

# TROOP SCOOP

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## Patch of the Month



For the entire month of November this patch will only be 99 cents at your local GSNETX shop.

## S.W.A.P of the Month

Do you know what S.W.A.P.S stands for? Special Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere.

### You need:

Piece of Twig  
Yellow, Gold, and Orange Card Stock  
Tacky Glue  
Maple Leaf Hole Paper Punch  
Jewelry Craft Pins  
Low Temp Glue Gun  
Optional SWAP Tags



### Instructions:

Choose twigs that 3/16" thick so you can glue a pin to the back without the project getting too big. Trim or brake twig to 2" long. Use a Maple Leaf Hole Punch to make leaves or cut simpler shaped leaves out with scissors. Use tacky glue to glue the leaves onto the stem. Glue a jewelry craft pin to the back.

## Dates to remember:

October 31st – Juliette Gordon Low's Birthday

### Important Dates:

Nov. 5th – Book Lovers Day  
Nov. 8th – Election Day  
Nov. 11th – Veterans Day  
Nov. 17th – World Peace Day  
Nov. 20th – Universal Children's Day  
Nov. 24th - Thanksgiving

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## Corn Husk Dolls

1. Soak corn husks in warm water 10– 15 minutes. Keep moist.
2. Use 6 husks for 1 large body, 4 husks for a small body, 2 husks for arms. If a husk is too large you can tear it in half.
3. On a towel-draped table, place the husks in front of you making sure all narrow ends are together, on top of each other.
4. Take an 8 inch piece of artificial sinew or string and wrap it around the narrow end of the husks about 2 inches down from the top. Wrap the sinew or string twice around the husks and tie in a secure knot.
5. Turn the husks upside down, with the loose ends up.
6. Pull down one husk from one side, then one from the other as if you were peeling a banana. Do this until all husks have been pulled down.
7. Pull the husks down tightly, but not so tightly that you pull them out of the tied end.
8. With another piece of twine, tie the husks about one inch from the top to form the doll's head.
9. To make arms lay 2 corn husks in front of you. Place them on top of each other with the narrow ends opposite each other. Roll them up tightly.
10. Tie the husks (arms) in the middle with sinew or string.
11. Trim the ends evenly by folding the arm piece in half at the center and trimming the ends.
12. Choosing the smoothest side of the head for the front, lift up the loose ends of husks until you are at the center. Place the arms as far up and close to the neck as possible. With another piece of sinew tightly tie off the husks as you did before around the body to hold the arms in place.
13. To form hands, with the doll facing you fold 1/4 to 1/2 inch of arm in towards the body. Tie off securely on each side.
14. Let doll dry 1 – 2 days.



## Veterans Day

Many people confuse Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Do you know the difference? Memorial Day is a day for remembering and honoring those who died serving their country.



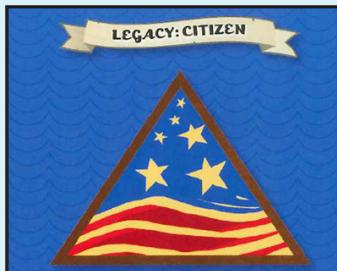
On a Veterans Day we thank and honor those who served in the military. Veterans Day is observed on November 11th of each year. This day used to be called Armistice Day.

## What can your Girl Scout Troop do on Veterans Day?

- \* Draw a picture about Veterans Day
- \* Make a card to thank veterans. You can send your card to a local VA Medical Center.
- \* Ask your Girl Scout Leader to invite veterans to your next meeting. You can learn a lot from your guests!
- \* Have your Girl Scout Troop make a poster with the names (and pictures) of relatives and friends who are veterans. **\*[www.va.gov/kids](http://www.va.gov/kids)**

Looking for a link between these activities and the badges in the Girls Guide to Girl Scouting? Look to the Legacy "Citizens" badges!

For example, many of the steps required to earn the Brownie "Celebrating Community" badge can be completed by participating in Veteran's Day related activities.



## How about learning a Flag Ceremony for Veterans Day!

### Honoring the American Flag

A flag ceremony is a way of showing love and respect for one's country. Flag ceremonies may be used for:

- Opening or closing meetings
- Opening or closing special events
- Beginning or closing a day
- Honoring a special occasion or special person
- Retiring a worn flag

Flag ceremonies may take place in meeting rooms, in outdoor settings, in large auditoriums, on stage, even on horseback. All flag ceremonies share one thing in common—respect for the flag. Want to learn more about flag ceremonies, click **here**.

## Community Service Spotlight – "Girl Scout Troop 3967 Wants to Save Your Life"

Girl Scout Troop 3967 interviewed local Firemen. They learned that when Firemen are responding to an emergency in Castle Hills at night, it takes extra time when they can't read the numbers on the house.



Local Fire Department Captain Terry Wilcox strongly recommends that all Castle Hills residents get their house numbers painted on their curbs. He recommends using reflective paint with black numbers and a white background.

As part of their Fall Community Service Project, Girl Scout Troop 3967 arranged to have professional painters come to Castle Hills to do curb painting.

**Thank you to Girl Scout Troop 3967 for contributing to the November edition of the Troop Scoop.**

## Be A Contributor!

If you have a great winter song, recipe, service idea or other activities that you've done with your girls, submit it to [eanderson@gsnets.org](mailto:eanderson@gsnets.org) by 12/15/11. If your submission is featured in any edition of a Troop Scoop, you will receive a \$25 gift card to the GSNETX Store.



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