



GLOSSARY OF GIRL SCOUT TERMS FOR NEW GIRL SCOUT ADULTS

Girl Scouts of
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Council

Age Level:

Girl Scouts, ages 5 to 18 years, are divided into five age levels: Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts.

Badges (proficiency badges):

Awards earned by Junior Girl Scouts for proficiency in a given area.

Brand Image:

A consistent and contemporary message used throughout all the Girl Scout councils and GSUSA. Materials and newsletters reflect "one voice".

Bridging:

A ceremony that celebrates when a girl moves from one age level to another. Each troop ensures that girls going into the next age level have some activities to introduce them to that level and to the girls they will be joining. All age can earn a bridging patch levels (see Leader's Guide).

Brownie Girl Scouts:

Girl Scouts, ages 6-8, or in 1st –3rd grade.

Brownie Gold:

Weekly troop dues that go into the Brownie Girl Scout troop fund are referred to as Brownie Gold.

Brownie Ring:

A form of troop government used by Brownie Girl Scouts. Girls sit in a circle, all share in planning, problem solving and decision making.

Brownie Try-Its:

Patches, or recognitions, that show achievements and that girls have tried in various types of activities.

Buddy System:

A safety practice used by troops, where each girl has a buddy that she keeps track of at all times. This is especially helpful for field trips and campouts.

Cadette Girl Scout:

Girl Scouts, ages 11-14, or in 6th –9th grade.

Cadette Challenge:

A Cadette award for achievement in a special area, indicated by a work in that area and satisfactory completion of a challenge situation.

Campus Girl Scout:

A group of adult Girl Scouts enrolled in an institute of higher learning.

Council:

A corporation chartered by GSUSA in a defined geographic area.

Court of Honor:

A form of troop government used by Junior Girl Scouts and Older Girls (Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts). The group within a Girl Scout troop which makes and coordinates the troop's plans based on reports from each patrol; composed of patrol leaders, troop scribe, troop treasurer and troop leader(s).

Daisy:

A nickname for Juliette Gordon Low, founder of Girl Scouts of the USA.

Daisy Circle:

A form of troop government used by Daisy Girl Scouts (see Brownie Ring).

Daisy Girl Scouts:

Girl Scouts, ages 5 or in Kindergarten.

Daisy Girl Scouts Promise Center and Learning Petals:

An insignia with the center representing the Girl Scout Promise and the surrounding ten petals representing a phrase from the Girl Scout Law.

Fly Up:

Refers to third grade Brownies who "fly up" into Junior Girl Scouts.

Girl Scouts of America (GSUSA):

A corporation chartered by Congress to promote Girl Scouting in the United States. Girl Scouts is a separate organization from Boy Scouts of America.

Girl Scout Birthday:

March 12 is Girl Scout Birthday. This is the date that Juliette Low met with 18 girls to form the first Girl Scout troop in the United States.

Girl Scout Gold Award:

Highest award that can be earned by a Senior Girl Scout.

Girl Scout Leader's Day:

A day to honor all Girl Scout Leaders.

Girl Scout Motto:

"Be prepared."

Girl Scout Movement:

A voluntary movement dedicated to the purpose of inspiring girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism and service so that they may become happy and resourceful citizens.

Girl Scout Promise and Law:

The Girl Scout code that serves as a guide for the personal behavior of all members.

Girl Scout Slogan:

"Do a good turn daily."

Girl Scout Week:

The week in which the Girl Scout Birthday (March 12) falls. Girl Scout Sabbath and Girl Scout Sunday are celebrated during the same time period.

Investiture:

A ceremony to welcome newly registered girls and adults into Girl Scouting. A pin (Girl Scout, Daisy Girl Scout, or Brownie Girl Scout) is presented.

"It" Bag:

A fair way to choose "it" for games, kapers, or special help. Two lunch bags are used (one is marked "it" and the second is marked "other"). A card with each girl's name goes into the "it" bag. When you need "it" for a game, pick one card, then put that card into the "other" bag. This way everyone gets a turn to be "it"!

