

Girl Scout Program

Section C

GIRL/ADULT PARTNERSHIP IN PLANNING

"Girls and their leaders work as partners in planning and decision-making. Tasks are assigned with sensitivity to girls' developmental maturity and are commensurate with their abilities. Each girl is encouraged to proceed at her own pace. With each age level, the girls' opportunities to act independently and handle responsibilities increase." (Safety-Wise, Girl Scout Program Standard 12.)

GIRL SCOUT DAISY	GIRL SCOUT BROWNIE	GIRL SCOUT JUNIOR	GIRL SCOUT CADETTE	GIRL SCOUT SENIOR	GIRL SCOUT AMBASSADOR
LEADER'S			ROLE		
				GIRL'S	
				ROLE	

Through troop government, the Girl Scout program offers a progressive learning experience that can enable girls to assume increasing responsibilities and carry out varied tasks and activities that support the development of leadership skills. The leader's role changes as girls grow in decision-making skills, responsibility, maturity, and confidence.

Guidelines for Developing a Girl/Adult Partnership

GIRL SCOUT DAISY:

- The leaders talk with the girls to find out what kinds of things they want to do this year.
- Leaders plan activities, field trips, etc with input from the girls.
- Girl Scout Daisies make their wishes known to the leaders.
- Girls evaluate the activity by showing and telling others.

GIRL SCOUT BROWNIE:

- Leaders give specific choices from which the girls choose (vote). Do you want to do this or this? Shall we go here or here?
- Girl Scout Brownies make specific choices from ideas and suggestions gathered by or given to the leaders.
- Girls take small parts of the program activities of the troop (kapers, etc.).

- Girls evaluate the activities by sharing their thoughts with others.

GIRL SCOUT JUNIOR:

- Leaders manage troop business in a way to accomplish the girls' goals.
- Leaders encourage girls to make decisions regarding their troop.
 - What badges shall we work on this year?
 - Which activities will we complete as a troop?
 - Which activities will girls work on alone?
 - What trips shall we take?
 - What service projects will we participate?
 - How will we pay for them?
- Girls make suggestions, group decisions, and deal with money and time considerations.
- Girls make individual as well as group decisions based on interests.
- Girls begin to practice leadership in small groups.

GIRL SCOUT CADETTE:

- Leaders keep girls on track when the girls make the plans. They assist in delegating responsibilities, follow through, and evaluating projects and events.

- Girl Scout Cadettes begin to take charge accepting more responsibility for decision-making for troop government, trips, and the overall management of the troop.
 - Check safety standards
 - Make budgets
- Girls make suggestions, individual and group decisions, and deal with time and money considerations.
- Girls participate in outside activities such as **destinations** and may be a part of a planning board.
- Girls begin to involve themselves in the community.

GIRL SCOUT SENIOR and AMBASSADOR:

- Advisors act as the troop conscience and confidante.
- Girl Scout Seniors confer with the advisor as to schedules, monies needed and available, and the need and availability of chaperones, etc.
- The girls make the decisions, arrangements, evaluations, etc., from start to finish.
- The girls assume responsibility for the total troop program and make contributions to the community at large.
- Adults step back and let girls take charge so girls gain confidence and leadership skills.
- Adult advisors guide and coach girls having a clear idea of the activities girls of this age like to do.
- Offers a variety of ways to participate, based on girls' own choices.

BUDGETING

Girl Scout Brownies through Girl Scout Ambassadors can benefit from learning how to plan and budget. A budget is a plan for discovering how much money you are going to need and where that money is coming from. Budgets should always balance, which means your income is equal to your expenses. In teaching how to budget, remember progression in the learning experience. Begin with a budget for a weekly activity, progressing to a monthly and finally a yearly budget. Remember to share the budget with all the girls, parents, and troop committee for their information and support.

Developing a monthly or yearly budget:

Follow the steps below in determining a budget for one activity and then add the total expenses to determine

how much is needed for the monthly or yearly activities.

Developing a budget for one activity:

- Determine how much money is collected each week from troop dues. (i.e. \$1.00 dues x 15 girls = \$15.00/wk)

Investigate the cost of the proposed activity.

- Subtract the cost from the dues collected. Is there enough money to do the activity?
- If not, what are the alternatives to this project? Are there other activities that can be done for less money or for free?

Suggested program activities for involving girls in the importance of budgeting:

- Have a brainstorming session about ways to save money. For example, recycling products, making things at home, etc.
- Set up a grocery store at the troop/group meeting. Give each girl a specific amount of play money to purchase supplies for a camp out. Try to have several different brands of goods (empty cans and boxes) so the girls will have the experience in reading food labels and making a decision of which is the best to buy.
- Save the food advertisements from the newspaper each week and bring them into the troop/group meeting for the girls to use for planning a menu for the camping trip within an established budget.
- A visit to the mall can be a learning experience. Girls can look at the labels on clothing.
- Investigate careers in money management. Invite a banker, financial planner or accountant to your troop meeting to tell the girls about how much education is needed in their careers, expected salary, main responsibilities, etc.
- Ask girls to pretend they are living on another planet or in a space station. What would they use for money - moon rocks? Help the girls put on a skit or create pictures using money in an imaginary civilization in space.
- Explore currency of other countries. If possible, have the girls try to find pictures of currency or actual coins from these places. Compare sizes and shapes of coins, and then compare values with American currency. This activity could be tied into your Thinking Day activities.

(Moreabouts For Girl Scout Brownie Leaders, GSUSA, 1980, page 54-55.)

Working With Girls and Adults Who Have Special Needs

Girl Scouting is for all girls. In order for girls with disabilities to be provided with an opportunity to reach their full potential, barriers that prevent them from participating in the mainstream of Girl Scouting should be removed, if practical. The Council encourages troops to comply with all relevant and applicable provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act and not discriminate against any girl because of physical or mental disability. The Council will make reasonable accommodations as required by law provided that the accommodations do not impose an undue hardship on the Council.

Girls with developmental disabilities should be registered as closely as possible to their chronological age. They wear the uniform of that age level. Young women who are developmentally disabled may retain their girl membership through their 21st year after which they move into an adult membership category. (*Safety-Wise*, page 63.)

Each special needs girl is unique, including girls with severe behavior problems. Discuss with parents each girl's abilities, both low and high skill levels, to help identify activities in which she will be able to participate. In some cases, parents may need to be present at all times and provide any special equipment.

Involve parents in developing ground rules to ensure that all the girls are treated fairly and taught to work together. If a child continually misbehaves, is disruptive, or jeopardizes the safety of others, the leader may ask the parent to try another means of participation, not involving a troop.

Girls and adults with special needs should be included in developing group plans.

Troop leaders are encouraged to make adaptations to ongoing activities of the age level to which the girl belongs. The following activities are examples of adaptation.

- Girls with communication disorders can participate in activities by drawing or cutting out pictures or making some other kind of visual report.
- For girls who cannot use their hands, allow them to work with a buddy who will do the physical parts of the tasks.
- Girls with mental retardation can participate in activities by practicing each part of the activity first.
- To include girls with mental retardation in an outing, videotape the setting for the girls to review and become familiar with its appearance before the actual outing.
- Check the site of your meeting for accessibility for girls with a physical disability.
- Make sure menus reflect dietary needs for girls with health impairments. Parents provide any special eating equipment the girl uses.
- Long fireplace matches will allow girls to light a fire without physically moving close to the flames. Another idea is to tape the match to a dowel stick and then light the match from another pre-lighted match. This allows girls to light the fire from a safe distance.
- Girls in a wheelchair can lay and build a basic A-frame fire in a raised charcoal cooker.

Focus On Ability: Serving Girls With Special Needs, provides examples of how to adapt program activities for girls with learning disabilities, communication and behavior disorders, mental retardation, and hearing, visual, physical and health impairments.



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SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GIRL SCOUTS OF GATEWAY COUNCIL, INC.

ASSURES

THAT A PROGRAM that builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place will be made available to girls through voluntary cooperation and support of the sponsor, the community, and the Girl Scout Council. All members shall accept the principles and belief expressed in the Girl Scout Promise and Law. Any one or more of the following shall constitute sponsorship of a Girl Scout Troop.

The Sponsoring Organization agrees to:

- Supply adequate meeting places and facilities for troops.
- Interest adults in becoming adult Girl Scout volunteers.
- Recommend potential adult volunteers to the Council for placement.
- Encourage girls to become Girl Scouts.
- Furnish at least one adult member of the Troop Committee.
- Offer opportunities for service projects.
- Maintain and stimulate community interest in the Girl Scout Organization.
- Cooperate with troops in providing opportunities for well-rounded Girl Scout Program.
- Understand that membership will be open to all girls five to seventeen years of age.
- Contribute financially to the support of the troop.

The Girl Scout Council retains the final responsibility to:

- Maintain high standards of Girl Scout Program with the mutual understanding of the Sponsoring Organization.
- Place girls and adults in troops.
- Furnish training, consultation and guidance to adults working in Girl Scouting.
- Promote good troop program through girl planning.

SPONSOR

GIRL SCOUT REPRESENTATIVE

Signature

Signature

Address

Address

Position

Position

Date

Date



Calendar of Cultural and Religious Observances

September 2009 through May 2010

The purpose of cultural and religious observance is to recognize the contributions and achievements of all Americans and to increase awareness, mutual respect and understanding.

When planning trips, events and activities, all Girl Scouts should be aware of and sensitive to both the cultural and religious observances of all of our members. Listed on this page are some cultural and religious observances that afford excellent teaching opportunities for a leader as she works to increase awareness and sensitivity to each girl's individuality.

