



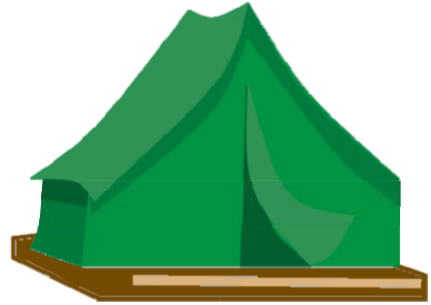
## Council Badges & Patches

All patches can be purchased in your local Girl Scout shop.

Questions? [programs@gsnetx.org](mailto:programs@gsnetx.org)

### When you head out on a camping adventure, try out one of our outdoor patches!

- Camp Project Partner Patch
- Girl Scout Troop Camping Patch
- Outdoor Program Progressive Patches
- Polar Bear Award
- TLC Camper Patch



### Whether you're volunteering or exploring a new interest, one of our patches may be just what you're looking for!

- Girls of "Note"
- History Museum Explorers
- Mission Military
- My Flag, My Country, and Me (3 patches)
- Scouting Northeast Texas
- Scouting Our Past
- Silver Lining Patch
- Summer Reading Program

#### Camp Project Partner Patch



Earn this patch by doing a special camp service project on any Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas Camp Site. Your project must be prearranged with the site manager, and the completion verified by the site manager.

## Girl Scout Troop Camping Patch



For Girl Scout troops who camp at any GSNETX campsite. This patch consists of basic patch and segments that represent each council campsite. Additionally, the Triangle patch and segments are sold separately.

## Outdoor Program Progressive Patches

Visit Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas's camps and earn this 5-part Totem Pole patch! Just complete the activities listed below (in no particular order) to earn each piece of the totem pole. The following activities should be completed at any GSNETX camp. **Activity 1: Cabin Camping** - Camp at Bette Perot, Gambill or Whispering Cedars.

**Activity 2: Tent Camping** - Camp at Rocky Point or Raccoon Ridge at Bette Perot in the platform tents, or you can pitch a tent at any GSNETX camp.

**Activity 3: Outdoor Cooking** - Plan and cook one meal over a campfire. **Activity 4: Night Hiking** - Plan and take a hike after dark.

**Activity 5: Backpacking** - Plan a campout where the girls pack all their gear (including food) and hike in from the parking lot or other designated area to their campsite.



## Polar Bear Award

Earn this patch by camping in a tent (including platform tents) for one night when the temperature reaches 32 degrees or below at any Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas camp site. The site coordinator will verify the temperature.



## TLC Camper Patch

Girl Scout campers may earn the TLC Camper patch when they (1) demonstrate "tender loving care" for council camp grounds, equipment and facilities, and (2) satisfactorily complete the Camp Site Check-Out List. This is sold as a set.

## Girls of "Note"

Girls of "Note" encourages girls to continue one of the traditional skills of Girl Scouts: singing. As you go along in Girl Scouts, you'll learn more and more songs each year!

### To earn this patch:

1. Learn and Sing the number of songs indicated below.
  - a. Daisy - Five songs, including "Make New Friends"
  - b. Brownie - Ten songs, including the "Brownie Smile Song"
  - c. Juniors - Fifteen songs, including one camp song and one song from a World Center
  - d. Cadettes, Seniors & Ambassadors - Twenty songs, including one camp song and one song from a World Center.

2. Share your music by performing a service project at a location of your choice, such as a nursing home, Girl Scout event or veteran's facility.



# History Museum Explorer

Dallas has many great museums to explore. Be sure to visit them this weekend, or over the summer!

African American Museum Dallas [www.aamdallas.org](http://www.aamdallas.org)

Dallas Heritage Village at Old City Park [www.dallasheritagevillage.org](http://www.dallasheritagevillage.org)

The Dallas Historical Society [www.dallashistory.org](http://www.dallashistory.org)

Dallas Holocaust Museum/Center for Education and Tolerance [www.dallasholocaustmuseum.org](http://www.dallasholocaustmuseum.org) Frontiers of Flight Museum [www.flightmuseum.com](http://www.flightmuseum.com)

The Old Red Museum of Dallas County History & Culture [www.oldred.org](http://www.oldred.org)

The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza [www.jfk.org](http://www.jfk.org)

Think about the questions below before venturing to one or all of GSNETX's History Museum Partners where you can purchase that museum's specific patch.

