



# Girl Scouts of West Central Florida

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## “Share the Season” Holiday Patch Program 2008

### To earn the patch, troops must do the following:

Participate in a Discover, Connect and 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 Dec. 10 – NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**Orders may be placed before activities are completed.**

**Patches will be distributed at February service unit meetings.**

**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 the Girl Scout Promise and Law can be part of your holiday spirit, the effect of media/retailers/others on the holidays, healthy attitudes, or choices at holiday times.

**Connect** – Participate in a community holiday activity or event, such as:

- Participate in local holiday parades. Chamber of Commerce offices often 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 to 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 to 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 include:

- Adopt a family through a 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 [silveroaksgirlscouts@yahoo.com](mailto:silveroaksgirlscouts@yahoo.com) or call Monica: (352) 624-3616

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

# Patches \_\_\_\_\_ X \$1.25 = \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

**Orders are by mail only. No faxes or credit cards over the phone.**

Make checks payable to Silver Oaks Service Unit. All checks must include street address, two phone numbers; any troop check must have the required two signatures. **Mail To: GSWCF Silver Oaks Service Unit, PO Box 1034, Ocala, FL 34478**



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