



Cadette Girl Scout Way Badge

Pillar: Life Skills

Outcomes: Learn about Girl Scout traditions and share activities and spirit that are a century strong.



Cadettes will follow these steps to earn their badge:

1. Lead a group in song. (Connect)
 - a. Host a social distanced or Zoom sing-along with younger Girl Scouts. Since there were no usual day camps this year, it would be fun to sing/teach some of the camp songs you love to a younger troop!
 - b. Create a video where you teach a couple of camp songs. Include a song sheet of lyrics to go with the video. Share it with a younger troop.
2. Celebrate Girl Scout Week. (Discover, Connect)
 - a. Make a schedule of fun activities you will do each day of Girl Scout Week. Create a fun Spirit Week and share it with your troop and Service Unit. See how many girls want to participate with you! Have girls and families post photos with a Girl Scout themed hashtag that you create!
 - b. Here is a GSUSA blog post about Girl Scout Week and some of the daily themes we have used. Use this as inspiration then get creative! <https://blog.girlscouts.org/2017/02/lets-celebrate-girl-scout-week-like-girl.html>
3. Share Sisterhood through the Girl Scout Law. (Connect)
 - a. Analyze the Girl Scout Law. What are the parts that are easy to follow? Why do these parts come easily to you? Who influences you and helps you live these parts? What are the parts that are more challenging to follow? How could you do better? Who could you lean on or work with? Share your analysis with your Girl Scout sisters or close group of friends. Vow to support and help each other.
 - b. Create a collage for your room. Include words from the Girl Scout Law, definitions of the words, pictures, or symbols to represent the words, and or meaningful quotes that speak to the parts of the law. You might mix in pictures of you with your family and friends that support your ideas about how you live the law. You can decorate a closet door, wall in your room, bulletin board, a canvas or poster board. Here is an idea to inspire you: <http://cusd20.blogspot.com/2017/08/our-school-year-begins.html?spref=pi>
4. Leave a camp better than you found it. (Take Action)
 1. Earn your Woodworking Badge and build a bench for one of our camp properties! Tongawood and Prairie Schooner can always use benches on their properties! Follow these directions: <https://www.construct101.com/leopold-bench-plans/> and let us know you are ready to donate by emailing us at troopexperience@gksmo.org.
 2. Reserve a day use spot at Tongawood or Prairie Schooner here: <http://outdoor.gksmo.org/camping-properties.html> Take an afternoon hike at one of our camps and pick up trash or clear paths.
 3. If you cannot make it to our Girl Scout Camps, do some work at a local city park or state park! You could even share Leave no Trace principles with others. By teaching others how to Leave no Trace, you will contribute to leaving a camp better than someone found it!



5. Enjoy Girl Scout traditions. (Discover, Connect)

- a. Make S'mores with your troop or family! Try new S'more recipes with Girl Scout cookies or other kinds of chocolate candy. See these recipes for inspiration: <https://www.campingforfoodies.com/campfire-smores-recipes-10-mouth-watering-smore-variations/>
- b. Revisit the Girl Scout Promise. What does it mean to you now that you are older? What responsibilities do you have, defined by the promise, that you did not have before? As a Cadette, how can you take more ownership in and apply the promise in your daily life outside of a Girl Scout meeting? As an individual or in your troop, discuss this and draw conclusions and create action items. Create a slide show that outlines the Girl Scout Promise in the life of a Cadette Girl Scout. Share it with other Cadettes and get more ideas and insights! Then present it to Junior Girl Scouts who will be looking to bridge to Cadettes this year!
- c. Revisit the Friendship Circle! How long has it been since you have done it? Can you and some Girl Scout Sisters create a virtual version and share it with troops that have virtual meetings?
- d. Plan and do a Rededication Ceremony, Investiture or Scout's Own. Visit: <https://useresourceswisely.com/2016/08/20/rededication-ceremony-for-cadettes-seniors-and-ambassadors/> or see the Troop Leader Resources October for Juniors and Up page.

When you're finished: Congratulations, you have earned your badge! You can purchase at <https://www.girlscoutshop.com/CADETTE-GIRL-SCOUT-WAY-BADGE>. You can also purchase your Girl Scout Virtual main patch and bars at <https://www.girlscoutshop.com/GSKSMO-Virtual-All-Patch> or just the main patch / bar individually at <https://www.girlscoutshop.com/NE-KANSAS-and-NW-MISSOURI-COUNCIL>.

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