



Family Participation Leader Guide

All Grade Level Patch

Many families share Girl Scouting and many more could! In an effort to increase parent/family involvement and support of Girl Scout activities, this Council Patch Program has been designed for use by Girl Scout Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors.

The Girl Scout Family Participation Patch program is designed to be completed by a member of a Girl Scout's family; i.e., parent(s), grandparent(s), guardian(s), older sibling(s), uncle(s), aunt(s) or any other adults the girl considers "family" in cooperation with the girl and her Troop or group. This also includes Leader(s) who have a daughter in their Troop or another Troop. Program activities are contained in the Family Participation booklet that Leaders can distributed to families interested in completing the program.

The program is optional, as is the case with all other patch programs. Leaders should inform parent(s)/family members about the program by sending the information home with girls or by distributing and explaining the program at a parent(s) meeting early in the Girl Scout year. It is suggested that Leaders strongly encourage family participation in Troop activities, however, girls should not be penalized in any way if their families choose not to participate.

The program is divided into two parts and activities may be completed in any order. In the first part, family member(s) work with the girl and/or Troop to complete at least four Discover, four Connect, and one Take Action activities. Space is provided in the booklet for parent/family member(s) to list the activity and the date completed. The second part contains 25 questions, of which at least 15 must be answered by a family member(s) working together with the Girl Scout. The answers to most of these questions can be found in the grade-level handbooks. The program may be completed year after year for a maximum of five years; however, part two should be completed **ONLY the first time**.

Leaders should review the requirements for the program and should make every effort to develop a well-balanced program as well as keep families well informed about activities so that they will have the opportunity to complete the program requirements.

When the girl and her family have completed the required number of activities, the booklet should be forwarded to the Leader. The Leader should then do a quick verification of the information and submit the patch order form and payment to the Bay Shop. The family certificates are free. Patches and certificates will be mailed to Leaders who should distribute them at a Troop ceremony or other appropriate time.

Girls will receive year strips to add to their patch if their family completes the patch program for a second, third or fourth year, while the family will receive a certificate for each year the program is completed. If the program is completed for a fifth year, the girl and family member(s) may receive a Girl Scout Family Participation Pin. Be sure to indicate completion of this program each year on the girls' individual record form



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**Family Partnership
Patch Order Form**

Sold to

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone (day) _____

(cell) _____

Email _____

SU _____ Troop _____

Grade Level: _____ # of Girls in Troop: _____

Ship to (if different)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Please allow 7-10 days for delivery. Returns are accepted with receipts for credit or exchange only.

If you have any questions please call: 302-456-7176 or 1-800-341-4007 ext. 7176.

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of Patches for girls: _____ X \$1.25 = _____

of Patches for Leader(s): _____ X \$1.25 = _____

Please indicate the number of year segments needed:

_____ 1st year _____ 2nd year _____ 3rd year _____ 4th year X \$.50 = _____

_____ 5th year Pin(s) X \$1.75 = _____

Shipping & Handling (see below) = _____

Total Enclosed = _____

Please list each girl's Family Name (i.e., last name) as it should appear on the certificate:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Enclose your check, money order, gift certificate or credit card information as indicated below. Please do not send cash. Returned checks are subject to a \$25.00 processing fee. Mail to: **Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Council, Inc., 501 South College Avenue, Newark, DE 19713**

Check (*made payable to The Bay Shop*) Money order Gift certificate Credit card _____

Account number _____ Exp. date _____

Name on card _____ Authorized signature _____

Billing address with zip code _____

Shipping and Handling

Order amount	S&H	Order amount	S&H	Order amount	S&H	Order amount	S&H
Under \$5.00	\$1.75	\$15.00—\$24.99	\$4.75	\$50.00—\$74.99	\$8.00	\$100.00—\$149.99	\$10.50
\$5.00—\$14.99	\$3.50	\$25.00—\$49.99	\$6.00	\$75.00—\$99.99	\$9.50	Over \$150.00	\$13.50



Girl Scout Family Participation Leader Evaluation Form

(Please submit with patch order form)

Troop #: _____ Service Unit: _____ Grade Level: _____ #Girls in Troop: _____

The primary purpose of the Girl Scout Family Participation Patch Program is to increase parent/family involvement in Girl Scout activities. Please check the actual outcome that implementing this program had on your Troop. Please check **ALL** that apply.

- Increased parent involvement with positive results.
- Increased parent involvement with less than positive results.
- Decreased parent involvement.
- Parents already heavily involved, program only gave them additional recognition.
- Same few parents who were previously involved were the only ones who completed program.
- New parents became very involved.

What suggestions do you have to make the patch program more effective?

What problems, if any, resulted from this patch program?

Additional comments:

Thank you for taking the time to complete this evaluation!