1. What is a museum?
2. Why go to a museum? What will you discover when you get there?
3. Lots of people work at museum: curators, docents, archivists, registrars, conservators, educators, interpreters, event planners and historians? Learn about 3 of these jobs.
4. What is proper museum etiquette?
5. How do museums tell stories?
6. Research the history of a Dallas museum, why that museum located in Dallas, and would this museum "fit" in another city or state?
7. Many museums are associated with a historic landmark. Research a Dallas museum that's associated with a historic landmark and why that Dallas building or site is worth protecting?
8. Sometimes you can visit museums online, too! Connect with a museum, perhaps in another country, by taking a virtual tour or exploring an online exhibit!



# Mission Military Patch

Mission Military is an opportunity to learn more about military service and history. Girls of all grades can earn this patch!

## To earn this patch\*:

1. Participate in a military focused service project. You might consider participating in Project Troop to Troop through the GSNETX Cookie Program.
2. Cadettes, Seniors & Ambassadors complete the last activity.
3. Complete the number of activities below for your grade level: Daisy – 3 Brownie - 4  
Junior - 5 Cadette, Senior & Ambassador - 6



- List the five branches of the military. Learn at least 2 facts about each branch.
- Locate on a map and research at least one active military base in Texas.
- Learn what the USO is, their mission, and the kinds of activities they support? [www.uso.org](http://www.uso.org)
- What is the Purple Heart and how is it earned? [www.purpleheart.org](http://www.purpleheart.org)
- What are the general requirements to enlist in the military? Be sure to study age, education, physical conditioning, and gender.
- What is a veteran? Learn about veteran's organizations in our area and what they do. [www.va.gov/kids](http://www.va.gov/kids)
- Interview a veteran to learn all about what it's like to serve your country!
- What is proper flag etiquette during military ceremonies? Take part in a troop flag ceremony.
- Each branch of the military has a song. Find the music and lyrics for one and sing it.

All of the branches of the military have schools of higher education. Select one and research it:

- Military Academy, West Point, NY [www.usma.edu](http://www.usma.edu)
- U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD [www.usna.edu](http://www.usna.edu)
- U. S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO [www.usafa.af.mil](http://www.usafa.af.mil)
- U. S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, CN [www.cga.edu](http://www.cga.edu)
- Merchants Marine Academy, Kings Point, NY [www.usmma.edu](http://www.usmma.edu)

FYI: Did you know that girls who have earned the Gold Award start at a higher pay grade level when enlisting?

**\*Requirements may be completed in any order.**

# My Flag, My Country & Me



## **Brownies: Complete four of the following activities.**

1. Say the “Pledge of Allegiance” and discuss what each line means.
2. Plan and participate in a flag ceremony where you are wearing your uniform.
3. Demonstrate three ways in which you respect the flag.
4. Learn how to fold a flag.
5. Learn a patriotic song.
6. Learn about three previous versions of the American flag. Why were they different?
7. Learn what the colors, stars, and stripes represent on the American flag.

## **Juniors: Complete five of the following activities.**

1. Learn the “Pledge of Allegiance” in sign language.
2. Write a letter to a member of Congress to request an American flag that’s flown over Washington D.C.
3. When does a flag need to be retired? Are there any in your community ready to be retired?
4. Learn the history of the American flag and the Texas State Flag.
5. Did you know there are Flag Holidays? Participate in one to honor the flag.
6. Invite a serviceperson or veteran to your troop meeting to talk about what it means to be a patriot.
7. Perform a formal flag ceremony for a community event.
8. Teach a formal flag ceremony and proper care for the flag, including flag etiquette, to a younger girl troop.
9. Learn a patriotic song and sing it at a Girl Scout Event.
10. Which U.S. Presidents are still living? List them and choose one to tell your group about.

## **Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors: Complete five of the following activities.**

1. Research and discuss the history and adoption of: the U.S. flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, or the National Anthem.
2. Conduct a formal flag ceremony for a Girl Scout or community event.
3. Discuss five proper ways of displaying the U.S. flag as explained in the United States Flag Code. 4. Conduct an official flag retiring ceremony.
5. Discuss the function and purpose of the National Register of Historic Places. Describe how a property becomes eligible for listing.
6. Discuss the First Amendment regarding flag burning, the use of the flag in art, and what it means to you.
7. Talk to and thank a veteran. Ask why they chose to serve our country.
8. Find out how many war memorials exist in your community and discuss their significance.
9. Learn about the various branches of the military, what they specialize in, their colors, and their motto.
10. Write a poem, short story or record a video of “what it means to me to be an American”.