September 2009

7 Labor Day	U.S. Holiday
19 Rosh Hashanah	Jewish
19 Navaratri	Hindu
20 Eid al-Fitr (End Ramadan)	Islam
28 Yom Kippur	Jewish
28 Dasera	Hindu
29 Laylat al-Quadr	Islam

October 2009

3 Sukkoth	Jewish
10 Sh'mini Atzeret	Jewish
11 Simchat Torah	Jewish
12 Columbus Day	U.S. Holiday
17 Diwali	Hindu
20 Birth of the B'ab	Baha'i

November 2009

1 All Saints' Day	Christian
2 All Souls' Day	Christian
11 Veteran's Day	U.S. Holiday
12 Birth of Baha'u'llah	Baha'i
26 Thanksgiving Day	U.S. Holiday
27 Eid al-Adha	Islam

December 2009

8 Bodhi Day	Buddhist
12 Hanukkah (1 st Day)	Jewish
25 Christmas Day	Christian/U.S.
18 Muharram (New Year)	Islam

January 2010

1 New Year's Day	U.S. Holiday
7 Christmas (Orthodox)	Orthodox Christian
18 Martin Luther King Jr.	U.S. Holiday
20 Vasant Panchami	Hindu
30 Mayhayana New Year	Buddhist

February 2010

12 Maha Shivaratri	Hindu
14 Chinese New Year	Buddhist/ Daoist/Confucian
15 Nirvana Day	Buddhist
15 President's Day	U.S. Holiday
17 Ash Wednesday	Christian
17 Beginning of Lent	Orthodox/Christian
26 Maulid an Nabi	Islam
28 Purim	Jewish

March 2010

1 Holi	Hindu
16 New Year	Hindu
21 Naw Ruz (New Year)	Baha'i
24 Ramanavami	Hindu
28 Palm Sunday	Christian

April 2010

2 Good Friday	Christian
4 Easter	Christian
5 Passover	Jewish
28 Theravadin New Year	Buddhist

May 2010

13 Ascension of Jesus	Christian
19 Shavouth	Jewish
23 Declaration of the Bab	Baha'i
27 Buddha Day	Buddhist
29 Ascension of Baha'u'llah	Baha'i
31 Memorial Day	U.S. Holiday

IMPORTANT DATES IN GIRL SCOUTING

February 22

February 22, Thinking Day, is observed by every Girl Scout and Girl Guide. This day is a time for Girl Scouts and Girl Guides to exchange greetings, to learn about their sisters in other countries and to give contributions to the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund (JLWFF). This date was chosen because it is the birthdays of Lord Robert Baden-Powell, who founded the Girl Guide movement and his wife Lady Olave Baden-Powell who became the World Chief Guide of the Girl Scout and Girl Guide movement.

March 12

Juliette Low formed the first troop of Girl Scouts in the United States of America on this date in 1912, in Savannah, Georgia. Girl Scouts in this country celebrate the Girl Scout Birthday during the week of March 12. This week is designated as Girl Scout Week. It begins with Sunday (Girl Scout Sunday) and continues through Saturday, (Girl Scout Sabbath). Girl Scouts participate in religious observances and other celebrations during the week.

October 31

Girl Scouts honors founder Juliette Gordon Low on the anniversary of her birthday by planning a variety of ceremonies, events, and projects.

April 22

This date is leadership appreciation day. Girl Scouts are encouraged to honor their troop/group leaders, co-leaders and assistant leaders.

The Juliette Low World Friendship Fund (JLWFF)

This fund was established by Girl Scouts of the USA in 1927, in memory of Juliette Low, for the promotion of Girl Scouting and Girl Guiding throughout the world, and as a contribution toward world peace and goodwill.

Contributions to the Friendship Fund are made voluntarily by girls and adults, as individuals or as part of Girl Scout activities, at any time of the year, with popular times being the month of Juliette Low's birthday, during Girl Scout Week in March, or around Thinking Day. Donations are sent to Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, who then sends it to GSUSA.

The Fund helps to extend Girl Scouting and Girl Guiding to new members in many parts of the world and supports international friendship through service projects, training events, and exchange visits for Girl Scouts and Girl Guides from 145 nations.

SERVICE

When joining Girl Scouting, girls and adults make a promise "**to help people at all times.**" The Girl Scout Law reminds each member "**to be friendly and helpful.**" Service means doing something helpful without asking or expecting reward. Girls should take part in the decision-making process to decide which types of service the troop will perform.

These questions will help girls make their decision.

- What are our hobbies?
- What are our interests?
- What are the needs of the community?
- What do we do best that could help meet the needs of the community?
- How much time can we devote to a service project?

SERVICE PROJECTS

Girl Scout service projects and collaborations should be based on mutual respect for GSUSA program goals and mission, and carried out in compliance with *Safety-Wise* guidelines.

Girls may not participate in service projects that involve health and safety risks – for example, service projects requiring specialized training or certification, such as lead paint removal.

LITTER CLEANUP

Service projects involving litter pick-ups, stream cleanup, adopt-a-highway programs, and other such activities that involve girls, adults, and/or families picking up trash to beautify an area, need to be carefully planned.

There can be serious disease potentially involved in picking up trash. Girls should wear gloves and be familiar with the types of items they are to pick up. For litter cleanup at council properties, disposable gloves will be provided.

Trash containing drug needles and medical wastes should not be picked up by girls.

Separate trash receptacles should be provided for sharp articles so that they do not protrude through a plastic trash bag and cut someone who moves the bag.

Roadside clean-up should not be done by Girl Scout Daisies or Brownies.

Girl Scout Juniors through Girl Scout Seniors coordinate highway litter cleanup with highway or local police.

Dispose of litter properly and completely.

Check with local trash removal companies to determine where trash disposal is permitted.

Some ideas for service projects are included in this poem.

HOW CAN I SERVE OTHERS?

SERVICE is participating in a "Health and Fitness" project, but it is also sharing your lunch with your friend.

SERVICE is baking cookies for the service unit, but it is also setting the table for your mother.

SERVICE is singing at a nursing home, but it is also writing a cheery letter to your grandmother or aunt who may be lonely.

SERVICE is collecting food items for the community food pantry, but is also bandaging your little sister's skinned knee.

SERVICE is collecting books for a literacy project, but it is also reading a story for a young child.

SERVICE is thanking your sponsor in a thoughtful, active way, but it is also leaving your troop meeting place neater than you found it.

SERVICE is making a nature trail in a park, but it is also picking up trash found in the park while you walk.

SERVICE is saying the Girl Scout Promise and Law, but it is also serving others by living it.

Health and Safety

Trip and Travel Groups

Whenever girls are traveling beyond the normal meeting site, they are encouraged to have ID bracelets identifying their first name, the council name, and an emergency telephone number. In addition, the following is needed in case of emergency for groups traveling and taking trips and should be included on permission slips:

1. Name
2. Girl's Health Form
3. Birth date and age of each minor
4. Home address and telephone number
5. Name, address, and telephone number including business phone(s) of adult(s) responsible for each minor
6. Telephone number(s) of persons to contact in case of emergency during the trip, and
7. Name and telephone number of individual's physician or health care facility (if available)

Trip/Troop/Group leaders are responsible for providing this information to the first aider or nurse providing emergency care.

Authorization to Treat Minor

Trip/Troop/Group leaders and first aiders have signed parental permission to provide routine health care, administer prescribed medications, and seek emergency medical treatment, or if a non-medical religious individual, a signed religious waiver for minors and adults needing cognitive assistance. This form can be obtained by contacting the council office. Signed parental or guardian permission is required to administer over-the-counter medications. If parents or guardians refuse to sign the Authorization to Treat A Minor form, there should be written documentation of the refusal.

Health Information Review and Screening

Particular attention should be paid to allergies and diet restrictions. When traveling or going camping, there should be a screening process to collect and review medications, ask about exposure to communicable diseases, and check for observable evidence of illness, injury or disease. Although not required, written documentation of screening is recommended.

Emergency Care Training

Troops/groups are responsible for providing adults, trained in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid certification from a nationally-recognized provider, to be on duty for emergency care.

Safety Planning

The trip/troop/group leaders should have analyzed potential emergency care and first aid needs, considering the following questions:

1. Who is responsible for first aid and emergency care?
2. Who is responsible for emergency transportation?
3. What is availability and storage of any first aid supplies or equipment?

Trip and troop leaders are responsible for their own first aid, including first aid supplies, and emergency transportation.

Use of 15-Passenger Vans

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) issued a cautionary warning to users of 15-passenger vans because of an increased rollover risk under certain conditions. The results of a recent analysis by NHTSA revealed that 15-passenger vans have a rollover risk that is much higher than other vehicles. However, the risk of rollover increases dramatically as the number of occupants increases from fewer than five occupants to more than 10 occupants.

NHTSA's analysis revealed that loading the 15-passenger van causes the center of gravity to shift rearward and upward increasing the likelihood of rollover. The shift in the center of gravity will also increase the potential for loss of control in panic maneuvers. These vans are likely to rollover when evasive actions such as braking, swerving or oversteering are encountered. To reduce the risk of rollover, evenly distribute the weight when loading.

Because of these risks, it is important that these vans be operated by experienced drivers. A person transporting 16 or more people for commercial purposes is required to have a Commercial Driver's License, which requires certain specialized knowledge and driving skills. Although the drivers of 15-passenger vans are not required to possess a Commercial Driver's License, they should still understand and be familiar with the handling characteristics of their vans, especially when the van is fully loaded.

Public Relations

Publicity

The goal of publicity is the cultivation of consistent, positive images of Girl Scouts in the press. The result is increased visibility of Girl Scouts, which leads to increased financial support for the community and the recruitment and retention of members.

Working together as a team increases our visibility. Council communications staff relies on volunteers to inform them of happenings in the service units. Service units that identify a volunteer to serve as a Communication Liaison can work with council staff to generate better, more consistent publicity.

A guide called "Publicity 101 – Playing the Publicity Game" is available from the Communications department in the Jacksonville Service Center. It includes tips for photography, writing press releases, and much more.

If the Press Contacts You.....

Remind all members and volunteers to refer any press contacts to the Council's Communications staff. Simply take the journalist's name and number and make the referral immediately. (Reporters may be on deadline). The council has communications staff trained to manage the messages we send through the media, so make sure you contact the staff before giving any interviews or quotes.

CRISIS MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES AT A GLANCE

The best way to handle a crisis is to prepare for it ahead of time. Girl Scouts of Gateway Council has prepared a crisis plan to respond to emergencies, save valuable time and reduce the tension and stress a crisis can create.

Examples of crises for which the council should be contacted include: serious injury, death, product tampering, etc. Often, the media consider crises "newsworthy", therefore we need to handle them appropriately to avoid dissemination of incorrect or negative information.

Our primary concern is always for the girls and adults in our care and the party or parties in crisis. In the event of a crisis situation, please follow -- in order -- the procedures as they are listed below:

I. CONTAIN THE CRISIS

Depending on the type of emergency, the responsible adult:

1. Gives priority attention to providing all possible care to the injured person(s).
2. Secures the doctor and/or ambulance.
3. Calls the Chief Executive Officer.
(see section IV)

NOTE: If the crisis occurs at camp, call the camp site manager or ranger, who will be responsible for contacting the Chief Executive Officer.

Camp Kateri/Seminole Springs (352) 546-5271
North Fork Ranch (904) 291-2229

II. TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN THE CASE OF A FATALITY

1. Permit no disturbance of the victim or surrounding area.
2. Retain responsible person at the scene.
3. Contact the Chief Executive Officer, Sandra Tysver. It is her job to notify the next of kin.
4. Call the police.
5. Refer all media contacts to the Chief Executive Officer or to the Director of Communications at the Jacksonville Service Center (904) 388-4653 or 1-800-347-2688. Only one person at the scene speaks to the media, using the suggested response listed in IV.

III. REDUCE THE RISK

1. Quickly evaluate the situation.

2. Take action to contain and eliminate the possibility of continuing injury or damage.
3. Assign specific tasks to available adults, such as: assign one to stay with the injured, assign one to meet with the media, etc.
4. Permit no disturbance of the victim or surroundings until rescue or police take charge.

