It's not necessary to complete the patch programs in the months specified—they can be completed at any time! All fun patches are placed on the back of the vest or sash.

Patch of the Month Evaluation

Once you have completed the program activities, please be sure to fill out the [Patch of the Month Evaluation](#).

How to Order Patches

Visit the GSK Shop in-person or use the GSK Shop Order Form by clicking [here](#) to purchase your patch for \$2.00 each!



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How to earn your Presents with a Purpose Patch

1. Complete the number of activities below listed for your age level.
2. Order your patch!

Number of activities required to get the patch:

Daisy (3) • Brownie (4) • Junior (6) • Cadette (7) • Senior (8) • Ambassador (9)



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Discover

- Look at local charity websites to learn about what they do and how they serve the community.
- Read a book that inspires you to want to give back to your community.
- Listen to music that inspires you to use your talents to help others.
- Sketch pictures of ideas or ways you can help individuals and families in your community
- Make time for personal reflection. Jot down your thoughts and feelings about what you've learned so far in a journal or notebook.
- Schedule time during a troop meeting to have a discussion about “needs” versus “wants.” Share examples of both and discuss how many people in our local communities may not have all of their “wants” or “needs” fulfilled.

Connect

- Visit a local homeless shelter, soup kitchen, or other local organization to learn more about how these organizations serve people who don't have all their needs met.
- Invite a representative from a local charity that helps families in need to a troop meeting to learn about what they do and how they serve the community
- Ask teachers, family members, friends, neighbors, or members of your church if they know of a particular individual, group, elderly neighbors, or families in need. As a troop, brainstorm ways you may be able to help meet their specific needs.
- Interview a local business to ask them how their company gives back to the local community.
- Brainstorm a list of special talents in your troop may have, and how you can use them in a community service project.





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Act

- Sign up for a group volunteer project through your local United Way. Many local United Ways coordinate regular volunteer projects for community volunteers to help local organizations, such as collection drives, book drives, and delivering goods like blankets, hygiene kits, and school supplies.
- Start a collection drive for a specific community organization for items like winter coats, hats, mittens, children's toys and other gifts, or other items.
- Host a fundraiser to raise money for a local organization that serves a group in need.
- Create a community "wish list" and share it with family, friends, relatives, neighbors, and others in your community. Invite people to sign up to purchase an item from the list, then collect, wrap, and deliver all the gifts to the individual or family who needs them.
- Start a club at your school to teach other kids about these important causes and inspire them to give back.
- Create a display or bulletin board for your school, church, or community that tells about how your troop's mission to help the community.
- Inspire others to practice big and small acts of kindness.