## Scouting Northeast Texas

All girls can earn the Scouting Northeast Texas Patch to learn more about their local community.

### Complete at least eight activities.

1. List the 32 counties served by GSNETX. Can you find them on a map? Which county do you live in?
2. Learn the history of Girl Scouts in your community. When was GSNETX started?
3. What does the Texas Flag look like? Draw or color a picture of it and learn the Texas State Pledge.
4. What is the Texas State Flower and Tree? Plant seeds or draw pictures of them.
5. Arrange or join in a ‘Chili Cook-off’ and invite another troop OR prepare a recipe from a Texas Cookbook.
6. Watch a Texas High School, College or Professional Sporting Event and learn something about a Texas female athlete.
7. Visit a zoo, arboretum or nature preserve and learn about Texas wildlife and plants.
8. How many Service Center does GSNETX have? Where are they located?
9. Where are GSNETX’s camps? Name them and find out what kinds of things you can do when you go!
10. Have a meeting with a Texas theme! Learn a western dance, sing The Yellow Rose of Texas, celebrate Texas Independence Day or head to a rodeo.
11. Explore a Northeast Texas College or University. Find 3 interesting facts about the school and share with the group.
12. Attend an art event in Northeast Texas. A play, dance, museum exhibit or a community festival.



# Summer Reading Program

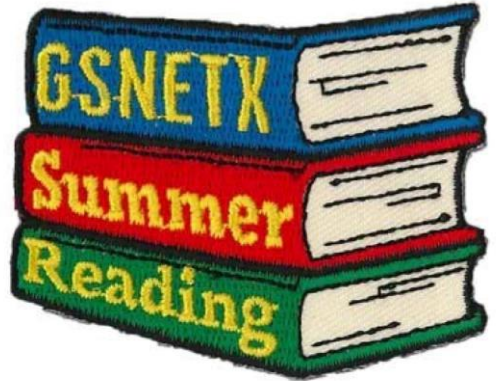
June 1 – September 1

The summer reading program is designed to encourage Girl Scouts to read, even when school is out! As with all activities, parents should be comfortable with the reading material their children choose. Base patch and yearly segments sold separately.

1. Decide where you'll get your books from this summer. The library? Find out how and get your very own library card. Electronically? Talk to your family about what option is best for you.
2. Read at least 10 books of your choice- try reading from at least 5 different genres.

## Book Genres

- Biography or autobiography of a woman
- Realistic Fiction with a female character
- Mystery/Suspense
- Folk Tales or Fairy Tales
- Non-Fiction/informational
- Traditional Literature
- Historical Fiction
- Fantasy Science Fiction
- Poetry



## Scouting Our Past

Uncover the fascinating stories of women who were Girl Scouts through Scouting Our Past.

Every Girl Scout carries memories of the scouting activities she grew up with.

Brought to you by the [GSNETX Historic Preservation Committee](#).

### Requirements:

Conduct a personal interview, as an individual or a troop, of a woman who was a Girl Scout or Girl Guide as a girl, 20 or more years ago. Interviewees may include relatives, friends, local women's clubs, churches, etc.



Daisies and Brownies should ask at least 5 questions, Juniors at least 10 questions, and Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors 15 or more questions for their interview.



**Possible topics may include:**

- When and where were you a Girl Scout?
- What was your favorite badge?
- Did you sell cookies?
- What service projects did you do?
- Are you still in touch with girls from your troop?
- What was your happiest moment in Girl Scouting?
- Is your life different today because you were a Girl Scout?

**Prior to completing the interview, be sure to get the following information:** Name(s) of former Girl Scout(s) being interviewed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Interviewee was a Girl Scout during the following decade(s): (circle all that apply)**

1920s 1930s 1940s 1950s 1960s 1970s 1980s

If possible, please submit a picture of the woman or women being interviewed to [programs@gsnetx.org](mailto:programs@gsnetx.org).

To submit the interview go online to [www.surveymonkey.com/s/scoutingpast](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/scoutingpast).