



## Beauty of Sign Language™ Patch Program

Thank you to Sandy Krise and Teri Serpe from Beauty of Sign Language™ for creating this patch program.

This patch program is available for all ages. Daisies and Brownies must complete four activities, Juniors must complete six activities, and Girls 11-17 must complete eight activities. The activities marked with a star are required.

### **\*\*1. On My Honor**

Learn to sign the Girl Scout Promise. Use the signed Promise at the beginning of one of your troop meetings. How does it feel? How is it different from spoken English?

### **2. Read All About it**

Check out and read or review a book or videotape about Deaf Culture or American Sign Language. Share what you learn with a friend, family member, or fellow Girl Scout. Explain what this meant to you. What touched you? How did you feel after reading it?

### **3. Communicate with a Communicator**

Talk to sign language interpreter at your church, school, or local Center on Deafness. Prepare your questions ahead of time. Discuss what is required to be an interpreter. Find out why the interpreter chose this career. Does he/she have any deaf or hearing impaired people in his/her family? How much money does he/she earn? Is it hard to learn? Do you want to pursue it as a career?

### **4. Singing With Your Hands**

Learn to sign the numbers 1 through 10. Using those numbers, learn a children's song in American Sign Language, such as "Ten Little Monkeys." Teach your fellow Girl Scouts what you learn.

### **5. Eating in Silence**

Have a silent luncheon where no one is permitted to speak. Communicate using only American Sign Language, miming, pantomiming, or writing. How difficult is it for you to get your point across? What would you do if you could not hear? If you could not speak? How would you communicate your needs? Discuss your experience after the luncheon.

### **\*\*6. The ABC's of ASL**

**Daisies and Brownies:** Learn to sign your name in American Sign Language.

**Juniors and Girls 11-17:** Learn to sign the alphabet in American Sign Language. Practice spelling your full name and those of your troop and family members. How does it feel to sign your name? How does it feel to be able to communicate any idea to a deaf or hearing impaired person because you know the alphabet?

### **7. Family History**

Learn to sign the titles of your family members (mother, father, sister, brother, aunt, uncle, etc.). Write a short story about your family members and sign it to another person. How long have your parents been married? How many brothers and sisters do you have? Are they older or younger than you? Are your grandparents still living? What state do they live in?

### **8. Let's Play**

Create a game using the sign language you have learned. What's the object of the game? Who can play? How many people does the game require? How is a winner chosen? Is it a board game or a card game? How would you explain your game to a deaf or hearing impaired person?

### **9. Exploration**

Find out several reasons why people chose to learn American Sign Language. Are they deaf? Do they have a deaf or hearing impaired family member? What other reasons are there for learning to sign?

Why are you interested in sign language? What do you hope to do with sign language? Who would you help if you could communicate in American Sign Language? What would you gain if you learned to sign?

### **10. Technology**

Explore different types of technology that allow people with hearing impairments to function in a hearing society. What are common examples?

### **11. Career Exploration (Girls 11-17 Required Activity)**

Explore career options that use American Sign Language. What kind of education and/or special certification is required? What local colleges offer courses in American Sign Language? Do they also offer a degree program or job placement assistance?

### **12. Hearing Impairments in Girl Scouting (Girls 11-17 Required Activity)**

How would being hearing impaired impact the Girl Scout experience? As you prepare to take on leadership roles in Girl Scouts, how can you adapt to include a girl who has a hearing impairment? Review Focus on Ability pages 60-67.

Workshops on this patch program are available from Beauty of Sign Language™ for only \$10 per girl. Please contact Teri Serpe at (719) 593-8779 to schedule your event.

Patches for this program are available at the Colorado Springs Council Shop for \$1.60 plus \$.37 postage or by calling (719) 597-8603, ext 72.