

# HISTORY MYSTERY Patch Program



## Brownie Girl Scouts



**Girl Scouts.**

Created by the  
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# GSVSC History Mystery Patch Introduction

The GSVSC History Mystery Patch program was designed to help troops celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Girl Scouts and the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline. The focus of this program is to have fun discovering Girl Scout history in all the communities in the 37<sup>1/3</sup> counties of Virginia Skyline.

The GSVSC Archives Group is charged with the responsibility of keeping the history of Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline. The Archives Group has recorded the history of GSVSC in *Through the Years 1963-1998*. Through this patch program the Archives Group is challenging troops to fill in the blanks in Virginia Skyline's history. Finding out when and where troops were organized and who was involved is a very important part of recording our council history.

- ✦ Each age level has it's own requirement packet in addition to the leader packet.
- ✦ The challenge for everyone: **Find out when Girl Scouting began in your community. Who was involved? What did they do? Where did they meet?**
- ✦ The ultimate pieces of information needed by the Archives Group: **Which Girl Scout troop was the first to be organized within our current council geography? AND when was the first Girl Scout troop organized in each community?**

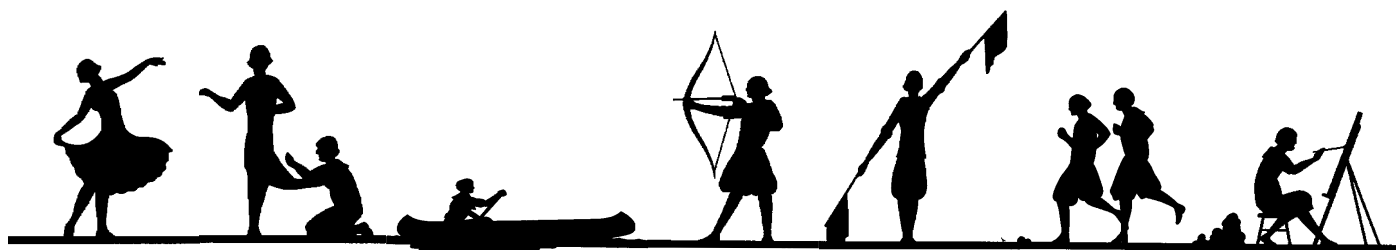
***A good history mystery detective will be looking for the following:***

- Troop meeting places
- Places where troops camped
- Troop meeting activities-songs, games, badges, etc. of long ago
- Service provided to the community
- Troops, troop members, and their leaders
- People involved in Girl Scouting in your community



***YOU can help with this quest by completing the GSVSC History Mystery Patch! Information on what you find will be published in The Skyline and Program Notes, and on the council's web site at [www.gsvsc.org](http://www.gsvsc.org).*** Troops should complete the requirements appropriate for their program-level. When the requirements are completed and the required report is filled out, leaders will be able to purchase the *GSVSC History Mystery Patch* from the Skyline Shop.

\*A copy of this book is in the History Mystery Suitcase.



# Brownie Girl Scout Patch Requirements

1. Learn about Girl Scout history using the History Mystery timeline.

**LEADER CLUES:** Choose events that will interest your girls. Girls can choose their own history event (birthday, etc.) to add to the line.

2. Be a time traveler. See if you can learn how old your troop is or how long a troop has met at this location. Can you find someone who was a member a long time ago?

**LEADER CLUES:** Retirement homes or Senior Citizen Centers are good places to find former Girl Scouts. If your troop already has a connection with senior citizens through service projects, this patch will be a good activity. *Girls should not talk to strangers. They should have adult supervision when they are contacting adults outside of their family.*

3. Plan a time travel gathering and invite the people that you have found who were Girl Scouts.

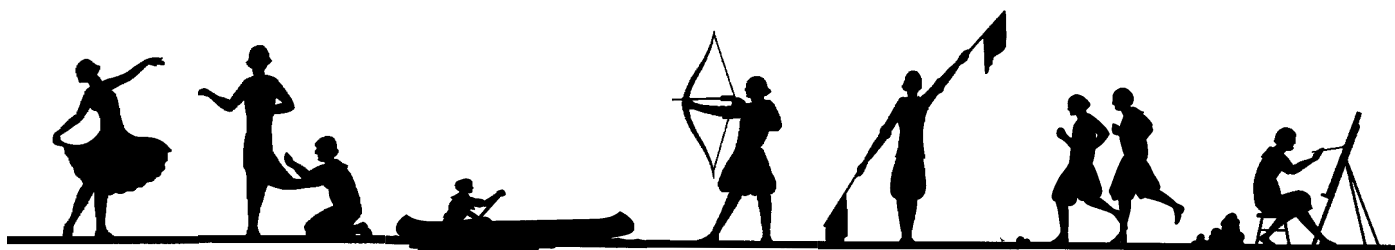
**LEADER CLUES:** Girls should make invitations and ask their guests to bring some mementos from their Girl Scout days.

To keep the theme of time travel alive use a pretend time machine and go back to the time of your guests Scouting days. Have the girls find out how Brownies were different and/or the same. Have each guest complete the Guest Information form on page 3. Use the form at the back of the Leader's Packet to order these or you may photo copy the one in the packet. These could be sent home with the invitation and returned.

4. Collect all the Brownie GS History Mystery Time Traveler Guest Information (Form #2713). Complete the Brownie GS Detective Report and Evaluation (Form #2714). Attach all forms together. Send (or bring) them with your patch order to the Skyline Shop. You may want to keep a summary copy to be put into a troop scrapbook. Besides the activities the troop does you could include current events that also happened that year in the scrapbook.