IV. CONTACT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

In case of emergency, contact:

Sandra Tysver, Chief Executive Officer

Office: (904) 388-4653 or 1-800-347-2688

Home: (904) 771-4104

Cell: (904) 613-2986

By contacting the Chief Executive Officer, the council becomes your support and spokesperson. It is imperative that the Chief Executive Officer knows immediately of any serious accident.

Refer to the card, *Procedures To Be Followed by the person in charge at the scene, in the event of Serious Accident, Emergency or Fatality*, which has additional basic emergency information and phone numbers.

If the Chief Executive Officer is unavailable, in the following order, call:

Linda Hull, Chief Development Officer

Office: (904) 388-4653 or 1-800-347-2688

Home: (904) 389-2386

Cell: (904) 652-7299

Chief Financial Officer

Office: (904) 388-4653 or 1-800-347-2688

Home: (904)

Cell: (904)

Lori Richards, Chief Operating Officer

Office: (904) 388-4653 or 1-800-347-2688

Cell: (904) 613-1798

V. REFER ALL MEDIA

In a crisis, only the Chief Executive Officer speaks for the council. Your response is first to the injured and then to the media, using this suggested response:

ONLY ONE PERSON AT THE SCENE SHOULD SPEAK TO THE MEDIA (USING SUGGESTED RESPONSE)

"We are concerned for all those involved. We have notified the council office in Jacksonville, Florida and they will issue a statement as soon as possible. Your contact is Sandra Tysver, Chief Executive Officer."

INSURANCE

Girl Scout Activity Accident Insurance covers every **registered** Girl Scout and **registered** Adult Member for **any approved, supervised** activity of the Girl Scouts, except activities lasting more than two consecutive nights (a third night is covered only for any official federal holiday). It also covers travel directly to and from the covered activities.

Effective Date of Individual Coverage

Each eligible person will become insured under the policy on whichever date occurs later: (a) the Policy Date; or (b) the date the member becomes a registered Girl Scout, whether a girl or adult member.

Girl Scout Basic Accident Insurance will take care of the medical needs as **secondary** coverage to any private plan the family has unless there is no other medical insurance, then council insurance pays up to the limit of coverage.

Individual Terminations

The insured's coverage will terminate on whichever of the following dates occurs first: (a) the date the insured is neither a registered Girl Scout, whether a girl or adult member, or (b) the date the policy terminates.

Basic Accident Insurance Plan

Insurance coverage is only for medical expense arising out of an accident during an approved, supervised activity. Sickness is not covered; however, illness caused by an accident, such as a poisonous snake or insect bite, would be covered.

- An event which begins Friday after school and ends Sunday afternoon meets the definition of a two-night event and is covered under the Basic Plan.
- The insurance coverage includes travel to and from troop meetings, provided it is direct. It does not cover accidents which occur during or after deviation from the most direct route to or from the meeting place. For example, a parent picks up a girl from a meeting, then proceeds to the grocery store before returning home.

- Only registered Girl Scouts and registered adult members are covered. Non-registered adults assisting the Leader are not covered. **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL PARENTS REGISTER TO RECEIVE THIS COVERAGE.**
- Siblings are not covered under the Basic Accident Insurance Plan. Additionally, if the sibling is a registered member of a different troop/group, but is not of the proper age for the activity, and is not participating as a service project, there is still no coverage. For example, a registered Girl Scout Daisy tagging along with the parent who is leading a Girl Scout Junior troop has no coverage for the event. Conversely, a Girl Scout Cadette assisting at a Girl Scout Daisy meeting does have coverage.
- To claim benefits, a claim form must be completed. This form will be forwarded to you when you call the Jacksonville Service Center to report the accident.

Optional Accident Insurance

Optional Accident Insurance is designed for **Members** during activities/events lasting more than two nights and **Non-members** as participants regardless of the length of the activity/event.

The Optional Accident Insurance Plan covers **any approved, supervised** activity of the Girl Scouts and covers travel directly to and from the covered activities. The insured's coverage will terminate on whichever of the following dates occurs first: (a) the policy expiration date or (b) the termination date of the activity shown on the enrollment form.

- Coverage is provided for events, which last four nights and are excluded from the Basic Plan. This includes travel to and from the event. Optional insurance coverage needs to be arranged for the entire period of the event and for all participants.
- Coverage is provided for members who attend the covered event, tag-a-longs and boys who are active participants in a co-ed activity.

Optional Accident and Sickness Insurance

The Optional Accident and Sickness Insurance plans are designed for both registered and non-registered participants and cover accidents and sickness. Benefits are paid for loss resulting from injuries received or sickness contracted while the insured is: (a) attending or participating in any approved and supervised Girl Scout activity; or (b) traveling directly to and from any approved and supervised Girl Scout activity.

The insured's coverage will terminate on whichever of the following dates occurs first: (a) the policy expiration date; or (b) the termination date of the activity shown on the enrollment form.

- Coverage is provided for recruitment events, programs held in conjunction with other organizations where Girl Scouts are the primary sponsor, nursery units at day camp, family members who attend an event, and all boys who are not active participants in a co-ed activity.
- Examples of events that could last more than two nights and could be covered by Optional Accident and Sickness Insurance include resident camping, wider opportunities, trips and travel including bikes, canoes, etc.
- Events which last four nights will be excluded from the Basic Accident Insurance. The Optional Accident and Sickness Insurance coverage needs to be arranged for the entire period of the event and for all participants.
- Pre-existing health conditions are not covered by the Accident and Sickness Insurance. Only sickness which is contracted and for which treatment begins while the coverage for the participant is in force is covered.
- Treatment received from a legally qualified dentist or surgeon for injuries to sound, natural teeth as a result of an accident are covered.
- To claim benefits, a claim form must be completed. This form will be forwarded

to you when you call the Jacksonville Service Center to report the accident.

Certificate of Insurance

A **Certificate of Insurance** may be requested by anyone whose property we are asking to use, whether or not there is a formal contract. This is merely a statement of our insurance coverage, or "proof of insurance". Certificates of Insurance are issued to the individual or company requesting proof of insurance. The certificate is sent directly to the individual or company after being requested by council staff.

If you are asked to provide a Certificate of Insurance, contact your membership specialist. You will need to:

- Provide the name and address of the person or company to whom the certificate should be issued.
- Indicate the reason it was requested and the date/time(s) of use. (Example: a new Girl Scout Brownie troop will meet at this church on every Tuesday from 3:30 to 5:00, or Alapaha Service Unit wants to have their Thinking Day program at this mall on Sunday, February 18, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.)
- Normal turn-around time for having certificates issued is about a week, so please allow ample time for your request to be met. We can FAX the certificate.
- Sometimes the requestor asks to be named as "additional named insured." Such a request is generally discouraged as it reduces the amount of overall liability coverage available to the Council specifically. If the request is made in writing, a copy of the letter or contract must be made available to the Chief Financial Officer when requesting the insurance certificate.

Auto Liability

As in accident insurance, the driver's personal auto liability insurance provides primary coverage and the Girl Scouts insurance provides secondary coverage. A question frequently asked by volunteers is, "*If I am involved in an automobile accident while driving Girl Scouts to or from a camping trip or event, does the council have liability insurance coverage for me?*" The answer is yes:

- IF the troop is registered - including and especially all the girls in the vehicle; and
- IF the driver is a registered Girl Scout volunteer (not necessarily the troop leader, co-leader, or even the assistant leader - but a registered volunteer); and
- IF the driver's license is valid and not under suspension, etc; and
- IF the vehicle is currently registered and insured as required under Florida Law; and
- IF the Girl Scout event you are traveling to/from has been approved by your Service Unit Manager; and
- IF signed permission slips and health forms from the parents of all girls in the vehicle have been completed; and
- IF you have met all the safety guidelines contained in *Safety-Wise*; and
- IF the driver is not charged with the accident.

If your answer is "yes" to all of the above, then the council's auto liability insurance will provide secondary coverage should one of the parents decide to sue. If "no" to any one of the above, then you will very likely find yourself personally liable.

Leased or Borrowed Vehicles

Any volunteer renting, leasing or borrowing a vehicle to transport girls to Girl Scout activities or events is covered under the council's automobile insurance, provided information is submitted on the required Vehicle Log. This coverage is very important to both you as a driver and the organization which owns the borrowed vehicle because it may provide coverage in addition to that which is available under your personal policy or the policy which insures the organization and its vehicle. The council's insurance is at all times secondary to the drivers personal insurance.

Many volunteers and troop leaders may be borrowing church vans or vans owned by other organizations to transport girls to various Girl Scout activities or events. It is particularly important that these vehicles be listed on the Vehicle Log. A sample of the required Vehicle Log is in this section.

The log should be filled out completely and submitted to the Council along with a copy of the Certificate of Insurance or proof of insurance for the vehicle, and the contract to charter a vehicle or a lease/rental agreement.

Procedures

Each leader is given a "Procedures To Be Followed" card with basic information about this insurance and instructions on what to do in the event of an accident. Insurance information, *Procedures To Be Followed by the person in charge at the scene, in the event of Serious Accident, Emergency or Fatality* card, and Health Information/Authorization To Treat A Minor forms, and Parent Permission form, should accompany the adult in charge any time girls leave the meeting site.

**TO BE USED IN THE EVENT OF SERIOUS ACCIDENT,
EMERGENCY OR FATALITY**

Emergency Contacts

Jacksonville Service Center (904) 388-4653.....(800) 347-2688
Chief Executive Officer - Sandra Tysver... Home (904) 771-4104...Cell (904) 327-0771
Chief Development Officer – Linda Hull.. Home (904) 389-2386.Cell (904) 652-7299
Chief Financial Officer –
Chief Operating Officer – Lori Richards.....Cell (904) 613-1798

Other Emergency Contacts

Camp Kateri/Camp Seminole Springs –John Burke, Site Manager...Cell (352) 209-5855
North Fork Ranch – JR Kauffman, Site Manager.....Pager: (904) 949-0643

Service Unit Manager

My Name and Troop #

My Emergency Contact

Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, Inc.

PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED

By the person in charge at the scene, in the event of
Serious Accident, Emergency or Fatality

- 1) Give priority attention to providing all possible care for the injured person(s).
- 2) Secure doctor and/or ambulance.
- 3) Telephone one of the council's EMERGENCY CONTACTS (over) to report the emergency and secure additional assistance.
- 4) Assign all uninjured adults a task. For example: one adult stays with the injured, one adult stays with the uninjured, one adult reads the suggested statement listed below (see #6) to the media, etc.
- 5) In the event of a fatality, **ALWAYS** notify police. Retain a responsible person at the scene. Permit no disturbance of victim or surroundings until police have assumed authority.
- 6) **All media (press, radio, TV) inquiries must be referred to the council's Emergency Contacts (over).** A suggested statement to the press is: "We are concerned for all those involved. The council's main office in Jacksonville, Florida has been notified. They will have a statement as soon as possible. Your contact there is our council CEO, Sandra Tysver."

