

High Altitude Troop Patch

Is your troop ready to reach new heights? Ready to explore to the top? Are they the pinnacle of the Girl Scout experience? Earn our “High Altitude Troop” patch this year. Completing this patch should fit comfortably into your troop’s yearly plan of Girl Scout activities and can be earned by doing activities like the cookie program, bridging, and service projects that would already be part of your year. All activities are based on what research shows makes a successful troop that offers girls and volunteers a high-quality Girl Scout experience. The requirements are the same for each year a troop participates in the patch program.



Requirements:

The troop or group must complete 13 activities including the 7 * activities that are required, plus an additional 6 of the troop’s choice. An activity can only be used to fulfill one requirement.

Once you have met the requirements, fill out the High-Altitude Patch Program form, which can be found on our website at <https://www.girlscoutsgwm.org/>

A High Altitude troop is welcoming of new girls, promotes renewal with bridging and has open communication with families.

Required:

- * Register a new troop OR retain 80% of eligible girls from previous year (Doesn’t include girls who may age out or move). OR add two girls who were not Girl Scouts to previous year’s total
- * Have at least three registered adult volunteers: Troop Leader Primary Contact, Leader, Troop Cookie Manager, or Troop Helper

Additional:

- Troop is registered by October 15 or within three weeks of first troop meeting. If renewing, 60% of returning troop members and all leaders are renewed by June 1.
- Troop plans and carries out at least one activity to which new girls are invited to attend.
- Troop participates in a bridging event or activity with another troop to help girls anticipate the next year in Girl Scouting.
- Troop has a method to communicate regularly with families including an email list, Facebook page or text string.
- Troop has discussed the activities available to them in the next program level. <https://www.girlscoutsgwm.org/en/about-girl-scouts/our-program/grade-levels.html>

A High Altitude troop is girl-led and participates in well-rounded choice of activities throughout the year.

Required:

- * Troop participates in the Girl Scout Cookie Program
- * Troop provides badge and Journey activities
 - ~ Daisy/Brownie/Junior - 75% of your girls have earned at least two petals/badges or earned one Journey award during the year.
 - ~ Cadette/Senior/Ambassador – 75% of your girls have earned one badge or earned one Journey award during the year.

Additional:

- Troop helps design, vote on, and evaluate activities (at least 50% of all troop activities are girl-led).
- Troop uses a Girl Scout democratic form of government (Brownie Ring, Patrol System, etc.) to enhance girl/adult planning.
- Troop participates in at least one town, service unit, district, or council-wide event.
- Troop participated in a Girl Scout of local community give back activity by volunteering their time at a Girl Scout event, charity event, community event, or religious event.
- Troop participates in Fall Product Program
- Troop participates in activities with a variety of focuses with at least four of the following: STEM, Healthy Living, Outdoors, Take Action Project, Community Service, Arts, Life Skills, Entrepreneurship, etc.
- Troops continues the fun over the summer by planning a summer activity or trip.
- Troop participates in one international activity or World Thinking Day activities and/or donates to the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund.
- Troop plans and/or participates in at least three of the following ceremonies: flag ceremony, investiture, re-dedication, Court of Awards, or Scouts' Own

A High Altitude Troop ensures the troop is up to date and has the resources they need to be successful.

Required:

- * Troop leaders respond to Volunteer Support calls and emails to ask questions or receive information and read information shared in monthly Outlook Newsletter
- * Troop Leader Primary Contact, Leader, or registered troop volunteer attends three community meetings or monthly virtual council volunteer meetings during the year.
- * Troop submits troop bank account information in fall by set deadline and submits Troop End of Year Financial Report by set deadline

Additional:

- Troop leaders participate in additional trainings offered through gsLearn and council including Outdoor Adventure, First Aid, BOL's, Archery, etc.
- Troop leaders highlights programs available to girls and families even if the troop is not participating, including those in gsEvents and Girl Scout summer camps.


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