

Girl Scouts of Nassau County Patch Program

FLIGHT TO LEADERSHIP

The fourth generation of monarch butterflies does a very special thing to keep their species alive. It migrates from the Northern USA and Canada all the way to Mexico! If such a small insect has the perseverance to do that, you should be able to take on earning the High Awards in Girl Scouting- Bronze, Silver and Gold!

Juliette Low pinned her first girl achieving the Highest Award in Girl Scouts at that time, the Golden Eaglet of Merit, in the year 1916. To earn this patch, you will need to complete the activities from each of the sections below.

What is Leadership?

What does leadership mean to you? Are you born with it or can it be learned? Guess what? As a Girl Scout you have been learning to become a leader since the beginning.

The Girl Scout Law is the foundation:

I will do my best to be
honest and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring,
courageous and strong,
and responsible for what I say and do,
and to
respect myself and others,
respect authority,
use resources wisely,
make the world a better place,
and be a sister to every Girl Scout.

These qualities build a strong leader.

Leadership Qualities

- Make a list of the leadership qualities that you see in yourself and share it with your Troop Leader/parent.



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Patch Program (continued)

Who is a Leader?

Leaders are people who inspire others to bring about change or get something accomplished. Who are the leaders in your community? Some may be easy to spot. Local politicians, captains of sport teams, religious leaders, president of the student council, officers of school clubs, or the drum major in the marching band are good examples, but you don't need a title to be a leader! Many of you possess leadership qualities; it is your decision how you will put these qualities to use.

Take the Lead

- Take the lead and plan a family fun night or a troop activity. What will you do? What snacks will you have.

Roles of a Leader

Leaders often take on various roles.

The roles they assume change with time and circumstances and the people with whom they work, so, during a project, the leader may take on many different roles.

Here is a list of some of the roles a leader might take:

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| ● Director | ● Mediator |
| ● Problem-solver | ● Motivator |
| ● Facilitator | ● Guide |
| ● Confronter | ● Producer |
| ● Initiator | ● Timekeeper |
| ● Coach | ● Networker |
| ● Clarifier | ● Peacemaker |
| ● Manager | ● Explorer |
| ● Listener | ● Nurturer |
| ● Delegator | ● Dreamer |

Practice Makes Perfect

- Talk about some of the roles you had to use during a time in which you took the lead. Discuss with your Girl Scout Troop/family.

Creativity

- Being creative is a way to explore new things. Even if you are not an artist, learning something new has a way of inspiring you. As a leader hoping to inspire others, don't you think you would need inspiration in your life?

A leader is well rounded and always willing to learn something new, so choose one of the activities below and get inspired!

Get Creative

Activities (*choose one*):

- Milk Jug Butterfly project: directions can be found at www.gsnc.org
- Earn a Girl Scout Legacy Artist badge (found in The Girls' Guide to Girl Scouting Handbook) or choose a badge where you learn something new.
- Make a sculpture out of recycled material. Change an old piece of clothing into something new.

Cost: \$1.00 per patch.