Incident Report Process

At times, an incident may occur that warrants the attention of the council and/or the Chief Executive Officer (CEO). When reporting an incident, complete the incident report form in the back of this section and submit it to the Girl Scouts of Gateway Council.

When should an incident report be completed?

- ◆ Any time a policy report is filed
- ◆ Any issues of security
- ◆ Any time emergency personnel are called
- ◆ When violation of policy is so significant it could cause release
- ◆ An injury/illness where medical personnel are contacted
- ◆ Issues with insurance impact
- ◆ Issues involving/potentially involving the media
- ◆ Issues of a sensitive nature
- ◆ Issues documenting ongoing patterns of concern

Who is most likely to complete the critical incident form?

- ◆ Staff
- ◆ Troop leaders
- ◆ Service Team Members
- ◆ Program Facilitators
- ◆ Trainers
- ◆ Camp/Event Nurses

When should the incident reporting form be completed?

- ◆ Within 24 hours of the incident.
- ◆ The form is returned to the Executive Assistant.
- ◆ If the issue is significant, a phone call should be made immediately as per our emergency cards.

TRIPS WITHIN COUNCIL JURISDICTION

Fernandina Beach Parks and Attractions

Amelia Island Museum

The museum is housed in Nassau County's former jailhouse. Guided walking tours of the historic district and museum and specialized field trips on the identification of flora and fauna native to Amelia Island are available.

233 S.3rd Street, (904)261-7378

<http://www.ameliainlandmuseumofhistory.org/>

Centre Street Fernandina

Start your walking tour at the city dock, visit the Depot of Florida's first cross-state railroad and view Victorian architecture depicting enchanting mansions and cottages adorned with gingerbread-like trim, Florida's oldest saloon, the state's oldest hotel, the Post Office built in 1912, and the Nassau County Courthouse built in 1891. Contact the Amelia Island/Fernandina Beach Chamber of Commerce. (904)261-3248

<http://www.islandchamber.com/fernandinainformation.shtml>

Ft. Clinch State Park

Reenactments depicting the occupation of the fort during the latter part of the Civil War by Union troops take place the first weekend of the month. Take a candlelight tour of the fort by appointment. Fort Clinch offers camping facilities, swimming, beachcombing, and fishing. There is an admission charge to the park and the fort. Call for current prices and camping reservations.

2601 Atlantic Ave. (904) 277-7274

<http://www.floridastateparks.org/fortclinch/default.cfm>

Shrimp Boat Tours

Visit the city docks to view a shrimp boat. Arrange in advance to go aboard a shrimp boat and learn about the modern shrimping industry. Call the Chamber of Commerce (904) 261-3248. (NO website)

Main Beach

A walk along Main Beach will provide the collector in all of us a chance to find a shark's tooth, whelk shells, cockle shells, clams, an occasional sand dollar, and a wide variety of other shells. Lifeguards are on duty during the season. Public restrooms with an outside shower, changing areas, gazebos and covered

picnic tables with plenty of convenient free parking are available. Also, a volleyball court and a playground for the child in all of us are available. There is a water slide (904) 261-8212, putt-putt (904) 261-4443, go-carts and an arcade to enjoy. All located in the Main Beach area.

www.amelia-island-online.com/todo/parkmbgo.cfm

Nassau County's Historic Courthouse

The courthouse was built in 1892 and towers over the historic district on the corner of 5th and Centre Street. It is the second oldest functioning courthouse in Florida and is regarded as the "finest surviving Victorian courthouse in Florida".

<http://www.nassauclerk.org/clerk/index.cfm?FuseAction=ClerkOfCourt.HistoricCourthouse>

The Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival

The first weekend of May. Original works of art can be viewed and shrimp can be eaten. Call the Chamber of Commerce for more details. (904) 261-3248 www.shrimpfestival.com

American Beach

Abrams L. Lewis, president of Afro-American Insurance Company, established American Beach, rich in African-American history, in the 1930s. I. H. Burney Park, the first park in Nassau County to be named after an African-American, is located at the southeast end of Burney Road, 1 block south of Lewis Street. Call the Chamber of Commerce for more details. (904) 261-3248

http://www.jaxcvb.com/multicultural/heritage_trail.asp#am_bch

Fernandina Beach

30 block historical areas, located on the north end of Amelia Island. Shops, art galleries, restaurants, the old Palace Saloon as well as a major shrimp fleet are here. 904-261-3248

www.fernandinabeachflorida.org

Kayak Amelia

Offers daylong excursions that include morning instruction and afternoon paddling with a chance to see dolphins and pelicans. For pricing and reservations: 13030 Heckscher Drive, 888-30-KAYAK, (904) 251-0016
www.kayakamelia.com

Sea Turtle Watch Program

During the nesting season, endangered sea turtles make their nests on the shores of Amelia Island. www.amelia-island.net/turtles.htm

Sea Horse Stables

Located at the south end of the island on A1A. Take a guides horse ride on the beach. For reservations and information: (904) 491-5166

(NO website)

Little Talbot Island State Park

Five miles of sandy beaches, salt marshes, and maritime forests offer camping, hiking, picnicking, fishing and swimming. Call for pricing information. 12157 Heckscher Drive, (904) 251-2320

www.floridastateparks.org/littletalbotisland

Cumberland Island National Seashore

The largest and southernmost barrier island located in St. Mary's, Georgia where you can view the ruins of Dungeness, the family gravesites, saltwater marshes and plenty of wildlife. Call for reservations and information. (912) 882-4336 www.nps.gov/cuis

Gainesville Parks and Attractions

Bivens Arm Nature Park

Enjoy 57 acres of oak hammock and marsh traversed by a 1,200 foot promenade. Park serves as a wildlife sanctuary and includes nature center, picnic tables and pavilion. Excellent service project opportunities available.
3650 S. Main Street (352) 334-2231
myfwc.com/viewing/sites/site-ne13.html
(NO www.)

Devil's Millhopper Geological State Park

Several small waterfalls mark the trail as you follow 232 steps to the bottom of a 120-foot deep, 500-foot wide sink hole containing plant species rarely found in Florida. Includes visitor center and picnic tables.
4732 Millhopper Road (SR 232), in northwest Gainesville. (352) 955-2008

www.floridastateparks.org/devilsmilhopper

Florida Museum of Natural History

Here you can explore a full-sized Florida limestone cave as well as a Mayan palace and Hall of Florida History. Discover Florida fossil specimens, skeletons, and computer games in the Fossil Study Center and examine hundreds of natural science specimens up close in the Object Gallery. University of Florida Campus
(352) 846-2000 www.flmnh.ufl.edu

Gainesville-Hawthorne Trail State Park

Gainesville-Hawthorne Trail State Park stretches 16 miles from the City of Gainesville's Boulware Springs Park through the Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park and the Lochloosa Wildlife Management Area. The recreational trail is designed for walking, cycling, and horseback riding. 3400 SE 15 Street, (352) 466-3397 www.afn.org/~froghat

Kanapaha Botanical Gardens

62 acres of woodlands and meadows are the home of butterflies, herbs, humming birds, and sunken gardens. Here also is the state's largest collection of bamboo. 4700 S.W. 58th Drive, Gainesville, (352) 372-4981 www.kanapaha.org

Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Historic State Park

Explore the farm and home of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings as it was when the noted author of "The Yearling" lived here. 21 miles southeast of Gainesville, Hwy 325 (352) 466-3672
www.floridastateparks.org/marjoriekinnanrawlings

Micanopy Historical Society Museum

Located in the old Thrasher Warehouse, the museum takes visitors back in time with old photographs, memorabilia, and artifacts that reflect the area's history and heritage. Contact Gateway's Jacksonville or Gainesville Service Center to get a "Micanopy Past and Present" activity packet and explore other areas of Micanopy too. *Cholokka Blvd and Bay Street, Micanopy. 15 miles south of Gainesville on US 441 (352) 466-3200*
www.afn.org/~micanopy

Morningside Nature Center

Experience the lifestyle of a farmer in North Central Florida 100 years ago when you visit this 278-acre Living History Farm. You'll find barnyard animals, an 1840 cabin, a turn-of-the-century kitchen, heirloom garden and barn. Trails and boardwalks through sandhill, long leaf pine, and cypress habitats enable you to see more than 225 wildflower species and 130 bird species, mammals, and reptiles. *3540 E. University Avenue (SR 26) (352) 334-2170 or (352) 334-2231*
<http://citvofgainesville.org/no/facilities/mnc.aspx>

Paynes Prairie State Preserve

Here you can boat, hike, bird watch, fish, swim, and picnic at this 20,000 acre wildlife sanctuary. The park is covered mostly with marsh and wet prairie vegetation, with several ponds and three lakes. It is a wintering area for many migratory birds, such as the sandhill crane. Alligators and wild bison are found here too. There is an observation tower and museum/Visitor's Center. *Located 10 miles south of Gainesville on US 441*
www.prairiefriends.org or contact via email info@prairiefriends.org

Santa Fe Community College Teaching Zoo

The only community college teaching zoo in the nation is the home of mammals, birds, and reptiles from Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, and the Americas, including some endangered species. *3000 NW 83 St., off NW 39th Ave (SR 222), east of I-75 (352) 395-5601*
inst.santafe.cc.fl.us/~zoo (NO www.)

