

100th anniversary patch

All registered Girl Scouts can celebrate our 100th anniversary by earning the 100th anniversary commemorative patch.

Visit any showcase location to purchase the cake patch, then follow the directions below to earn the candles for the top of your cake. Girls can discover Girl Scout history, connect with their Girl Scout sisters, take action to make the world a better place and learn the importance of philanthropy. Girls can choose to earn one, two, three, or all four! In order to earn each candle, please complete all listed requirements under each category.

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Candle: Discover Girl Scout History

Color: blue

Quote: "I've got something for the girls of Savannah, and all of America, and all the world, and we're going to start it tonight!"
- Juliette Gordon Low

Purpose: When I've earned this candle, I will have discovered Girl Scouts' rich 100 year history.

1. Find out who Juliette Gordon Low was and why she started Girl Scouting in the United States. Check out the Juliette Gordon Low Interactive Timeline at http://www.girlscouts.org/who_we_are/history/low_biography/jgl_history.asp. Reflect on your Girl Scout experiences, write a letter to Juliette telling her what you love about Girl Scouts, your favorite Girl Scout memory, or how you are living out her vision for girls.

Drop off this letter at your nearest service center or mail it to:

Attn: Juliette Gordon Low
Girl Scouts of Central Indiana
Suite 100
2611 Waterfront Parkway East Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46214

2. Take a closer look at how Girl Scouting has changed throughout the years. Talk to your family, friends, and neighbors to see who has been a Girl Scout. What did they do as a Girl Scout that is the same or different from what you do now? Consider asking what songs, games, and ceremonies they participated in. How do these compare with what you do now? Find out how badges and uniforms have changed through the past 100 years.

- Now that you have begun to discover more about Girl Scouts' history, consider earning the Girl Scout Ways badge in your *Girls Guide to Girl Scouting*.

3. The first Girl Scout cookies were baked by girls in 1917 as a way to support troop activities. In 1922 the first Girl Scout cookie recipe was distributed to troops. Try your hand at baking a batch of the original Girl Scout shortbread cookie; the recipe can be found at girlscouts.org. While there, take a moment to discover the full history of the Girl Scout Cookie Program. Just as the profits from the original Girl Scout Cookie Program went to support troop activities, the profits of today's sale also provide support for local Girl Scout activities. What could you do with the profits from your troop's cookie sale?

4. Women who were Girl Scouts have taken on important roles in the community and the nation. Find out how Girl Scouts began in your community. Research notable women from your community, state, or nation to see who was a Girl Scout and discuss what Girl Scout skills might have helped them in their careers. Research the highest awards in Girl Scouting since the beginning of Girl Scouts. Compare the requirements. Which award do you think is most difficult to earn and why? Do you think you will earn the highest award in Girl Scouting? Discuss with your troop or family.



Candle: Connect with Girl Scout Sisters

Color: orange

Quote: "Ours is a circle of friendships united by ideals."
- Juliette Gordon Low

Purpose: When I've earned this candle, I will have connected with my Girl Scout sisters.

1. While it is great to be active within your own Girl Scout troop, an important part of Girl Scouting is to make new friends. Connect with Girl Scouts outside of your troop by participating in a service unit or council event. Check out your 100th Anniversary Commemorative Booklet or the most recent edition of the Girl Program and Adult Training Guide for ideas.

2. Girl Scouting has a long tradition of girls coming together to learn from and help their sister Girl Scouts. Share your Girl Scout experiences with others by partnering with younger or older Girl Scouts to plan and implement a project or activity together.

3. From the very beginning Girl Scouts have always spent time exploring their community. With your fellow Girl Scouts, plan and go on an adventure together. Consider exploring the outdoors while on a troop camping trip or visit to a nearby park. You may also choose to visit a museum or other near by attraction. Create a video, slide show, or scrapbook detailing your adventures to share with others.

4. Girl Scouts of the U.S.A belongs to the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, an international sisterhood. Learn about what countries are part of W.A.G.G.S., the four World Centers and World Thinking Day 2012. Attend a local Thinking Day event or host a ceremony with other Girl Scouts in your area to observe Thinking Day.



Candle: Take Action to Make the World a Better Place

Color: purple

Quote: "On my honor, I will try:
To serve God and my country,
to help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law."