Interest Project Patches:

Awards earned by Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts designed to explore new skills or improve upon skills already acquired.

Juliette Gordon Low:

Founder of Girl Scouting in the USA. Her nickname was "Daisy".

Juliette Low's Birthday:

October 31 is the birthday of Juliette Low and is a special Girl Scout Day.

Juliette Gordon Low Girl Scout National Center:

A national center in downtown Savannah, Georgia that was the birthplace of Juliette Gordon Low.

Juliette Low World Friendship Fund:

A fund to help Girl Scouts travel to events in other countries, bring Girl Guides to the United States and help support Girl Guides and Girl Scouts throughout the world. All Girl Scouts contribute to the fund sometime during each year.

Junior Girl Scouts:

Girl Scouts, ages 8-11, or in 3rd—6th grade.

Kaper Chart:

A chart that divides up the jobs that need to be done within a troop. It usually rotates the jobs so that everyone tries each job.

Patrol:

A form of troop government that is a subdivision of a troop with a girl leader, usually with no more than eight girls.

Positioning Statement:

This short descriptive statement describes what our organization stands for: *Girl Scouts is the Girl Scouts of the USA is the world's pre-eminent organization for girls, with a membership of more than 3.5 million girls and adults. Today, as when founded in 1912, GSUSA helps cultivate values, social conscience and self-esteem in young girls, while also teaching them critical life skills that will enable them to succeed as adults. In Girl Scouting—and its special girl-only environment—girls discover the fun, friendship and power of girls together.*

Quiet Sign:

A leader with something important to say does not shout or blow a whistle, she raised you hand high without saying a word. Everyone who sees it raises their hand and stops what they are doing. Soon every hand is up and all is quiet.

Rededication:

A time when Girl Scouts reaffirm their membership and support of the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

Safety-Wise:

Basic guide to safety and security practices for all Girl Scouts.

Scout's Own:

A quiet, reflective type of ceremony with a theme planned by the girls and leaders.

Senior Girl Scouts:

Girl Scouts, ages 14-17, or in 9th-12th grade.

Service Unit Team Member:

Volunteer adults who work as a team to assist troop leaders including service unit manager, organizers and consultants of each age level, secretary, product sales, publicity, uniform exchange, registrar and training promoter.

Steering Committee:

A form of troop government in which a committee is elected by the troop to make decisions.

Tagline:

Where Girls Grow Strong, a phrase used with the Girl Scout logo to celebrates girls and their achievements

Thanks Badge:

The highest award for adults in Girl Scouting at the national level.

Thinking Day:

A special Girl Scout Day celebrating the birthdays of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, founders of Girl Scouting worldwide. It is celebrated on February 22 and usually focuses on Girl Scouting and Girl Guiding worldwide.

Town Meeting:

A form of troop government in which a “guider” is elected to guide the decision-making process with the whole troop.

Trefoil:

The international symbol of Girl Scouting. The three leaves represent the three parts of the Girl Scout Promise: serving God and country, helping people and living by the Girl Scout Law.

Troop Committee:

Adults who help the leader—telephone chairperson, outing chairperson (who calls for information on available times, cost, tickets, etc.), transportation chairperson (who sets up rides for activities), etc.

Wide Games:

A “trail” or series of games with a story or theme to explore different skills.

Wider Opportunity:

A chance for a Cadette or Senior Girl Scout, to have an adventure beyond the regular troop or group meeting. These national and international opportunities, usually one-week long, offer girls a chance to develop new skills.

World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGS):

The worldwide organization of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts involving more than 100 countries from all over the world.

World Centers:

Four world centers operated by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts which welcome girls from around the world. The Centers are: Olave House (London England), Our Cabana (Cuernavaca, Mexico), Our Chalet (Switzerland), Sangam (Pune, India).

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