Jacksonville Parks and Attractions

Alexander Brest Planetarium

Shows focus on the solar system and the earth's life forms. *1025 Museum Circle (904) 396-3973*
<http://www.themosh.org/planetarium/index.asp>

Arlington Lions Club Park

36 acres with picnic areas, picnic shelters, nature trail, boardwalk, manatee education exhibit, playground, and grills. *4322-1 Richard Denby Gatlin Road (Arlington) (904) 573-2498*
<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Parks+and+Recreation/Recreation+Activities/Permits/Arlington+Lions+Club+Park.htm>

Bethesda Park

49.1 acres containing an urban fishing pond, handicapped accessible boardwalk/nature trail, cabin rental, conference hall rental. *10790 Key Haven Blvd (Northside) (904) 764-5531*
<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Parks+and+Recreation/Recreation+Activities/Nature+Programs/Bethesda+Park+and+Lodge.htm>

Blue Cypress Park

This 118 acre park has a community center, multi-purpose playing fields, swimming pool and walking area to the river. *4012 University Blvd North*
<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Parks+and+Recreation/Recreation+Activities/Nature+Programs/Blue+Cypress+Park.htm>

Camp Tomahawk

21.3 facility with a playground, picnic pavilion, nature trails, and grills. *8419 San Ardo Road (Southside/Baymeadows) (904) 573-2498*
<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Parks+and+Recreation/Recreation+Activities/Nature+Programs/Camp+Tomahawk.htm>

Crystal Springs Road Park

This 40 acre facility includes nature trails, an exercise course, picnic tables, grills, pond, playground, tennis courts, and multi-purpose playing fields. 9800 Crystal Springs Road (904) 693-4909

<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Parks+and+Recreation/Where+Do+You+Want+To+Play+Today/default.htm>

Fort Caroline National Memorial

Settled by the French Huguenots in 1564, Fort Caroline is the site of the first Protestant colony in the U.S. The 130 acre memorial, located in Arlington, features a replica of the original fort overlooking the St. Johns River, a museum with authentic French and Indian artifacts from the 16th century, and a nature trail. 12713 Fort Caroline Road, Arlington (904) 641-7155
http://www.us-parks.com/fort_caroline/contacts.html

Friendship Park Fountain

One of the world's tallest fountains, this attraction sprays water up to 120 feet high. At night, the fountains colorful lighting is spectacular. Located next to the Museum of Science and History. 1015 Museum Circle

<http://apps2.coj.net/parksinternet/parkdetails.asp?parkid=227>

K. A. Hanna Park

This park with beach access contains fresh and saltwater fishing areas, lifeguards (seasonal), hiking trails, biking trails, nature trails, handicap accessibility and beach wheelchairs (with reservations), picnic pavilions, grills, showers, tent camping, and playground. Some activities are seasonal. 500 Wonderwood Drive (Mayport/Beaches)

<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Parks+and+Recreation/Recreation+Activities/Hanna+Park/default.htm>

Huguenot Memorial Park

Named for Capt. Jean Ribault, who founded Fort Caroline in 1562, this 449.5 acre park has a four mile saltwater beach shoreline for fishing as well as nature trails and observatories. There is a bird observation tower, beach access, picnic pavilions, grills, tent camping, and showers. 10980 Heckscher Drive (904) 251-3335

<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Parks+and+Recreation/Recreation+Activities/Huguenot+Memorial+Park.htm>

Irene Parfums Lab

Indulge in the scents of perfumes by touring this laboratory where perfumes are manufactured. 11762 Marco Beach Dr, #10 (904) 641-5171 or (800) 727-3860 www.ireneparfums.com

Jacksonville Historical Society

Feature exhibits and films on Jacksonville's history from Native American culture to the role played by the U.S. Navy. 317 A. Philip Randolph Blvd (904) 665-0064 www.jaxhistory.com

Jacksonville Maritime Museum

Displays artifacts from the Civil War and history of the St. Johns River. Includes Kidspace, exhibits encouraging participation between parents and children. 1015 Museum Circle, Unit 2 (904) 398-9011

<http://www.jaxmaritimemuseum.org/>

Jacksonville Zoological Park

The 61 acre zoo features an Okavango Village, an authentic riverfront African Village with dock, wildlife exhibits, a petting zoo, and a river shuttle. More than 800 animals, including birds, reptiles, lions, giraffes and zebras may be seen. 370 Zoo Parkway (904) 757-4463

www.jaxzoo.org

Loveland Park

20 acre park with picnic area, picnic pavilions, grills, nature trails, and a playground across the street from the park. 6401 Barnes Road (Southside)

<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Parks+and+Recreation/Recreation+Activities/Permits/Loveland+Park.htm>

Mandarin Park

Located on this 36 acre park are picnic pavilions, grills, nature trails, fishing area, playground, nature discovery center, observation pier, and boardwalk. 14780 Mandarin Road (Mandarin)

<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Parks+and+Recreation/Recreation+Activities/Permits/Mandarin+Park.htm>

Treaty Oak at Jessie Ball DuPont Park

7 acres containing a boardwalk, picnic tables and information boards. *1123 Prudential Drive*

<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Parks+and+Recreation/Recreation+Activities/Nature+Programs/Treaty+Oak+at+Jessie+Ball+DuPont+Park.htm>

Lonnie C. Miller, Sr. Regional Park

This 100 acre park has a playground, nature trails, and picnic pavilions with grills. *7689 Price Lane*

<http://apps2.coj.net/parksinternet/parkdetails.asp?parkid=289>

Museum of Science and History

This museum features scientific and historical exhibits as well as the Alexander Brest Planetarium. *1025 Museum Circle*
(904) 396-6674 www.themosh.org

Museum of Southern History

Features a collection of artifacts reflecting Southern history from the Civil War to genealogy of Southern families. Also has an extensive research library. *4304 Herschel Street*
(904) 388-3574

http://www.scv-kirby-smith.org/museum_history.htm

Pope Duval Park

There are multiple fishing ponds located on this 383 acre park, along with nature trails, boardwalk, picnic area and grills. *13500 Beaver Street (Westside)*

<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Parks+and+Recreation/Recreation+Activities/Nature+Programs/Pope+Duval+Park.htm>

Rails-to-Trails

14.5 miles of hiking, biking and horseback riding trails. First section opened in 1997. *Located on the Westside.* (904) 573-2498

www.railtrails.org

Ringhaver Park

36 acres with all children's playscape, baseball/softball fields, tennis courts, nature trails, picnic shelter and grills. *5198 118th Street (Westside)*

<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Parks+and+Recreation/Recreation+Activities/Nature+Programs/Ringhaver+Park.htm>

Talbot Island State Parks

There are two beautiful parks here with beaches and a coastal hammock covered with live oak, holly, and magnolia as well as a series of sea-oat covered dunes, campsites, picnic areas, nature trails, and fishing. *12157 Heckscher Drive*
(904) 251-2320 or (850) 245-2157

www.floridastateparks.org/littletalbotisland
www.floridastateparks.org/bigtalbotisland

Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park (Formerly Westside Regional Park)

Located in this 509 acre park is a nature center, wildlife watch tower, outdoor classroom, playground, nature trails, and archery range. *7000 Roosevelt Blvd. (Westside)* (904) 573-2498

<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Parks+and+Recreation/Recreation+Activities/Nature+Programs/Tillie+K.+Fowler+Regional+Park+.htm>

Tree Hill Nature Center

Jacksonville's Nature Center covering 40 acres. Indoor nature center with interactive exhibits, learning laboratory, wildflower gardens, and meeting room. Also has nature trails and wildlife viewing areas. *7152 Lone Star Road*
(904) 724-4646 www.treehill.org

University of North Florida Robert W. Loftin Nature Trails

The nation's only state university located in a protected wildlife area. Nature walks last from 20 minutes to one hour. (904) 620-1810

www.unf.edu/recsports/nature/index.html

For more information about Jacksonville Parks call the Park Naturalist at (904) 573-2498.

Lake City Parks and Attractions

Osceola National Forest Ocean Pond

A bowl-shaped lake stretching two miles wide and only twelve feet deep where you can enjoy camping, swimming, boating, fishing, picnicking and hiking. A secluded group area is available by reservation only. *East of Lake City off Hwy. 90* (386) 752-2577

www.stateparks.com/osceola.html

Columbia County Historical Museum

Civil War items and other artifacts and information that reflect the history and heritage of the region. *105 S. Hernando St., Lake City* (386) 755-9096

<http://www.planetware.com/lake-city/columbia-county-historical-museum-us-fl-096.htm>

Suwannee River State Park

The Withlacoochee River joins the historic Suwannee River within this park. The park offers boating, canoeing, fishing, camping, picnicking, hiking along nature trails, and historical sites. *20185 County Road 132, Live Oak, FL/13 miles West of Live Oak - off US 90.* (386) 362-2746

www.floridastateparks.org/suwanneeriver

Stephen Foster State Folk Culture Center

A 247-acre center honoring the memory of Stephen Foster and a gathering place for those who perpetuate the crafts, music, and legends of early and contemporary Floridians. The museum, carillon tower, craft square and craft shop are open daily. Camping and picnicking areas are available and you can hike along the Florida Trail that runs along the bank of the Suwannee River. *U.S. 41 at White Springs* (386) 397-2733

www.floridastateparks.org/stephenfoster

Ichetucknee Springs State Park

Swimming and tubing down one of North Florida's crystal clear spring fed rivers *12087 SW US HWY 27, Ft. White, FL.* (386) 497-2511

www.floridastateparks.org/ichetuckneesprings

Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park

A complete camping resort opened 365 days a year with continuous recreational activities, music, and events. *Located between I-10 and I-75 on U.S. 129 north of Live Oak, FL.* (386) 364-1683 www.musicliveshere.com

Twin Rivers State Forest

The forest, located along the banks of the Withlacoochee and Suwannee Rivers in Madison, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties, offers many recreational opportunities, such as nature studies, picnicking, hiking, bicycling, horseback riding, canoeing, and fishing. Full facility camping is not available on the forest; however, a few primitive camp areas are located along multiple-use trails. Permits are required for special of group recreational activities and can be obtained from the Division of Forestry. (386) 208-1460 www.fl-dot.com/state-forests/twin-rivers.htm

Olustee Battlefield State Park

Civil War museum *U.S. Hwy 90 15 miles east of Lake City* (386) 758-0400

www.floridastateparks.org/olustee

Young's Park

Recreation and picnic area for all ages. *Madison Street, Lake City* (386) 758-5448 (**NO website**)

Suwannee River Greenway

A recreational trail from downtown Branford to Little River Springs County Park and a four mile paddling trail down the Historic Suwannee River. (386) 362-3004

www.dep.state.fl.us/gwt/guide/regions/north/trails/suwan_river_greenway_bran.htm

Suwannee River Springs

Numerous springs are found along the Suwannee River and most offer recreational opportunities. For more information, contact Suwannee River Water Management District at (386) 362-1001 or (800) 226-1066.

www.mysuwanneeriver.com

O'Leno State Park

Located 18 miles south of Lake City on U.S. Hwy. 441 offers swimming and picnicking. *410 Oleno Park Rd, High Springs, FL.* (386) 454-1853 www.floridastateparks.org/oleno

Palatka Parks and Attractions

Mullholland Park

This beautiful park, located in Palatka's south historic district on 2nd Street and Madison Street, is the site of Palatka's two historic museums. *(NO website)*

The Putnam Historic Museum

Small museum illustrating the history of the area with photographs, old maps, exhibits, postcards and books. *100 Madison St, Palatka (386)329-0140*

<http://www.co.putnam.fl.us/palatka/City%20Departments/Parks/Putnam%20Historic%20Museum.htm>

Bronson-Mullholland House

A Greek Revival plantation home with original furnishings from 1857. *100 Madison St, Palatka (386)329-0140*

http://www.rootsweb.com/~flpchs/virtual_tour.htm

Ravine State Gardens

Water flowing from beneath sandy ridges that flank the west shore of the St. Johns River created this steep ravine. Auto and bike trail loops around the top of this 80-acre ravine. Several footpaths allow visitors to explore the depths of this beautiful park. *1600 Twigg Street (386) 329-3721*

