

# Families of the Heartland

## **Patch Program** *Helping Troops Grow Strong*

A successful Girl Scout troop needs more than adult volunteers putting all the troop pieces together. Each troop needs the involvement of the girls and the girls' families. A successful Girl Scout experience needs more than a girl on her own. She needs the support and excitement of her family.

The patch program, "Families of the Heartland," guides families on how they can help strengthen a troop or make individual Girl Scout experiences fantastic.

A Girl Scout must have at least one adult family member or friend help them make the troop or her experiences grow strong by completing the requirements listed during the course of one membership year (October 1 - September 30).

Upon completion, fill out the order form and either have your troop leader verify that you completed the requirements or sign that you have completed these with your individually registered Girl Scout.

You can then send in your order form with payment or visit a store to receive your recognition. There are two forms of recognition available: a patch for the Girl Scout to wear on the back of her sash or vest and a window cling for the family car or home.

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Participating adults must complete one of the starred activities plus two others or five of the non-starred activities.  
You can think of your own activity to help, too! It will count as a non-starred activity.

- \_\_\_\_\_ \* 1 **Be.** Serve as troop/group co-leader.
- \_\_\_\_\_ \* 2 **Lead.** Serve as troop/group Cookie Program or Fall Product Program chairperson.
- \_\_\_\_\_ \* 3 **Sleep.** Accompany the troop/group on an overnight trip.
- \_\_\_\_\_ \* 4 **Learn.** Take the troop camp training course and serve as the troop's qualified troop camper.
- \_\_\_\_\_ \* 5 **Fix.** Take all the necessary first-aid requirements, and serve as the troop/group first aider.
- \_\_\_\_\_ \* 6 **Try.** Borrow a kit program from the council and present it at a troop meeting.
- \_\_\_\_\_ \* 7 **Enter.** Become a member of a service team
- \_\_\_\_\_ \* 8 **Assist.** Volunteer a week at day camp.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9 **Drive.** Provide transportation for a troop outing.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10 **Speak.** Help with troop/group communication. (such as calling or emailing)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11 **Teach.** Assist your Girl Scout or a troop on a project or a special activity.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12 **Surf and Click.** Visit the council website and download a patch program that you'd like to do with the troop or your Girl Scout.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13 **Share.** Plan and share a skill, talent or hobby with your Girl Scout, troop, or service unit.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14 **Join.** Register as a troop committee member.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15 **Study.** Take a council-sponsored training course to aid your Girl Scout or the troop/group with a weekly program.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16 **Organize.** At least once, assist with paper work or record keeping.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17 **Plan.** Assist at two or more troop meetings.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18 **Earn.** Help your Girl Scout or the troop/group with money-earning activities.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19 **Give.** Contribute to the council's annual giving campaign. <https://gsoh.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Family-Partnership.pdf>
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20 **Shop.** Visit a council resource store to see all the opportunities for girls.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21 **Support.** Care for the leader's children during a training or troop function.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22 **Attend.** Register for a council program with your Girl Scout.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23 **Create.** \_\_\_\_\_

Family member's initial's when complete \_\_\_\_\_



## Families of the Heartland—Patch Order Form

Please complete to order patches and return to:  
Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland Council, Inc. Attn: Resource Store  
1700 WaterMark Drive, Columbus, OH 43215-1097

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Troop # \_\_\_\_\_  Individual \_\_\_\_\_ Grade level K-1 2-3 4-5 6-8 9-10 11-12

# of 1st Year Patches \_\_\_\_\_ X \$1.99 = \_\_\_\_\_

# of Continuing Year Segments \_\_\_\_\_ X \$1.25 = \_\_\_\_\_

Window Cling \_\_\_\_\_ X \$3.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping & Handling = \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** = \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping & Handling	
Up to \$25.00	\$4.95
\$25.01-\$50.00	\$6.95
\$50.01-\$75.00	\$8.95
\$75.01-\$100.00	\$10.95

METHOD OF PAYMENT  Check  VISA  MasterCard  Discover  American Express

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name on credit card \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address \_\_\_\_\_