



## Twig and Tree Family Engagement Patch

Twig and Tree is a patch program designed to both encourage parents/caregivers or other appropriate adults to get involved with their Girl Scout's troop AND to introduce girls to the occupations, hobbies, interests, and skills of those adults.

***This patch is to be earned as a troop, not as individuals.*** All levels, from Daisies to Ambassadors, are eligible to earn this patch.

To become a Twig and Tree Troop, complete at least six of the listed activities during one Girl Scout year. The final activity is required.

### Twig and Tree Requirements:

1. Ask one or more troop caregivers to present about their occupation.
2. Take a fieldtrip to the workplace of a troop parent. (Alternative: arrange for a virtual tour.)
3. Plan and carry out a troop family outing. This could be a picnic, a campout, or other activity.
4. Involve troop caregivers in one troop service project or Take Action project.
5. Arrange for a troop parent or caregiver to share a family tradition with the troop. (Ideas include a special food, their ethnic heritage, a cultural custom, a traditional dance, or faith practice.)
6. Ask a troop caregiver to be a consultant or resource person when earning a badge.
7. Invite a troop parent to teach the troop a life skill. (This could include anything from woodworking to sewing, bike repair or managing a bank account.)
8. Have caregivers participate in and help with a troop outdoor activity (A hike, campout, cook-out, or Day Camp program.)
9. Include caregivers as you plan and carry out a troop ceremony or celebration.
10. Encourage a troop caregiver, other than the leader, to serve in another area of Girl Scouting and share information on their role with the troop. (Council Board Member, Service Unit Team Member, Day Camp planning team member, SU or Council event coordinator, Council Trainer, etc.)
11. Create a special Twig and Tree project of your own.
12. **\*\*REQUIRED ACTIVITY:** Share the parent/caregiver and family activities that you complete with our Girl Scout council community by emailing a few photos and a description of your activity to [prdept@gsksmo.org](mailto:prdept@gsksmo.org) or by posting on your SU or GSKSMO Council and/or GSKSMO Program Age Level Facebook page.

**When you're finished:** Congratulations, your troop has earned the Twig and Tree patch! You can purchase for \$3.00 each by emailing [shopdept@gsksmo.org](mailto:shopdept@gsksmo.org)