<http://www.floridastateparks.org/ravinegardens/default.cfm>

Rodman Recreation Area and Dam

The area includes a campground, boat ramp, bird watching, marsh boardwalk, picnic tables and restrooms. *(386) 326-1112*

www.rodmanreservoir.com

Welaka National Forest

This recreation area has equestrian training facilities, which include several trails for hiking and Horseback riding; Mud Spring Trail, Talking Tree Train and Sandhill Horse Trail. There is a picnic area located at the spring. From Welaka, travel south 1 mile on County Road 309. Call *(386) 467-2388 (NO website)*

Welaka National Fish Hatchery Observation Tower and Nature Trail

The Aquarium, open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, is a small facility with native species of fish, amphibians, and reptiles. The observation tower overlooks hatchery ponds. A ¾-mile nature trail provides an opportunity to observe many species of water birds. *726 County Road 309 (386) 467-2374* <http://www.fws.gov/southeast/welaka/>

Larimer Arts Center

This Renaissance-styled building houses the Art Council of Greater Palatka, The Scarlet Hill Theater, and the Council's Gallery with exhibits of area artists. *Corner of U.S. 17 (Reid Street) and 3rd Street (386) 328-8998*

<http://www.putnamcountychamber.org/index.php?id=attractions>

Florida School of The Arts Gallery

Flo-Arts is the first state supported professional arts school in Florida. Students' work is exhibited in the gallery. *5001 St. Johns Avenue, Palatka (386) 328-1571*

<http://www.putnamcountychamber.org/index.php?id=attractions>

Kenwood Recreation Area

This popular fishing area is located on the west side of Rodman Reservoir on CR 315. The park has picnic areas, boat ramp, restrooms, and camping facilities. *(386) 467-2374*

<http://www.putnamcountychamber.org/index.php?id=birdingsites>

Roadside Flowing Well

This local watering hole has fresh potable, free-flowing spring water that provides refreshment for travelers on County Road 315. *Located between CR 310 and Kenwood Recreation Area.*

(NO website)

St. Augustine Parks and Attractions

Anastasia State Recreation Area

Enjoy swimming, fishing, boating, nature trails, picnicking, and camping. *Anastasia Island (904) 461-2033*

www.floridastateparks.org/anastasia

Castillo De San Marcos National Fort

Originally built by the Spanish in 1672-95, this stone fortress was constructed with blocks of coquina. The impressive fortress withstood many attacks by the British and was never captured.

1 Castillo Drive (904) 829-6506

www.nps.gov/casa

Catholic Basilica/Cathedral

This ornate Spanish structure was originally built in 1797. *Across from Downtown Plaza (904) 824-2806 (NO website)*

De Pena-Peck House

Home of the royal Spanish treasurer, this house was built before 1750 and constructed of stone, coquina, and wood. It has been preserved and furnished and is now a house museum. *143 St. George Street (904) 829-5064*

<http://www.flamuseums.org/fam/flamuseums/pages/181.htm>

Flagler College

The building (which has as its architectural focal point the Ponce de Leon Hotel built by Henry M. Flagler in 1888) is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. *King Street (904) 829-6481*

www.flagler.edu

Fort Matanzas National Monument

The watchtower of Fort Matanzas, on Rattlesnake Island, served as an outpost warning the city of approaching invaders. The original wood and thatch was replaced by the present stone tower in 1742 and was used until 1821. The area is now a national park with beaches, surf casting, and an island ferry service. *14 miles south on A1A (904) 471-0116* www.nps.gov/foma

Fountain of Youth

This is thought to be the first recorded North American landmark. The fountain is on the site claimed to be the landing place of Ponce de Leon in 1513 and features the Fountain of Youth Discovery Globe, a planetarium, and Indian burial ground. *155 Magnolia Avenue (904) 829-3168*

www.fountainofyouthflorida.com

Government House Museum

This museum presents the history of St. Augustine from its founding to the beginning of this century through a variety of exhibits. *48 King Street (904) 825-5033* www.historicstaugustine.com

Lighthouse Museum of St. Augustine

Visitors can climb the 224 steps to the top of the 1874 lighthouse and tour the museum housed in the restored keepers dwelling. Exhibits, a period room, and a video theater tell the story of the lightkeepers and the lights they tended. *81 Lighthouse Avenue (904) 829-0745*

www.staugustinelighthouse.com

Lightner Museum

The refurbished and restored building which houses the Lightner Museum was originally the 300-room Alcazar Hotel built by Henry Flagler in 1888. The museum features collections of art, porcelain, Tiffany glass, 19th century musical instruments, needlework, furniture, and dolls. *75 King Street/City Hall Complex (904) 824-2874*

www.lightnermuseum.org

Marineland

The attractions include “educated” dolphin shows, an electric eel show, a “jumping dolphin” show and two oceanarium with 300 underwater viewing windows. *9600 Oceanshore Blvd (904) 471-1111 or Reservations (888) 279-9194 x116*

www.marineland.net

Memorial Presbyterian Church

The church (a fine example of Venetian Renaissance architecture) was built in 1889 by Henry Flagler as a memorial to his daughter. *32 Sevilla Street (904) 829-6451*

www.memorialpcusa.org

Mission of Nombre De Dios

America’s first mission and the site where the first mass was celebrated by Father Lopez de Mendoza Grajales in St. Augustine, in 1565. A 208-foot stainless steel cross marks the site of the city’s founding. *San Marco & Ocean Avenues (904) 824-3405* www.oldcity.com/sites/mission

Museum of Weapons & Early American History

Weapons and items of early American history, such as the piano of John Tyler, 10th president of the United States. Also has an extensive Civil War collection. *81-C King Street (904) 829-3727*
<http://aarf.com/staugust/musweap.htm>

Oldest House

The National Historic Landmark is also known as the Gonzalez-Alvarez house which is believed to have been occupied continuously since the early 1600's. *14 St. Francis Street (904) 824-2872*
<http://positivelystaugustine.com/gonzalva.htm>

Old Jail

Originally the St. Johns County Jail, it was built in 1890 and remained in service until 1953. This unique structure, built with living quarters for the sheriff and his family, contains early American criminology exhibits, weapons, and displays dealing with prison life in early St. Augustine. *167 San Marco Avenue (904) 829-3800*
www.historictours.com/staugustine

Oldest Wooden Schoolhouse

The schoolhouse was built during the first Spanish occupation. The schoolmaster and his wife lived upstairs, above the small classroom. Related artifacts and copies of school books are exhibited. *14 St. George Street (904) 824-0192 (No website)*

St. Photios Shrine

This first national shrine of the Greek Orthodox Church in North America commemorates the first colony of Greeks to arrive in North America in 1768, who settled in St. Augustine. *41 St. George Street (904) 829-8205* www.stphotios.com

St. Augustine's Spanish Quarter

Living history museum of America's Spanish heritage. Includes restored and recreated homes and gardens in the small Spanish community where early settlers and soldiers lived before the American Revolution. Daily lifestyles of former occupants and reenacted by guides and craftsmen dressed in period clothing. *29 St. George Street (904) 825-6830* www.historicstaugustine.com

Ximenez-Fatio House

Registered as a National Historic Place, the house

was built out of coquina in 1798 by Andre Ximenez, a Spanish merchant. *20 Aviles Street (904) 829-3575* www.ximenezfatiohouse.org

Zorayda Castle

Built in 1883, the Zorayda is a one-tenth scale architectural replica of a wing of the Alhambra Castle in Granada, Spain. View the fabulous treasures and displays showing the lifestyles of the Moorish kings. *83 King Street (904) 824-3097 (NO website)*

Oldest Store Museum

A showcase of authentic memorabilia from the turn-of-the-century. Over 100,000 vintage items are on display, including high-wheeled bicycles, Gibson girl corsets, steam-powered vehicles, treadmills and more. *4 Artillery Lane (904) 829-9729*
www.staugustinehistoricalsociety.org/about.html

Potter's Wax Museum

More than 170 lifelike, three-dimensional figures bring history alive. These life-size wax figures of famous historical personalities are on permanent display, in authentic wardrobes and settings. *17 King Street (800) 584-4781*
www.potterswax.com

Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum

Robert L. Ripley, called the "Modern Marco Polo," traveled to more than 198 countries to gather the some 750 items on display. Subjects range from unusual people and animals to bizarre inventions, puzzles, and hobbies. *19 San Marco Avenue (904) 824-1606*
www.staugustine-ripleys.com

Spanish Military Hospital

This exhibit presents aspects of what it was like to be a soldier patient in 1791. *3 Aviles Street (904) 827-0807*
<http://www.staugustineattractions.net/attractions.php?id=10773958994572>

St. Augustine Alligator Farm

The farm offers alligators and crocodiles at the world's original alligator attraction. Established in 1893, this attraction affords a close-up glimpse of alligators feeding and sunbathing, plus Florida wildlife shows. *South of Bridge of Lions on AIA Anastasia Island, 999 Anastasia Blvd.*

Written Resources

Girl Scouts of the USA Resources

There are many Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) publications which may be purchased or checked out of service center libraries. The ones listed here are just a few. Additional resources are listed in the Girl Scout Catalog. These resources may be purchased through our Council Shop. Visit us in Jacksonville or Gainesville, or at one of the "Shop-on-the-Road" locations.

Go Global! Girl Scout Activities for World Peace Booklet increases international awareness through engaging activities and stimulating information for Girl Scout Brownies and Juniors and their families.

Outdoor Education in Girl Scouting is a guide for leaders and Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors on outdoor education.

Focus on Ability is a useful guide dealing with information on ways to work with girls who have special needs or disabilities.

Girl Scout Leader magazine is another resource which is mailed quarterly to registered adults. It features troops from all over the United States, has important information on anything new that has developed, and provides program information. Be sure to check the center section for program ideas!

uniquely ME! The Way to Be/ Nadie Como Yo! Una manera de ser is an English/Spanish book written for Girl Scout Juniors. It helps girls discover the importance of challenging themselves. With bilingual adult guide. Girls earn a participatory patch.

Fun and Easy Activities - Nature and Science is a series of activities that make use of adventure, creativity, self-expression, and fantasy to help girls explore various scientific concepts. This resource is available in bilingual format.

Fun and Easy Nature and Science Investigations provides ten activities that leaders can use to help girls conduct their own science and nature investigations.

In the Zone: Living Drug Free Series encourages girls to find their "zone" by living a healthy and drug free life. An accompanying adult guide provides advisors and parents with the tools they need to help young people stay drug free. For all age groups.

Staying Safe for Girls Ages 4-17 Series
Whether you're a parent, caregiver, educator, youth worker, or youth volunteer, making sure that girls are staying safe is sure to be a priority for you. Staying Safe for Girls Ages 4-17 is designed to help girls (and the people who care for them) learn ways to better ensure their personal safety. Created with input from girls ages 4 to 17, the series is a component of P.A.V.E. (Project Anti-Violence Education) the Way, a national Girl Scout violence intervention initiative funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service. The Staying Safe series includes books for girls ages 4-6, 6-8, and 8-11, STUDIO 2B Focus: Take Charge for girls 11-17, and an adult guide and council guide. Girls ages 4-11 who complete any of the activities in Staying Safe can earn a participation patch, and girls ages 11-17 can earn a charm.

