

Allies for All Patch Program



Growing A More Supportive Space For All

When **Daisies and Brownies** have earned the Allies for All patch, they'll have developed an appreciation of the uniqueness and commonalities of themselves and others, and the rich diversity of various cultures in their community and in the world. Girls will also deepen their understanding and respect for people who may be different from them and learn ways to be the best friend that can be to all people.

About the Patch

In a diverse garden with its stunning array of colors and contrasts, you can always find something different and unique about each individual flower. Like all those flowers, each individual person adds value to our world in a variety of ways. This garden represents what people see when they appreciate and encourage diversity – a fascinating collection of color, culture, beauty, shape and experiences. Designed to be earned at all Girl Scout levels, the Allies for All patch program activities build progressively as the girls mature. Girls can earn the main piece of the Allies for All patch in each of her Girl Scout levels. Girls will also have the option to earn the green chevron-shaped piece, called the Allies for All “hug”, if the patch is earned a second time in the same level. For example, if a 2nd grade Brownie earned the Allies for All patch, and then earned it again in her 3rd grade year, she will have earned the patch in 2nd grade, and can add the hug in 3rd grade.

Discover

Discover & celebrate your culture! You are part of a special group that connects your family, to others in the United States, and possibly around the world. This connection is something to celebrate! Did you know that Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) is a member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), which includes 10 million girls in 150 countries? All those girls, in all those countries, are working to make the world a better place. Celebrate your cultural awareness with these activities:

- ❑ **Family history: Think about family members you know.** Some of us have family members or past relatives from different countries. The people around you as you grow up are important parts of your family history!

Choose one; required:

1. Find out what different countries make up your family history. Then find out about the different holiday customs, traditional dress, and food that come from these countries. Look on a map and find these countries. For a troop activity, have everyone in your troop mark the countries they are from on the same map.

2. Make a collage by cutting out pictures or drawing about who you are (include your heritage, your likes, dislikes, family etc.). Once everyone in your troop has made a collage then put them all up. Discuss and celebrate the similarities and differences between them.
3. Make a troop paper chain of people. Using a mirror, each girl can make a paper doll of themselves. Have different embellishments for clothes and colors of papers for different skin and hair colors. Create a friendship circle by connecting the hands of each doll. Have girls observe and celebrate the differences and similarities.
For a free doll cut out pattern see: education.com:
<https://www.education.com/worksheets/paper-dolls/?page=2>

❑ **Girl Scouts USA is part of a worldwide sisterhood.**

1 and 2 required:

1. WAGGGS stands for World Association of Girl Scouts and Girl Guides and is the largest voluntary movement dedicated to girls and young women in the world, representing over 10 million women and girls from 152 countries around the world. Do you or does anyone in your troop have any connections with countries on the WAGGGS list?
<https://www.waggs.org/en/our-world/>
2. Girl Scout program connections: With your troop or adult, find activities from Girl Scout resources that show connection to girls around the world. Resources are available on The Volunteer Toolkit in your myGS account.

Choose your level; one required

Daisies:

- Read Vi's Story: Friends Around The World from the Daisy Flower Friends stories to earn the Be A Sister To Every Girl Scout petal.
- One activity from either of these badges: Good Neighbor or Democracy
- One activity from 2020 WAGGGS Thinking Day Activity Pack "Living Threads".

Brownies:

- One activity from either of these badges: My Family Story; Girl Scout Way; Celebrating Community or Democracy
- One activity from The World of Girls journey
- One activity from 2020 WAGGGS Thinking Day Activity Pack "Living Threads".

“ In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.”

-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Connect

Now that you have thought about your family history, take the opportunity to celebrate your history and the history of others. You can become an “ally” by being respectful of all heritages. Becoming an ally means recognizing the special history that you and others in your community have, and being proud of each other! Celebrate uniqueness with these activities:

❑ **Know your stuff!**

It is important to know about another person's history, instead of making up your mind based on what you might see in movies or hear from others.

Choose one, required:

1. View the video or read the book, [“We're Different, We're the Same” by Bobbi Jane Kates](#) (or similar story).
2. Draw two pictures. One of yourself and one of a friend. How are you different and how are you the same? With your troop, share everyone's pictures and discuss similarities and differences.

❑ **Practice being fair.**

We all know that being unfair can hurt our feelings. Some groups of people have been treated unfairly for a long time, and being an ally to them means doing what you can to make things better for them.

Choose one, required

1. Open a package of M&Ms to look at all the colors. Divide the yellow ones from all the rest. Imagine that all of the other M&Ms wanted to play together, but they would not let the Yellow M&Ms play. How would you feel if you were a yellow M&M? Now imagine that the Red M&Ms wanted to include the yellow ones. If you were a Red M&M what could you say to the others to make them stop being so mean? Be proud to be an ally to others!
2. Give everyone in the troop several different colors/kinds of plates/cups. All the girls get 4 pieces of candy except the yellow plates/cups who only get one piece of candy. Girls who received the yellow plates/cups, how do you feel? What if your friend had a yellow plate/cup? How could you make them feel better? Have girls make suggestions to redistribute the candy so that everyone receives an equal share.
3. Read and discuss one of the following books (or a similar book of your choice) that looks at not being treated fairly:
 - View the video or read the book: [Henry's Freedom Box: A True Story from the Underground Railroad by Ellen Levine](#)
 - View the video or read the book: [The Name Jar by Yangsook Choi](#)
 - View the video or read the book: [Min Jee's Lunch by Elizabeth Kleinrock](#) ; [See story with discussion questions](#)

Take Action

Recognize the beauty of a culture different from your own, and take action by sharing what you learned.

Choose one, required:

❑ **Experience a culture different from your own.**

Find out about that culture by visiting a cultural event.

1. Some of the following places have cultural celebrations but there are many more to choose from:
 - Bowers Museum has many activities throughout the year
 - Long Beach State has a Native American Day every year
 - Soka University celebrates many cultures at an international Day festival annually
 - Aquarium of the Pacific - cultural festivals, see their website for details
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2. Watch a video about a specific culture(s) and then lead your troop to create a mural or picture collection about that culture.

❑ **Friendship Circle**

Remember what we stand for, friendship for all: Girl Scouts close their gatherings with a Friendship Circle. Show that you will make the world a better place by being an ally, a friend, to all.

1. Girls stand in a circle and cross their right arms over their left, holding hands with the person on each side of them. (required)
2. Sing "Make New Friends." <https://youtu.be/6tra7lAU5Ok>
3. After the song, ask everyone to be quiet while one girl starts the friendship squeeze by gently squeezing her neighbor's hand with her right hand. The next girl squeezes with her right hand. One by one, each girl passes the squeeze until it travels around the circle.
4. When the squeeze returns to the girl who started, she says, "Girl Scouts make the world a better place" and the girls unwrap and face outward instead of inward.
 - Optional: Girls make a wish after their hand has been squeezed, but before passing the squeeze. Girls put their right foot into the circle when they receive the friendship squeeze, so that everyone can see it travel along the circle.

Congratulations! You have worked to earn the Allies for All patch and have made a beautiful promise to make the world a better place by being an ally to all!