

Hearts of Service Program

Service to the community has always been a part of Girl Scouting. The intent of the Hearts of Service program is to recognize and track service hours that girls perform as Girl Scouts. This is an optional program and can be completed as an individual or as a troop.

Program Guidelines

Girl Scouts at all grade levels perform community service hours. Girls individually track their hours and individually earn their Hearts of Service awards. Only service hours performed while representing Girl Scouts can be counted toward the Hearts of Service program.

Required Hours

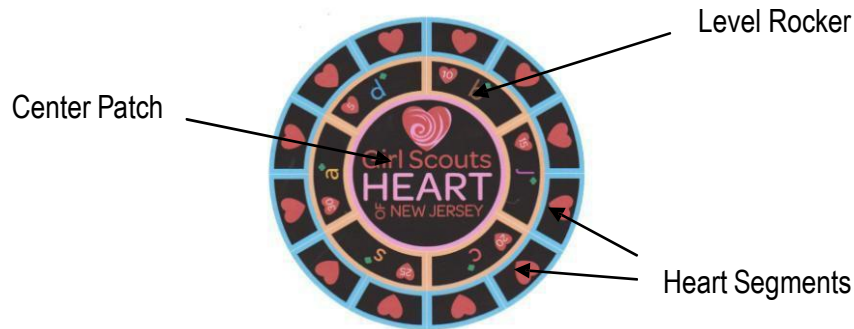
Girl Scout Level	Hours of Service
Daisy	5
Brownie	10
Junior	15
Cadette	20
Senior	25
Ambassador	30

Awards Earned

Center Patch – purchased the first year a girl begins the program (No hours or paperwork are required to purchase this patch.)

Level Rocker – purchased after completing the hours of service required which correspond to the Girl Scout Level (see chart to the left.)

Heart Segment– purchased for each additional 5 hours of community service. (e.g., if a Brownie completes 15 hours of community service, she has earned the level rocker plus one heart segment.)



Additional Information

- ♥ Hearts of Service hours may not be used toward the Bronze, Silver, or Gold Awards.
- ♥ The center patch, level rockers, and heart segments are to be worn on the back of the girl's tunic, sash or vest, and should be moved up to her new uniform as she bridges to the next level.**
- ♥ During subsequent years of the same Girl Scout level, heart segments continue to be earned and should be worn above the level rocker.
- ♥ Should a girl not complete the required hours of service within a level, a blank rocker will be available for purchase so the circle around the center patch can remain whole.
- ♥ Service performed as part of another organization's requirements may not count toward Hearts of Service. For example: If a girl is required to perform hours of service as part of her religious instruction, it may not count toward her Hearts of Service hours as she represented another organization when the service was performed.
- ♥ No one representing Girl Scouting may collect money for another organization, as cited in the Blue Book of Basic Documents for Girl Scouting.

****Note:** The patches listed above interlock like a puzzle from Daisy through Ambassador. If you choose not to transfer the patches from one uniform level to the next, you may bring your tunic, sash, or vest to one of the Council shops and repurchase what has been earned.

How to Manage the Hearts of Service Program

1. Leaders, parents or girls keep track of all service performed by the girls. You may use the Community Service Record form on the next page or a method of your own devising for tracking service hours as they are performed.
2. Do **not** stop recording service hours after a girl earns the required amount of hours for her level. Her record should reflect **all** of her service time throughout the Girl Scout year so she can continue earning heart segments.
3. When the required service hours for all level rocker/heart segments are earned in the membership year, go to the link below and complete the online form.
4. After submitting the online form, an auto-generated email is sent to the girl and the leader/parent. The email recaps the information that was submitted on the form and has signature lines at the bottom.
5. To purchase the patches, print out the email and have the girl and the leader or parent sign at the bottom. Take the signed copy of the email to any GSHNJ council shop to purchase the recognitions.

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