



Girl Scouts of
Central Maryland

**Girl Scout
Junior Badge
Troop's Own**



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Troop's Own Badge

Troop's Own Badges are similar to Our Own Council's Badges, 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.

Sample Topics

Some examples of an appropriate subjects for a Troop's Own Badge would be a special resource located within the troop's area, a specific ecological feature, or ethnic heritage.

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

Troop's Own should recognize skill development, not merely participation in an event or activity. They should not be confused with events that provide patches for all participants.

Format and Components of the Troop's Own

The Troop's Own should be designed specifically to broaden the girls' perspectives and extend their experiences. It should resemble as closely as possible the format and components of those developed nationally. **The activities should not duplicate the subject matter of other badges.** They should include:

- Skill development concerning a particular topic or area of interest.
- Choices within some of the activities to reflect the diverse needs and interests of girls
- Service possibilities, if practical
- Career exploration, where relevant
- Activities that can lead to leisure-time pursuits
- Activities that reflect the racial, ethnic, or cultural diversity of the community, or activities that are international in scope
- Self-evaluations by the girls.

The activities should:

- Be inexpensive enough so that all interested girls can participate.
- Reflect a concern for the environment.
- Help girls use resources within the community and become familiar with the area.
- Take two to three months to complete assuming one hour per week is devoted to badge work.
- Lend themselves to adaptations as needed.
- Be developed and periodically evaluated for relevance in partnership with the girls.
- Not duplicate activities in other badge projects.

Creating the design

Badges are only 1 1/2 inches in diameter 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.

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