*A reminder: Make sure you have started filling out the individual girls records. This will be the start of their history. Available from your service unit manager or by using the order form in the Leader's Packet.*

By completing these reports on your guests, you will be helping to add to the history of Girl Scouting in your community and the history of Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline. Troops may order GSVSC History Mystery Patches for any guest who helped the troop complete the patch.



# Girl Scout Program Links

(with the GSVSC History Mystery Patch)

## Brownie Girl Scout Try-Its (2000 Edition)

Brownie Girl Scouts Through the Years

Girl Scout Ways

Compare today's Girl Scouting to Girl Scouting in the past.

Hobbies

Collecting Girl Scout memorabilia.

Make It and Eat It

Use old Girl Scout recipes.

Sports and Games

Compare today's sports and games to sports and games that past Girl Scouts played.

Write Away

Become a reporter.

Let's Pretend

Manners

Hosting a party.

Meeting people.

Respecting others.

Her Story

Ready, Set, Go Camping

Cook an old Brownie Girl Scout recipe

Listening to the Past

**Brownie GS History Mystery  
Time Traveler  
Guest Information  
From Troop \_\_\_\_\_**

*Ask each guest who helps you travel through time to complete one of these cards.*

Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Address

\_\_\_\_\_

City

\_\_\_\_\_

State & Zip

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone #

(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Name as a Girl Scout?

\_\_\_\_\_

When were you a Girl Scout?

\_\_\_\_\_

Where? (city, state)

\_\_\_\_\_

Where did your troop(s) meet? (school, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_

Were you an adult Girl Scout?

\_\_\_\_\_

When? \_\_\_\_\_

Where? (city, state)

\_\_\_\_\_

What position?

\_\_\_\_\_

What did you bring to share?

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Address

\_\_\_\_\_

City

\_\_\_\_\_

State & Zip

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone #

(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Name as a Girl Scout?

\_\_\_\_\_

When were you a Girl Scout?

\_\_\_\_\_

Where? (city, state)

\_\_\_\_\_

Where did your troop(s) meet? (school, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_

Were you an adult Girl Scout?

\_\_\_\_\_

When? \_\_\_\_\_

Where? (city, state)

\_\_\_\_\_

What position?

\_\_\_\_\_

What did you bring to share?

\_\_\_\_\_

# Brownie GS Detective Report & Evaluation

*This form must be completed to order patches. The Brownie GS History Mystery Time Traveler Guest Information sheet must be attached to this form. **NO REPORT, NO PATCHES.***

From Brownie Girl Scout Troop: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Leader Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

How many History Mystery Time Travelers did you have at your gathering? \_\_\_\_\_

What did the girls like best about talking to the guests?

What type of items did they bring to share with the girls?

What did you find most interesting about this activity?

Other comments:

**RETURN FORM BY MAIL** (when ordering patches by mail):  
Skyline Shop, 3663 Peters Creek Rd., Roanoke, VA 24019 OR  
Charlottesville Shop, 380 Greenbrier Square, Charlottesville, VA 22901

**RETURN FORM IN-PERSON** (when visiting the shop to purchase patches):  
Skyline Shop, 3663 Peters Creek Rd., Roanoke, VA 24019 OR  
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**COST OF PATCHES**  
\$1.25 each (if mailed, add 10% shipping cost)

## PATCH ORDER

# of Girls: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Guest Participants: \_\_\_\_\_



**1912**

To do my duty to God and to my country  
To help other people at all times  
To obey the Laws of the Scouts.

**1972**

On my honor, I will try:  
To serve God  
My country and mankind  
And to live by the Girl Scout Law

## THE GIRL SCOUT PROMISE



**Girl Scouts®**

**1920**

On my honor, I will try:  
To do my duty to God and my country.  
To help people at all times  
To obey the Girl Scout Laws.

**1984**

On my honor, I will try:  
To serve God and my country  
To help people at all times  
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

## THE GIRL SCOUT LAW

**1913**

A Girl Scout's honor is to be trusted.  
A Girl Scout is loyal.  
A Girl Scout's duty is to be useful  
and to help others.  
A Girl Scout is a friend to all,  
and a sister to every other Girl Scout no matter  
to what social class she may belong.  
A Girl Scout is courteous.  
A Girl Scout keeps herself pure.  
A Girl Scout is a friend to animals.  
A Girl Scout obeys orders.  
A Girl Scout is cheerful.  
A Girl Scout is thrifty.

**1920**

A Girl Scout's honor is to be Trusted  
A Girl Scout is Loyal  
A Girl Scout's Duty is to be Useful and to Help Others  
A Girl Scout is a Friend to All and a Sister to every  
other Girl Scout  
A Girl Scout is courteous  
A Girl Scout is a Friend to Animals  
A Girl Scout Obeys Orders  
A Girl Scout is Cheerful  
A Girl Scout is Thrifty  
A Girl Scout is Clean in Thought, Word, and Deed

**1917**

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A Girl Scout is a friend to all, and a sister to every  
other Girl Scout.  
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A Girl Scout keeps herself pure.  
A Girl Scout is a friend to animals.  
A Girl Scout obeys orders.  
A Girl Scout is cheerful.  
A Girl Scout is thrifty.

**1972**

I will do my best:  
to be honest  
to be fair  
to help where I am needed  
to be cheerful  
to be friendly and considerate  
to be a sister to every Girl Scout  
to respect authority  
to use resources wisely  
to protect and improve the world around me  
to show respect for myself and others through my  
words and actions.

**1996**

I will do my best to be  
honest and fair,  
friendly and helpful,  
considerate and caring,  
courageous and strong, and  
responsible for what I say and do.  
and to  
respect myself and others,  
respect authority,  
use resources wisely,  
make the world a better place, and  
be a sister to every Girl Scout.