

Create Your Own Council Patch

Girls, if you have an idea for a patch focusing on a particular topic not found in the official Girl Scout program materials, consider creating your own patch program. To create your own patch, follow these steps:

1. Follow the format established for all the other patches for your grade level.
2. Decide if you will work on your patch alone or in a group.
3. Make sure you include your leader or advisor and perhaps a consultant as well. They can help you plan and be aware of safety standards.

As you create your own patch project, try to vary the types of activities that you will be doing. For example, seven activities requiring trips or interviews would probably not be practical or interesting. Make sure your activities are appropriate for your knowledge and skill levels. If the activities are too easy, they will be boring; if they are too hard, they will be difficult and frustrating.

Do some research to ensure that a resource or a consultant will be available. Know the resources available in your community and those you can realistically attain elsewhere.

When you have written your patch program, share it with the following people:

1. Your Girl Scout council. The council needs to know what you doing and can help you by suggesting consultants, council events or projects that can be helpful as you do your activities in your patch program.
2. Your Girl Scout group, as well as friends and schoolmates who may not be Girl Scout members. See if they would like to join your group as new members.
3. Consultants--for suggestions on improving.
4. Your family. Let family members know that you are interested in projects that will start you on the way to new hobbies, new adventures, new skills and lots of fun!