STUDIO 2B Collections are annual publications based on the research findings of the distinct needs, interests, and favorites of girls ages 11-13, 13-15, and 15-17. Each **STUDIO 2B Collection** contains thirty or more articles directed to one age group. With celebrity interviews, first-person accounts, quizzes, advice columns, girl stories and activity ideas, these colorful, well designed resources are truly by girls, for girls. 8 x 10 1/2". 92 pages.

Studio 2B Focus Books

Girls want hands-on, skill based, informational, practical and interactive resources that will provide them with new experiences in the topic of their choice. This is what STUDIO 2B Focus Books are all about. Girls can choose their own STUDIO 2B Focus topic and then have the option of completing the activities either individually or in a group. The choice is theirs! Girls set goals in the topic they want to explore and once they have reached their goals, they are able to earn a STUDIO 2B charm representing their efforts and newly acquired skills. Charms (sold below) can be worn on a bracelet, necklace or hung from a backpack or key ring. STUDIO 2B Focus Books include: *College 101, Don't Sweat It!, Mind Your Own Business, Parks Matter, Express It!, Cash in In': Affording What Really Matters in High School, Got Money? Saving and Investing, Take Charge, On Track, On the Go, Write Now, uniquely ME! Inside and Out, uniquely ME! The Real Deal, Looking In, Reaching Out, and Makin' Waves.*

Let's Celebrate! Girl Scout Ceremonies

The focus of the book is to help adults work in partnership with girls to plan original ceremonies that reflect the interests and talents of girls. Includes a step-by-step guide and a worksheet for creating ceremonies, a mix and match chart of ceremony ideas that can be combined in a variety of ways, tips from council volunteers and staff, and STUDIO 2B ceremony ideas. Spiral Book.

Let's Play! Games for Girls Ages 5-11

Playing games is, quite simply, a lot of fun—for girls, adults who work with them, and parents who appreciate ideas for family activities. Girls who play games—whether as individuals or as part of a team—learn to make decisions, establish goals, respect rules, accept differences, build friendships, and express appropriate responses to winning and losing.

Let's Play!, filled with over 50 games to play with girls ages 5 to 11, includes:

- Mix & Mingle games
- Active games
- Team-building games
- Quiet games
- Travel games
- Traditional games

Girl Scout Journeys

The journey program books were introduced by GSUSA in the fall of 2008. Each series contains one journey for each age level of Girl Scouts. The first series It's Your World—Change it! was released fall 2008; second series It's Your Planet—Love It! will be released fall 2009.

Girl Scouts of Gateway Council Resources

The *Volunteer Resource Guide (VRG)* contains information pertaining to the policies and standards of Girl Scouts of Gateway Council. Use this guide as a reference for any information or questions.

The *Ceremonies* book has ceremonies ready for use or modification. Designed to fit into a notebook, this resource includes flag ceremonies, investitures, rededications, bridging for all age levels, and much, much more. The book can be purchased in The Council Shop.

Programs On The Go (POGOs) are available at the service centers for check-out by troops or individual Girl Scout adults and include supplies, directions and outlines to complete partial badge, patch or Try-It requirements. The forms for check-out or for reserving are available at the service centers. A list of the POGOs available can be found on the next page.

The *Adult Opportunities Book* lists adult learning opportunities for adults. This publication is printed twice a year.

The *Summer Camp* book is mailed in the Spring to all registered Girl Scouts. It describes the resident camp, day camp, and weekend camp opportunities available to girls during the summer months. It may also have additional summer programs beyond camp.

Trailsign is a community newsletter that is mailed twice a year to donors and friends of Girl Scouts.

Pathways is currently a subscription designed for active operational volunteers. Pathways shares with its reader's current and upcoming news from Girl Scouts of Gateway Council and Girl Scouts of the United States of America. This publication is emailed monthly. Please visit our website to subscribe to this email publication. Issues are archived on the council website for six months.

Bridges The newsletter for families and friends of Girl Scouts of Gateway Council celebrates past achievements and special council and troop activities which are mailed to all current households two times per year. Photos are welcome and can be sent electronically to the Director of Communications.

Discover The Essential Guide for Getting the Most Out of Your Girl Scout Experience is the twice annual council-sponsored program guide. It is published in the fall and in the spring and mailed directly to the home of all registered Girl Scouts grades 6-12. A copy is also provided through the Service Unit to all troop leaders.

Girl Scouts of Gateway Council Website www.girlscouts-gateway.org is the council's website, where you can also find links to the council's Facebook Fan Page, @gsgc on Twitter, and our blog on North Fork Updates.

Program On-the-Go Descriptors

Daisy Age Level Activities	Description	
Almost A Brownie	Completes activities for bridging to Brownie Girl Scouts requirements. Includes the Brownie Story, making a swap, making paper copters, wind wheels and playing body volley.	
Ceremonies	A guide to planning ceremonies – available for use at no charge.	
Daisy Girl Scouts Discover Science	Make Rainbow Stew with cornstarch and food coloring, make sound waves travel through a solid and explore magnetism.	
It's Cold Outside	Activities to do when it's cold outside. Play games; make stained butterflies and book marks.	
Thinking Day Fun	Activities to honor the birthday of Lord Baden-Powell and his wife Olave and to learn about the sisterhood of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.	
Splish Splash – Make Water Last	Promotes understanding of water conservation through fun activities	
What to do on a Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day	Based on the book, "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day" by Judy Viorst. Participate in activities read about in the book.	
Brownie Age Level Activities	Description	Earns
African Adventure	Make an African mask, play African games, learn some African folklore, and make a Wodable mirror pouch.	Activities fulfill some of the requirements for the Black Culture Patch
Bubbles	Girls become bubbleologist as they investigate surface tension, soap film, air pressure and bubble shapes.	None
Building Art	Have fun learning how to design, build and decorate structures, including your dream meeting place	Building Art Try-It
Ceremonies	A guide to planning ceremonies – available for use at no charge.	None
Colors and Shapes	Be creative with colors, lines and shapes to make art	Colors and Shape Try-It
Creative Composing	Discover new talents by creating Cinquin poetry, Morse Code and pictures	Creative Composing Try-It
Manners	Good manners include respect for other, polite instructions, table manners and phone etiquette.	Manners Try-It
Math Fun	Learn about having fun with math by making predictions, doing an alphabet code and taking part in measuring activities.	Math Fun Try-It
More Alike Than Different	Celebrate the uniqueness of each individual and learn how to relate and respect those who are different.	None
Movers	Discover the effects of wind on wind wheels, ring guiders, paper copters and windsocks	Movers Try-It
My Body	Try fun activities to learn more about your body.	My Body Try-It
Numbers and Shapes	Have fun with numbers and shapes through origami, Mobius shapes and math shapes.	Number and Shapes Try-It
Penny Power	Learn about money, how to spend it and how to save it.	Penny-Power Try-It
People of the World	Discover many things from people who are different from you as you play games, do a language hunt, Kente paper weaving and more.	People of the World Try-It
Proud Heritage	Learn about the Asian heritage as you participate in activities that help you learn more about this nationally and their traditions.	Earn requirements toward the Asian Pacific Culture Patch
Puppets, Dolls and Plays	Making puppets and dolls are an art. Use them in play and stories.	Puppets, Dolls and Play Try-It
Raspberries: A Tale of Teamwork & Cooperation	Based on the book <i>Rhinos & Raspberries</i> , a book of fairy tales, fables and parables that is used to teach tolerance and cooperation.	Working It Out Try-It

Brownie Age Level Activities (cont)	Description	Earns
Science in Action	Make a butterfly of many colors, experiment with light and color, make "glop", and play with balloons while learning more about Science.	Science in Action Try-It
Sounds of Music	What makes music different than noise? Make your own music through these activities.	Sounds of Music Try-It
Splish Splash – Make Water Last	Promotes understanding of water conservation through fun activities.	None
Water Everywhere	Learn to conserve water through fun, Hands on activities.	Water Everywhere Try-It
Zink the Zebra	Promotes understanding and acceptance of human difference through specially created character education programs that help children and adults realize the necessary to respect and show compassion toward others.	None
Junior Age Level Activities	Description	Earn
African Adventure	Make an African mask, play African games, learn some African folklore, and make a Wodable mirror pouch.	Activities fulfill some of the requirements for the Black Culture Patch
Ceremonies	A guide to planning ceremonies – available for use at no charge.	None
Creative Solutions	Find creative solutions to everyday problems.	Creative Solutions Badge
Electricity	Discover how electricity works by experimenting with static electricity, simple electric circuits, conductors and insulators.	None
First Aid	Scavenger hunts, a telephone relay skit, making first aid kits and other activities to help girls stay safe.	First Aid Badge
Focus On Ability	Participate in activities, including sign language, to discover how girls with special challenges feel.	None
Girl Scouting Around the World	Celebrate the history of Girl Scouts. Introduce girls to the sisterhood of millions of girls who share Girl Scout values and traditions. Discover the global reach of the Girl Scout community.	Girl Scouting Around the World Badge
Girl Scouting in the USA	Learn about our Founder, Juliette Low, learn the background on the Promise and Law and other Girl Scouting traditions.	Girl Scouting in the USA Badge
Magnets	See how magnetism is similar to electricity by learning about magnetic pickups and polarization.	None
Math Whiz	Become a math whiz by going on a math hunt, making prediction, decoding a alphabet code and learning about shape.	Math Whiz Badge.
Proud Heritage	Learn about the Asian heritage as you participate in activities that help you learn more about this nationally and their traditions.	Earn requirements toward the Asian Pacific Culture Patch
Puzzlers	From optical illusions to mazes and other puzzles, you will have fun.	Puzzler Badge
Raspberries: A Tale of Teamwork & Cooperation	Based on the book <i>Rhinos & Raspberries</i> , a book of fairy tales, fables and parables that is used to teach tolerance and cooperation.	None
Science Discovery	Learn about optical illusion, make a kaleidoscope, do water trick activities.	Science Discovery Badge
Science Sleuth	Learn about simple machines, crystals, fingerprints, make a clucking chicken.	Science Sleuth Badge
Water Wonders	Learn to converse water through fun, hands-on activities.	Water Wonders badge
Weather Watchers	Wouldn't it be great to be able to predict the weather? Learn to predict and plan ahead with this badge	Weather Watch Badge
Zink the Zebra	Promotes understanding and acceptance of human difference through specially created character education programs that help children and adults realize the necessary to respect and show compassion toward others.	None

Girl Scouts of Gateway Council Patch Program

Requirements for these patches can be found at www.girlscouts-gateway.org. On the “girls” tab, scroll down to “GSGC Patch Programs” to bring up the list and individual requirements.

