

## Girl Scout Birthday Patch

Join us in celebrating Girl Scouts in the month of March!



**Patches may be purchased at any GSNETX retail location beginning in March**

### 1. Create a birthday box

Help others celebrate their birthday! Many youth are not able to have a birthday party, so let's bring the party to them! You and/or your Girl Scout troop can build a Birthday Box for the children in your community!

Please drop these boxes off at your local Girl Scout Shop throughout the month of March.

These birthday boxes will go to the children at the Children's Hospital, The Ronald McDonald House of Dallas, and CASA Dallas.

#### Birthday Box Ingredients:

- 1 package of birthday candles
- 2 packets of party ware for 5 people (plates, cups, forks, napkins)
- 1 small birthday gift for any gender (age ranges: 1-5, 6-10, 11-15, or 15-18. )
- 1 birthday card (signed by you and your troop. Review the guidelines)
- 1 festive set of party decorations (streamers, balloons, party hats, etc.)

**\*\*Please do not include perishable items such as cake mix\*\***

## 2. How it all started

Learn the importance of March 12th, the story of how Girl Scouting began, and 3 fun facts about Juliette Gordon Low.

## 3. Celebrate being a Girl Scout!

Complete at least 3 of the activities below during the Month of March:

- Organize a cleanup party at your local park and make your community beautiful.
- Organize a Girl Scout Birthday party with your troop and friends.
- Participate in a Girl Scout birthday event. Check [GSNETX.org/events](http://GSNETX.org/events) for events happening.
- Show your Girl Scout spirit! Wear green on March 12th to show your Girl Scout pride! Take a picture and share it on social media [#becauseofGirlScouts](https://www.instagram.com/hashtag/#becauseofGirlScouts)
- Live the Girl Scout Promise and Law! Find 3 ways to incorporate it into your day.
- Celebrate Girl Scout Sunday or Sabbath. If you participate in a religious service, earn the [“My Promise, My Faith” pin](#), or serve God or your country in your own way.
- Earn the free [If/Then](#) patch by learning about the importance of girls in the STEM world. Fill out [this](#) survey to get your free patch.
- Make the world a better place! Give back to your community by volunteering at a local organization that speaks to you.
- Explore the Outdoors! You might go on a hike, canoe, fish, or earn an Outdoor Badge.
- Make a SWAP for your Girl Scout friends.
- Learn 3 Girl Scout songs. Consider earning your [Girls of Note patch](#).
- Go international! Learn about [WAGGGS and the 5 World Centers](#).
- Learn about Girl Scouting in 3 other countries. What are they called? How are their uniforms the same or different?

- Make a Girl Scout snack. You might make S'mores, Banana Boats, or use [Girl Scout cookies in a dessert](#).

Questions? Email us at [program@gsnetx.org](mailto:program@gsnetx.org)

### **Guidelines for Writing a Card**

- Be creative. Think of different ways you could make a card or add something to make the card you bought extra special. You can draw a picture, decorate your note, or add fun stickers.
- Start with "Dear Friend." A warm greeting will make the recipient feel special and cared for.
- Introduce yourself. You might let the card recipient know your first name, don't include your last name, and that you are a Girl Scout. Let them know why you are writing the card.
- Sign your first name. Make sure you do not write any personal information (like your last name, home address, or phone number).
- Send positive thoughts. Share any well wishes or positive thoughts to the reader
- Share something special. Share something that is special to you. Can you share a story that would make the reader happy? Is there something special that makes you happy when you are sad? Maybe your favorite part of Girl Scouts or your favorite birthday tradition.
- Avoid religion or personal views. We don't know what child or family will receive your card and we want to make sure your message is kind, in every way possible.
- Have fun! The person that receives this card will be celebrating a birthday and they will be excited to see your card and message.

### **Girl Scout History Reference Links**

- [Our History | Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas \(gsnetx.org\)](#)
- [Juliette Gordon Low | Girl Scouts](#)
- [Girl Scout History | Girl Scouts](#)

## These are some examples of SWAPS you could do:

### Samoa Seed Swamp

Plant your Samoa seeds and watch them grow! Please do not eat your Samoa seeds.

#### Materials:

- Cheerios or round cereal (a few)
- Mini zip lock bag (1)
- Black or brown marker (1)
- Sticky-note (1)
- Staple + Stapler

#### Directions:

1. Color one side of each cheerio brown/black.
2. On the other side of each cheerio, draw small lines to look like chocolate drizzle.
3. Place the cheerios in the baggie.
4. Write “Samoa Seeds” on the bottom half of the sticky note.
5. Fold the sticky note over the top of the bag and staple

### Cookie Booth Swap

#### Materials

- 6 small popsicle sticks
- Glue
- Markers
- Colorful paper
- Pencils
- Scissors

#### Do:

1. Color the popsicles that you are going to use. They can be any color, whatever you want your booth to look like
2. Use 6 popsicle sticks to create the booth. Three popsicles will go on the bottom, one on each side, and one on across the top.
3. Once you made your popsicle booth assembled, set aside to let it dry.
4. While it’s drying, draw and color small cookies on the paper to add to the booth
5. You can also make a small sign that says “girl scout cookies” to put on the booth
6. Once the popsicle sticks are dry, add the paper decorations you made to it

## **Banana Boats**

### 1. Materials:

- a. 1 Banana per person
- b. Mini marshmallows
- c. Mini chocolate chips
- d. Aluminum foil
- e. Oven

### 2. Instructions

- a. Set oven to 350 degrees
- b. Do not peel the banana and cut the banana down the middle, leaving the ends uncut
- c. Add mini marshmallows and mini chocolate chips to the banana
- d. Wrap the bananas in aluminum foil
- e. Ask an adult to help you for this next part: Put the bananas in the oven for 10 minutes
- f. Ask an adult to help you for this next part: Take the bananas out after 10 minutes and let them cool

Unwrap the bananas and enjoy!