



Girl Scouts of West Central Florida

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“Share the Season” Holiday Patch Program 2009

To earn the patch, troops must do the following:

Participate in a Discover, a Connect and a Take Action activity relating to the holidays. Suggestions for activities follow, or you may come up with your own based on the Girl Scout outcomes.

Patch Orders must be received by Monday, Dec. 7 – NO EXCEPTIONS!

Orders may be placed before activities are completed.

Patches will be distributed at February service unit meetings. Out-of-council orders will be shipped late-January.

Discover – Do a troop activity to learn about holiday customs of other cultures, countries or religions. Reflect on the activity and your own personal experiences in an age-appropriate discussion that may include feelings, the way that the Girl Scout Promise and Law can be part of you holiday spirit, effect of media/retailers/others on the holidays ,or healthy attitudes or choices at holiday times.

Connect – Participate in a community holiday activity or event.

Community Activity Ideas

- Participate in local holiday parades; chamber of commerce offices have information. Some deadlines are early so check soon!
- Attend a holiday play or concert in your community.
- Attend a community holiday lighting ceremony.
- Check your local paper for many other holiday activities.

Take Action – Girls look for needs in their community and find a way to make a difference. For girls ages 5-11, adults may offer several choices or suggestions for giving service during the holidays in their local community. Girls choose a project and plan for how they want to do it. Girls ages 11-17 should search for community needs on their own by bringing in ideas, brainstorming, Internet searches, or calling agencies for ideas. Girls make a decision and plan for the group service project.

Service Project Ideas

- Adopt a family through your local Salvation Army, church, school, or other social service agency.
- Adopt a child from one of the many “Giving Trees” in our communities: Paddock Mall, McDonald’s, Kmart, Wal-Mart and others.
- Make favors, visit residents or sing carols at nursing and retirement homes.
- Collect canned goods for donation to food banks.
- Provide gifts for children staying in local abuse or homeless shelters.
- Deliver “Meals on Wheels” during the holidays.
- Volunteer at a senior activity center.
- Stuff stockings for the Salvation Army or other agency.
- Wrap gifts for shut-ins through your local senior service agency.

Questions? E-mail marioncountygirlscouts@yahoo.com or call Monica: (352) 624-3616

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Troop # _____ Grade Level: _____ Service Unit Name _____
 Troop Leader: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

e-mail (all orders will be confirmed) : _____
 # Patches _____ X \$1.25 = _____ enclosed (If outside of GSWCF, please e-mail for shipping cost)

Orders are by mail only. No debit or credit cards.

Make checks payable to **GSWCF Marion County**. All checks must include street address and two phone numbers; any troop check must have the required two signatures. **Mail To: Monica Cobine, 5141 SE 18th St., Ocala, FL 34480**



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