



MEGS

(Most Extraordinary Girl Scout) Patch Program for All Grade Levels

MEGS is designed to help achieve a balanced Girl Scout program throughout the year and to recognize those who attain that goal. Leaders play an important role in providing the framework for a well-rounded year. Therefore, there are some requirements that only apply to leaders. Through the actions of the leaders, the Girl Scout program presented will help girls become most extraordinary Girl Scouts. The MEGS program is open to all grade levels and can be a troop and/or individual Girl Scout activity.

Requirements

MEGS patch requirements are to be completed between July 1 and June 15 of the following year and may be earned annually. The patch consists of a base patch and a year bar. Each year that a girl earns MEGS, a year bar is added. Patches must be ordered by April 1st with the intent to complete the program by June 15. The early deadline to order patches is to ensure that they are available to you by your May service unit meetings.

- Girl Scout Daisies are to complete **18** requirements including the bolded items, unless noted.
- Girl Scout Brownies are to complete **21** requirements including the bolded items.
- Girl Scout Juniors. Cadettes. Seniors and Ambassadors must complete **24** requirements including the bolded items.
- Girl Scout individual girl members must complete **12** requirements including the bolded items, unless noted.

The same activities are not to be used to fulfill more than one requirement.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Troops:

- Record required activities on the MEGS Record Sheet as appropriate and submit the completed form with the Troop Annual Financial Report and Troop Leadership Team Development form by **June 15 to the appropriate membership specialist for a signature.** Your specialist will be able to supply you with your patches.

Individual Girl Members:

- Record required activities on the MEGS Record Sheet as appropriate and submit the completed form by **June 15** to a membership specialist at your local Girl Scout Gathering Place.



MEGS RECORD SHEET

Troop #: _____ or Individual Girl Name: _____

School: _____ Service Unit _____

Level: DA BR JR CA SR AM

REQUIREMENTS – Check off as requirements are fulfilled

(Do not use the same activities to fulfill more than one requirement)

- 1. Registered girl(s) and adult volunteers by September 30th. (Only NEW troops and ongoing troops with new leadership can begin the program after October 1.)
- 2. Completed, by at least one registered adult leader in the troop, the Orientation to Girl Scouting, Volunteer Essentials and the appropriate grade level training (not applicable for individual girl members).
- 3. Oversight by a minimum of two non-related adults at all troop meetings and outings (not applicable for individual girl members).
- 4. Represented at all service unit meetings by either a leader or other adult volunteer.
- 5. Attended an adult enrichment course (either through the council or other resource) pertaining to a skill that was shared with the troop.
Which course? _____
- 6. Donated to our Girl Scouts council's Family Partnership campaign.
<http://www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org/ways-to-give>
- 7. Contributed to the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund.
http://www.girlscouts.org/who_we_are/global/juliette_low_fund.asp
- 8. Increased girl membership (new girls) after troop was registered for the membership year.
- 9. Participated in the spring early registration for the following Girl Scout year.
- 10. Completed and submitted the Troop Annual Financial Report and Troop Leadership Team Development form by June 15th. Each form can be found on the council Web site at the links below:

Financial Report: http://www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org/media/forms/troop_financial_report.pdf

Troop Leadership Team Development Form:

http://www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org/media/files/forms/Leader_Development_Final.pdf

(Not applicable for individual girl members)

11. Participated in the Fall Product Program chocolate/nuts/magazine activity.(not required for Daisies, but is recommended)
12. Participated in the Cookie Program including having the girl(s) set goals prior to the activity to determine amount of money they want to earn and how money will be used for troop activities (not required for Daisies, but is recommended).
- Money goal? _____ Amounts achieved? _____
- Plans: _____
13. Participated in a Cookie Site Sale or the Gift of Caring Program.
14. Increased per girl average (PGA) in Cookie Sale. (either individual girl or troop)
15. Able to repeat and demonstrate an understanding of the Girl Scout Promise and the Girl Scout Law.
16. Earned a Girl Scout Journey award or badge.
Which one? _____
17. Planned and carried out a community Take Action project. Learn more about the Girl Scout Leadership Experience and Taking Action at: <http://www.girlscouts.org/program/>
- What was the project? _____
- Where did it take place? _____
18. Utilized a form of troop government:
 Girl Scout Daisy - Daisy Girl Scout Circle
 Girl Scout Brownie - Brownie Ring
 Girl Scout Juniors and Cadettes – Patrol System
 Girl Scout Senior and Ambassadors – Task Group
19. Planning done by girls for an activity appropriate to their grade level (i.e., field trip, special event, dinner, Take Action project, etc.).
20. Discussed and practiced safety/emergency rules for all meetings, field trips and overnights with their troop.
21. Celebrated the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouting. How did you celebrate? _____
22. Participated in an overnight activity at one of our Girl Scout camp properties/program centers.
<http://www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org/camp>
23. Completed an activity in the area of Arts and Culture. Which activity? _____
24. Completed an activity in the area of Healthy Living. Which activity? _____

