



Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

Inchworm of Service

A patch program for girls of all age levels

The giving of service is an integral part of the Girl Scout experience and an important part of the Girl Scout Promise. Service means giving time and energy to an individual or a group of individuals without expecting any reward. It is an opportunity to make the world a better place by creating a difference in the lives of others and having a positive impact on our community, local or global. The *Inchworm of Service* is a tool for encouraging girls to help others when help is needed and to provide service throughout their Girl Scouting experience.

How to earn a patch:

Service may be done as a troop/group or as an individual. We suggest starting a new set of Inchworm patches at each program level that the girl uniform changes. (The first patch earned is the head of the worm.)

Service hours must meet the following criteria:

1. Service is to be provided when and where it is needed.
2. Service at home should be on a very special project with no payment or allowance.
3. Service at school may be counted as long as it is not also being used to fulfill a class assignment or requirement for graduation. Ask a teacher or school administrator for suggestions.

The following may not be counted as service hours:

1. Regular household chores for which a girl receives an allowance.
2. Participation in Girl Scout Product Sales.
3. Attendance at troop meetings or events.

Because service hours may be counted toward many Girl Scout recognitions, (i.e., Try-Its, Badges, Interest Projects) girls will have to make a choice where they would like to apply service hours. Hours may not be applied toward more than one award. For example, hours completed as part of a Take Action Project connected to a Leadership Journey or the Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award should not also be applied toward the *Inchworm of Service* patch.

How to record hours:

1. Record service hours by the inch using the *Inchworm of Service* diagram. (1 hour=1 inch or segment)
2. Each inch or segment is divided into four parts or 15 minute sections.
3. To be eligible to wear the *Inchworm of Service* Patch girls must earn the following:

- Girl Scouts Daisy 5 hours = 5 segments inches per patch
- Girl Scout Brownie 15 hours = 15 segments to inches per patch
- Girl Scout Junior 25 hours = 25 segments or inches per patch
- Girl Scout Cadette 40 hours = 40 segments or inches per patch
- Girl Scout Senior 40 hours = 40 segments or inches per patch
- Girl Scout Ambassador 40 hours = 40 segments or inches per patch

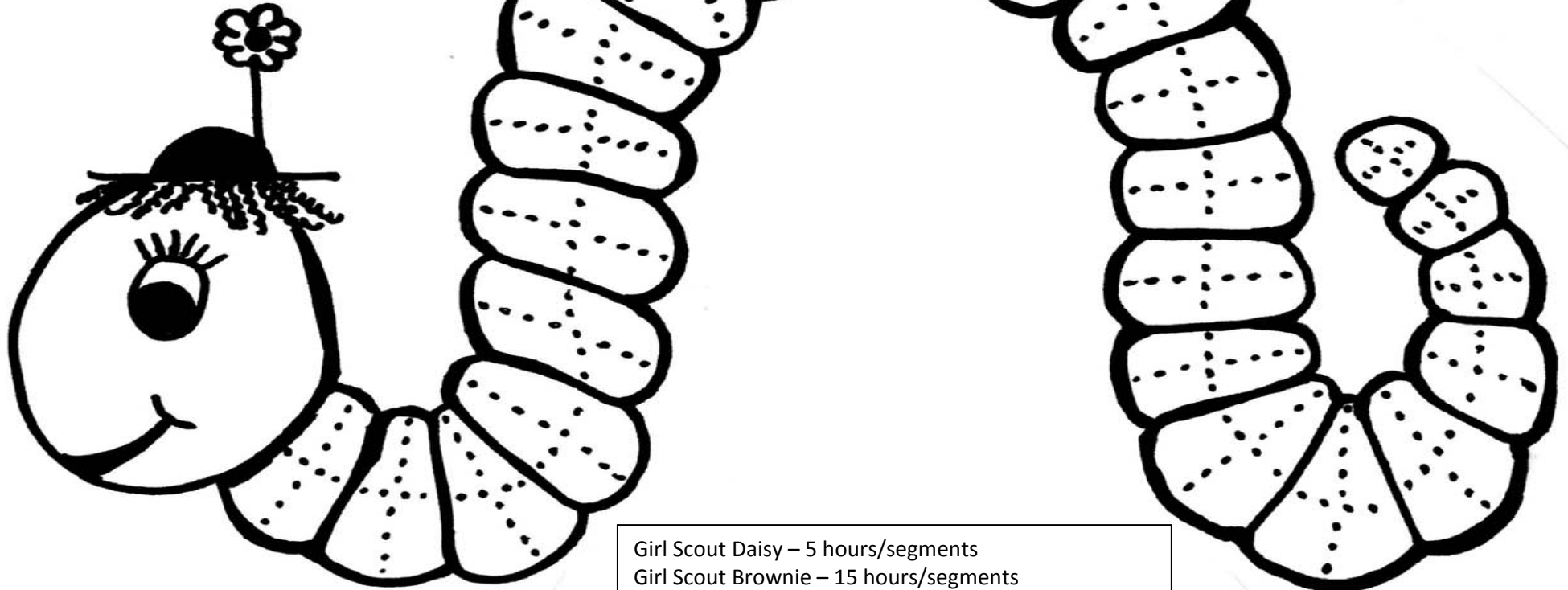


Contact the Girl Scout Council Headquarters at 949-461-8800 if you have any questions.



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