

Troop Excellence Patch activities are based on the 10 Essential Elements – what Girl Scouting is all about! **The activities listed below are just ideas!** You're welcome to substitute any of them with another activity that accomplishes the goal. Get creative!

- 1. Welcome families to Girl Scouts**
 - Host a family meeting or picnic and tell parents how they can get involved in the troop.
- 2. Show girls they belong to a big sisterhood**
 - Participate in a World Thinking Day activity or earn the World Thinking Day award. Learn more at: www.girlscouts.org/who_we_are/global/world_thinking_day/
 - Become a mentor/sister troop to a new or younger troop.
- 3. Guide girls to develop as leaders**
 - Have each girl lead at least one group activity, with adult support as needed.
 - Every girl registers for the Girl Scout Voices survey at www.girlscoutvoices.org/
- 4. Empower girls to take action in their communities**
 - Do a Take Action project. Tip: Each Journey helps girls choose and plan a project! Submit your project at forgirls.girlscouts.org/map-it-girls-changing-the-world/
- 5. Support girls to build skills through badges**
 - Earn at least one legacy badge and one financial literacy or cookie business badge.
Daisy troops: earn at least one petal and one financial literacy leaf.
- 6. Expand girls' view of the world**
 - Plan a girl-led field trip or camping trip - or invite a speaker to a meeting.
- 7. Celebrate with ceremonies and traditions**
 - Plan a girl-led ceremony such as an investiture, bridging, or pinning ceremony.
 - Celebrate any special Girl Scout day such as the Girl Scout Birthday on March 12th
- 8. Use a girl-friendly approach**
 - Have all troop volunteers watch the video on How to Have Fun with Purpose with Girls.
www.youtube.com/watch?v=qnStDyngIng
- 9. Encourage girls to earn and learn through the Girl Scout Cookie Program**
 - Teach the 5 Skills for Girls by earning the Cookie Activity Pin as a group.
www.girlscouts.org/program/gs_cookies/pdf/2012_cookie_activity_pin.pdf
- 10. Inspire girls to continue growing through Girl Scouts**
 - Do an activity with another group of girls who are older than the girls in your group.
 - For Junior and older: Start planning an "extended" trip of 3 nights or longer.

When you complete all 10, go to www.girlscoutsofcolorado.org/troop-excellence and submit the online form. We'll send you a free Troop Excellence Patch for each girl!