



Girl Scouts of
Central Maryland

**Girl Scout Cadette/Senior
Interest Patch
Troop's Own**



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Troop's Own Interest Project

Our Own Troop's Interest Project patch is an innovative and educationally sound project developed by the troop. It is designed to make use of special topics of interest or unusual opportunities and resources within the troop.

Appropriate Topics

Some examples of appropriate topics for an Our Own Troop's interest Project patch would be a special resource located within the troop's area. Be wary of commercial concerns that might try to persuade the troop to develop a patch that promotes use of their facilities or products. Such a patch might involve going to an amusement park or selling products.

Our Own Troop's Interest Project patches should not be confused with patches provided for all participants at events. Most of the latter events, particularly those of only one day's duration, do not meet the criteria for an Our Own Troop's Interest Project patch. An interest project patch should recognize skill development, not just participation in an event or activity.

Our Own Troop's Interest Project Patch: Essential Components

A patch project should include:

- Skill development concerning a particular topic or area of interest.
- Choices within some of the activities to reflect the diverse needs and interest of girls.
- Opportunity for giving service
- Relevant career possibilities
- Activities that can lead to leisure-time pursuits.
- Activities that are sensitive to the racial, ethnic, or cultural

diversity of the community or are international in scope.

- Self-evaluations by the girls themselves.

The activities should:

- Be in line with GSUSA program, safety, and security standards.
- Be inexpensive enough so that all interested girls can participate.
- Reflect a concern for the environment.
- Help girls use resources within the community.
- Take from two to three months to complete if one hour weekly is devoted to patch work.
- Lend themselves to adaptations as needed.
- Be developed in partnership with girls, with the goal of being relevant to their lives, and be periodically reevaluated to see that this purpose is achieved.
- Not duplicate activities in other patch projects.

Creating the design

Badges are only 1 1/2 inches tall by 1 inch wide and cannot, therefore, accommodate complex designs. Please submit Troop's own badge requirements and design application to Girl Scouts of Central Maryland for approval. Once approved, The blank badges are available to purchase at the Girls Scouts of Central Maryland's shop. They may be embroidered by any shop in your local area to suit your needs.

Girl Scouts of Central Maryland Shop contact information:

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