Purpose: When I've earned this candle, I will have taken action to make my world a better place by living the Girl Scout Promise.

1. Girl Scouts of Central Indiana will come together to serve our communities both locally and globally in the coming year. Participate in at least one council level service project in connection with Scouting for Food, 100th Anniversary Camporee, summer camp, 2012 Indiana State Fair, or Holiday Sing (watch the Volunteer Connections newsletter for more information).

2. Girl Scouts across the country will come together to help protect our earth by participating in the Girl Scouts Forever Green 100th Anniversary Take Action Project. Girl Scouts are encouraged to participate in Earth Hour on March 31 from 8:30 – 9:30 p.m. by turning off their lights. Check out girlscouts.org/gsforgreen to learn more about other ways to take action to protect our environment. Encourage those around you to take the Girl Scouts Forever Green Pledge.

3. Girl Scouts has a tradition of community service. Learn about what it takes to earn the Girl Scout Bronze, Scout Silver and Gold Awards. These are honors that reward Girl Scouts for their desire and commitment to take action as leaders to make their world a better place. If you are a Girl Scout Junior, Cadette, Senior or Ambassador, consider beginning your journey towards one of these awards.

4. We are trying to unite Girl Scouts of Central Indiana for 1 million hours of community service to celebrate our 100th anniversary. If each Girl Scout in central Indiana would complete 30 hours of service during 2012, we could reach our goal. Either on your own or with other Girl Scouts in your community, plan and carry out your own community service project. Consider a project related to one of the service themes listed below. Be sure to track the number of hours you spend working on your project. Report the number of community service hours you have completed throughout the year at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/1000000hoursservicechallenge>. Be sure to log your hours monthly so we can watch our council's total growth.

Service Project Themes – The projects listed under each theme are meant to help jumpstart your brainstorming. This is not an all-inclusive list. We challenge girls to develop their own projects, too!



Our Past (these are projects that serve past generations)

- Adopt a grandparent

- Service at nursing home programs (sing-a-long, game day, theater performances)
- Supply collections for hospices
- Help clean or restore a cemetery or place flags on veterans' grave markers when appropriate
- Yard work for an elderly neighbor
- Share Girl Scout history with others

Our Present (these are projects that help fill immediate needs)

- Collection drives such as food, clothing, books, or school supplies
- Letter writing campaign for our military
- Volunteer at a local animal shelter
- Collect or make items (biscuits, animal toys, blankets, etc.) for animal shelters
- Clean up or plant flowers around the building where your troop meets
- Sell boxes of Girl Scout cookies for Operation Cookie Drop
- Sell magazines for the Fall Product Program's Read for Recovery program
- Collect soda can tabs for your local Ronald McDonald House.

Our Future (these are projects that serve future generations)

- Help at a daycare
- Reading days at libraries
- Diaper drive
- Tutor someone
- Toy collection
- Plant trees
- E-recycling drive
- Start a recycling program at your school
- Participate in a book drive to collect for your school or community library

Candle: Philanthropy

Color: Green

Quote: "Juliette Low, Girl Scouts' founder, sold her pearls to provide opportunities for girls."

Purpose: When I've earned this candle, I will be able to recognize community needs and develop a way I can contribute.

Research at least three organizations that serve your community, i.e. your place of worship, food pantry, animal shelter, etc. What is the mission of these organizations and where do they get the funding needed to provide these services? Take a closer look at how these organizations ask their community for financial support.

Talk with adult family members, friends and neighbors to find out if they financially support any organizations within their community. If so, find out why they choose to support those specific organizations.

Now that you've learned about needs within your community, use your creativity to develop a plan of action to contribute to fulfill those needs.

Reflect on your own Girl Scout experiences and how they have impacted your life. The Annual Family Campaign makes it possible for all girls throughout the 45 counties we serve to participate and have the same opportunities and experiences regardless of their ability to pay. As we celebrate our 100th anniversary, we are asking Girl Scouts of Central Indiana families to help ensure leadership opportunities for current and future Girl Scouts. Encourage your family and friends to make a \$25 or more donation to Girl Scouts of Central Indiana's Annual Family Campaign.

