

Girl Scouts of
Central Maryland

**Girl Scout
Brownie Try It
Troop's Own**



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Troops Own Try-Its

Troops Own Try-Its are similar to Our Own Council's Try Its, but they may be produced in smaller numbers. They should be innovative and educationally sound projects. They should make use of special topics of interest, unique opportunities, or resources within the troop.

Appropriate Topics

Some examples of an appropriate topic for a Troop's Own Try-It would be one that could be explored in or through a special resource or subject related to the culture, people, or history of troop.

Be wary of commercial concerns that might try to persuade you to develop try-its that promote the use of their facilities or products, such as going to an amusement park or selling T-shirts.

Troop's Own should not be confused with council, area or troop *events* that provide a patch for all participants. Most of these events, particularly those lasting only one day, do not meet the criteria for a troop's own Try-It. They should continue to be treated simply as events, with participation patches to commemorate them.

Format and Components of the Troop's Own

The Troop's Own should be designed specifically to broaden the girl's perspectives and extend their experiences. It should resemble as closely as possible the format and components of those developed nationally. There should be 5 or 6 activities, and girls should try four of them. ***These activities should not duplicate activities in other Try-Its.*** They should:

- Be based on active learning and learning by doing.
- Be broken down into simple steps appropriate for six to

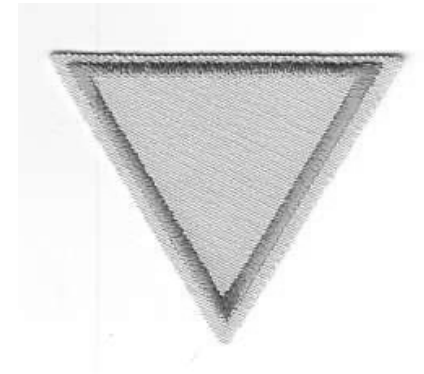
eight year olds.

- Involve the use of the senses as much as possible.
- Be flexible enough so that they may be completed by individuals.
- Be based on the concepts of the Girl Scout Promise and Law.
- Be noncompetitive
- Emphasize "Trying it," rather than expertise in the particular topic area.
- Be inexpensive enough so that all interested girls can participate
- Reflect a concern for the environment.

Creating the design

The blank try-its are available to purchase at the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland's shop.

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