25. Completed an activity in the area of Global Awareness. Which activity? _____

26. Completed an activity in the area of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).
Which activity? _____

27. Completed an activity in the area of Outdoor Living Skills or Environmental Education.
Which activity? _____

28. Completed an activity in the area of Financial Literacy, Entrepreneurship or Girls Mean Business.
Which activity? _____

29. Participated in an activity dealing with the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts or earned one of the American Heritage Series Patches.
Which activity? _____

30. Participated in an activity for one of the following Girl Scout holidays:
 Juliette Low's birthday (Oct. 31) International Thinking Day (Feb. 22)
 Girl Scout anniversary (March 12) Leader's Day (April 22)
 Which activity? _____

31. Used at least one of the council's short-term programs (*i.e.*, Geico Dashboard Curriculum, Key of Life, uniquely Me) or Council's own patch programs.
Which program? _____

32. Planning and implementation done by girls for a bridging ceremony for other girls continuing to the next Girl Scout grade level.

33. Participation by girl(s) in at least one service unit or council event/workshop. Information about council-sponsored activities can be found in *Program Essentials* or through the online registration system at <http://www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org/activities-events>.

34. Took part in an activity (other than a service project) which promoted Girl Scouts in the community, (*i.e.* made posters or banners for a library or other public place, decorated a shop window for the Girl Scouts 100th Anniversary, participated in a parade, etc.)

Which activity? _____

35. Planned and participated in an activity to which parent(s) or guardian(s) were invited.
Which activity? _____

36. Held at least one ceremony (Daisy or Brownie level) or two different ceremonies (Junior level and above.)
Which ceremony/ceremonies? _____

37. Invited girl(s) who were not Girl Scouts to an event to introduce her/them to Girl Scouting.
Which event? _____
38. Registered at least two new girls as a result of requirement #35.
39. Used a Program Aide for an activity (Daisy, Brownie, or Junior) or became a Program Aide (Cadette, Senior or Ambassador)
40. Completed one of our council's own patches *other than MEGS*. Find out about our council's own patches at: <http://www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org/uniquely-ours-info>
41. Participated in a program at Journey World, a unique, state-of-the-art facility covering 20,000 square feet on two floors located at 770 N. Halsted in Chicago, IL. Journey World is a place where girls engage in science, technology, engineering, math, and environmental issues through programs that inform, educate, and inspire their dreams for the future and the careers they pursue. Find out more at: <http://www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org/journey-world>
Which program? _____
42. Earned the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver or Gold Award.

MEGS PATCH ORDERING INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE NEXT PAGE

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<http://register.girlscoutsgcnwi.org/>

Ordering Information: **First year participants order the base patch and year bar**
 Previous participants order year bar only

Base Patch = \$1.00 each, Year Bar = \$.75 each

To order patches determine the number needed and use the corresponding code below. Visit the Web site listed above, type the program code into the search box based on the patches needed and click on search catalog code. Then click on register and complete the information. **Please insert your Service Unit number into the VISTA field.** You will be notified by e-mail when your patches will be available for pickup. After completion, submit your MEGS Record Sheet, Troop Annual Financial Report and the Troop Leadership Team Development form to your membership specialist who will approve the pickup of your patches.

Base Patch & Year Bar – Code: 560511
Year Bar Only – Code: 560512
Extra Base Patches- Code: 560513

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MAIL IN REGISTRATION FORM

Leader or Adult Guardian of Individual Girl Member: _____

Leader or Girl Member Address: _____

Troop #: _____ Service Unit #: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ E-mail: _____

PATCHES: _____ x \$1.00 per patch = \$ _____ # BARS: _____ x 75¢ per bar = \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

MC VISA DISCOVER Card # _____ Expires: _____
MO/YR

Enclose check payable to **Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana**
Mail form and payment to: MEGS • 2400 Ogden Ave., Suite 400 • Lisle, IL 60532-3933