Fernandina Patch Program

(Girl Scout Daisies through Girl Scout Ambassadors)

The Fernandina Patch Program is designed to help girls identify the many activities and things to do while learning about the history of the area. Stay at Fort Clinch or the Fernandina Little House. Girl Scout Daisies and Brownies complete five requirements, Girl Scout Juniors complete 8 requirements and Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors complete 12 requirements.

Flora, Fauna, Florida Summer Action Troop Patch Program

(Girl Scout Daisies through Girl Scout Ambassadors)

Flora, Fauna, Florida Summer Action Troop patch program is designed to help Girl Scouts gain a greater knowledge and appreciation of the State of Florida, to keep girls involved in Girl Scouting, to offer opportunities for summer fun with other girls and to encourage parent involvement. Patch work should not be completed during one outing, but should take place over the course of the summer.

Girl Scouts Helping Children Patch Program

(Girl Scout Daisies through Girl Scout Ambassadors)

Girl Scouts Helping Children patch program is designed to supply needy babies with some of the basic necessities of life such as: formula, food, diapers, powder, soap, ointment, shampoo, and bottles. Baby items are collected and distributed by the troop, cluster, or service unit.

Our Own Council's St. Augustine Patch and Badge Booklet

(Girl Scout Brownies through Girl Scout Juniors)

Our Own Council's St. Augustine Patch and Badge booklet is designed to help Girl Scout Brownies and Juniors discover St. Augustine. Troops are invited to visit the oldest city, see Girl Scouts from Girl Scouts of Gateway Council participate in the San Agustin Antigua Encampment reenactment each spring, and to go to Fort San Marco for a special cannon firing.

Parent/Pal Patch Program

(Girl Scout Daisies through Girl Scout Ambassadors)

The Parent/Pal patch program is designed to help parents (and other interested adults), girls, and leaders to work together to gain an understanding of Girl Scouting and the many opportunities available to both girls and adults. Some of the activities are completed in partnership with your daughter and some activities are completed individually by adults or the girl.

Shell Patch Program

(Girl Scout Brownies through Girl Scout Ambassadors)

The Shell patch program is designed to help girls learn about the treasures found on the beach and to develop an awareness and appreciation of sea life.

Out-of-Doors Summer Action Troop Patch Program

(Girl Scout Daisies through Girl Scout Ambassadors)

Out-of-Doors Summer Action Troop patch program is designed to help girls celebrate and appreciate the out-of-doors and offer opportunities for summer fun with other girls. Patch work should not be completed during one outing, but should take place over the course of the summer.

Take a Bite Out of Crime Patch Program

(Girl Scout Daisies through Girl Scout Ambassadors)

Take a Bite Out of Crime patch program is designed to make girls aware of some basic crime prevention rules to ensure their safety. Call a Crime Prevention Specialist for assistance with this patch program. Girl Scout Brownies receive a Council's Own Try-it patch, Girl Scout Juniors receive a Council's Own badge, and Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors receive a Council's Own interest project patch.

Year-Round Troop Camper Patch Program

(Girl Scout Juniors through Girl Scout Ambassadors)

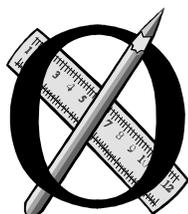
The Year-Round Troop Camper patch program is designed to help girls progress in their campcraft and planning skills and to increase their awareness of how nature changes with the seasons. Girls must plan and carry out an overnight camping experience of at least 24 hours during each season. Each camping trip must be at a different camp ground. At least two of the camping experiences must be in tents - platform tents, Denver tents, Eureka tents, or personal tents. Booklets are available at any service center. Patches may be purchased through the Council Shop.

***New! Geocaching Patch Program**

(Girl Scout Brownies through Ambassadors)

The Geocaching patch program was designed by Girl Scouts as a Silver Award Project. It provides basic information about how to participate in this national craze utilizing this hand-held GPS (global positioning system) technology. There are caches hidden at GSGC camp properties with GPS units available for weekend rentals online to support earning this patch.

Girl Scouts of Gateway Council



UTCOMES STUDY

What? Girl Scouts of Gateway Council will be conducting a two part survey. The first half will be given in the fall and the second in the spring. The results will be used to measure and enhance various aspects of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

How? Troops will be selected at random from each Service Unit. Selected troop leaders and girls take the survey online—once in the Fall and again the Spring. If troop leaders prefer, the survey can be delivered by paper version.

When? Random selection of troops will occur in the Fall of each new membership year. Selected troop leaders will be contacted by mail and by phone, and an information packet will follow. Surveys will be administered online in Fall and again in the Spring. Data analysis will follow, with the final report produced by late Summer.

Why? We see again and again how girls develop self-confidence, responsibility, and many other assets through Girl Scouting. The outcomes study is a way to enhance our personal observations by giving us objective evidence of the program's success, evidence that will be of interest to donors, participants, and others. The study will also show us if there are any areas in which we can better serve our girls.

Who? We will be surveying approximately 123 Girl Scout Troops, their leaders, and their parents/guardians.



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TRIP OR CAMP APPLICATION FOR NON-COUNCIL PROPERTY

Submit 10 days before overnight or out of council trip. Please print.
(Use Camping Application when camping on Council owned properties)

Troop #: _____ Level: _____ Service Unit: _____ Date: _____

Leader: _____ Day phone: _____ Evening phone: _____

Address: _____

Street City County Zip

E-mail address: _____ FAX: _____

Cost per girl: \$ _____ Amount paid: By troop funds: \$ _____ by girls: \$ _____

Name of adult in charge: _____ BLT-II completed on: _____

Name of participating adult who has completed:

Taking Trips with Girls: (for overnight trips) _____ Date Completed: _____

OR Basic Troop Camp I: (for camping on Non-Council Property) _____ Date Completed: _____

OR Basic Troop Camp II: _____ Date Completed: _____

Name of First Aider/Nurse: _____ Certification date: _____

If swimming, name of certified Lifeguard: _____ Certification date: _____

If boating, name of person certified in small craft usage: _____ Certification date: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Day phone: _____ Evening phone: _____

How will you travel? _____ If you are renting, leasing or borrowing a vehicle to transport girls to Girl

Scout activities or events, complete Vehicle log and return to Jacksonville Service Center.

I have read Safety-Wise and I am complying with all standards outlined. If the trip is longer than two consecutive nights, three nights
if over an official holiday, I agree to apply for additional insurance.

Troop Leader's Signature: _____

Make your reservation before completing trip application. Attach a brief schedule of planned activities, list of girls going on trip, and a
copy of the permission slip. If you need more space, attach an additional sheet. Send both copies to your Service Unit Manager.

Destination _____ Where will you be staying? _____

Date & time of departure: _____ Return: _____

Schedule: _____

Approved by: _____ Date

EVALUATION

LEADER: Complete and return this evaluation to your Service Unit Manager within one week of trip.

SERVICE UNIT MANAGER: Within one week, return this report to your membership specialist.

Number of persons participating: Daisy _____ Brownie _____ Junior _____ Cadette _____
Senior _____ Ambassador _____ Adults _____ Tags _____ Total _____

Dates of trip: _____ Number of nights on trip: _____

If renting, leasing or borrowing a vehicle to transport girls to Girl Scout activities or events, did you complete the Vehicle log and return it to the Jacksonville Service Center?

Were arrangements satisfactory? _____ Why? _____

Describe what your girls considered highlights: _____

How do you expect this experience to carry over into troop program? _____

Was there an accident or illness? _____ Did it require more than simple first aid? _____

If more than first aid required, did you complete an Incident Report? _____ (located in Volunteer Resource Guide)

BREAKDOWN OF ACTUAL EXPENSES

Program expenses: \$ _____ Lodging Expense: \$ _____

Transportation expense: \$ _____ Food /meal expense: \$ _____

Additional Insurance expense: \$ _____

Amount of money used from troop account: \$ _____

Amount of money collected from each girl: \$ _____

Comments, suggestions, and/or concerns for others making the trip: _____

Completed by _____

Date _____



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PARENT PERMISSION FORM

Troop # _____ is planning a (circle one) camping, trip, or outing to _____
on ____/____/____ Phone Number at destination _____.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSPORTATION:

Time and place of departure: _____

Time and place of return: _____

Mode of transportation: _____

Leaders accompanying the girls: _____

Each girl will need: _____

The emergency contact is _____ Day phone _____

Evening phone _____

Troop Leader

Phone Number

(Cut and return bottom portion to Troop Leader/Assistant Leader by _____)

My daughter, _____ troop # _____, has permission to participate in _____.
She is in good physical condition and has not had any serious illness or operation since her last health
examination.

During the activity, I may be reached at:

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

If other than parent or guardian, person authorized to pick up my daughter after event:

In the event of an emergency, if I cannot be reached the following person is authorized to act in my behalf:

Name: _____ Relationship to participant: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

I consent to allow all pictures taken of my child to be used for publicity purposes by the Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, Inc. I hereby
indemnify and hold the above organization, it's directors, officers and staff, harmless against any and all claims of damages arising out
of the taking or use of any pictures or names of myself or my minor child or children.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Girl Scout Safety Guidelines require Leaders obtain a parent's/guardian's written permission for every girl wishing to participate
in an activity that is held at a different place and time from the regularly scheduled meeting place and time.



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Hired and Leased/Borrowed Vehicle Log

If a borrowed vehicle – Attach copy of Certificate of Insurance
 If a chartered vehicle (they drive) – Attach contract and copy of Certificate of Insurance
 If a rented vehicle (you drive) – Attach rental agreement

Form completed by: _____
 Date: _____
 Day phone _____
 Evening Phone _____

1 Vehicle #	2 Year	3 Make	4 Model	5					6 VIN (Vehicle Identification Number)	7 Inclusive Dates of Hire or Use From-Through	8 Certificate of Insurance Attached	9 Contract Attached
				Bus	Auto	Van	Pickup	Truck				

Please return to:
 Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, Inc.
 Attention: Alicia B. Grant
 1000 Shearer Street
 Jacksonville, Florida 32205

Remarks: Please indicate event destination and purpose of trip including number of girls and adults transported.



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PHOTO RELEASE

Photographer/Producer: _____

Assignment: _____

Council (if appropriate): _____

Location: _____

Date: _____

Photo Release for Minors

I, being the parent/guardian of _____, hereby consent that the videotapes, photographs, and/or motion picture film for which she poses, and/or audio recordings made of her voice may be used by Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, Inc., its assigns or successors, in whatever way they desire, including television; furthermore, I hereby consent that such photographs, films, and recordings, or the tapes from which they are made shall be their property, and they shall have the right to sell, duplicate, reproduce, and make other uses of such photographs, films, recordings and tapes as they desire free and clear of any claim whatsoever on my part.

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Relation to Minor: _____

Street Address: _____

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Photo Release - Adult

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Date: _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____