



# Flag Fun

A Council Patch



This patch program has been designed to help girls increase their knowledge and understanding of flag protocol and customs. It should also help them put into words what a flag can stand for or symbolize.

## To earn the Flag Fun patch:

- Girl Scout Daisy: complete the starred (\*) items
- Girl Scout Brownie: complete the starred (\*) items and one other activity.
- Girl Scout Junior: complete the starred (\*) items, #5, and one other activity.
- Girl Scout Cadette, Senior & Ambassador: complete the starred (\*) items, #5, and two other activities.

## Requirements:

- \* 1. Learn and carry out at least two different flag ceremonies, one for indoors and one for the out-of-doors.
- \* 2. Learn the correct method of folding the American Flag.
- 3. Learn proper respect for and ways to display the American Flag. Learn proper retirement of a Flag that has served its people well. (If you ever see a Flag being improperly displayed, notify the person(s) in a caring and informative manner.)
- 4. Find out about the history of the American Flag, including what the stars and stripes symbolize and why the colors red, white, and blue were chosen. Why is June 14 recognized as Flag Day?
- 5. Write a short paragraph, news article or poem expressing your feelings about the American Flag (or any other flag that has meaning for you.) What are some of the thoughts and ideas that are evoked in you by looking at the flag? Share with others in your group, service unit, or community.
- 6. Volunteer your services to perform a flag ceremony for your service unit, school, PTA meeting, or other group in your community. Become a Girl Scouts San Diego official color guard group ready to perform a flag ceremony for the council by calling (619) 298-8391 or (800) 643-4798 and ask to speak to a program specialist for more information.
- 7. Learn to identify the flags of six other countries and explain what each flag stands for or symbolizes.
- \* 8. Design your own flag for an imaginary country, for your troop or just for you. Explain the concepts and colors you selected for your flag and explain what they represent.

While earning the Flag Fun patch, you or your troop might be interested in participating in the Massing of the Colors held in Balboa Park each fall. Four person color guards are invited to this annual event which honors those who have served our country.

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