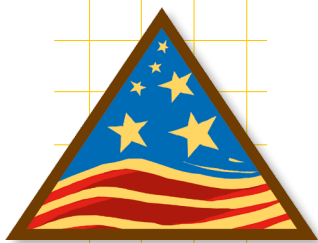


Exploring Civic Engagement with Your **Brownie** Girl Scout

A Guide for Parents and Caregivers



Celebrating
Community badge

As a Brownie, your daughter can earn the Celebrating Community badge on her own or with her troop. In the process, she'll learn about what a community is and how her community celebrates the things that make it special. But beyond that, she'll understand what it means to be a part of something bigger than herself.

Count Up Her Communities

The first step in helping your girl identify which communities she belongs to is to help her grasp what a community is in the first place. Try explaining it like this: "A community is a group of people who are joined together by something they share in common—whether it's where they live, a common interest or activity, or something they all believe."

Then, starting with your neighborhood community first, and her Girl Scout community second, list all the different communities you two can think of that she belongs to. It's only natural that she may ask about communities besides her own—so encourage her curiosity and help her learn about what makes all the communities around her shine. There are so many to explore!

BADGE SPOTLIGHT!

Help Her Be a Landmark Detective

One badge requirement is to follow a landmark trail, tour a landmark that honors the past, or make a landmark map of her community.

Whichever one she chooses will be even more fun, memorable, and meaningful with you by her side. Did you visit those same landmarks when you were younger? Which landmarks—near or far from where you live—have special significance for you?

Share these stories with your daughter, and go along with her, if possible, as she starts to explore her community. You might even learn a thing or two along the way!

DID YOU KNOW?

People who have a strong sense of belonging are more motivated, have improved resilience, and are healthier and happier overall!



SHE'S EARNED IT!

Purchase your daughter's Celebrating Community badge, then add it to her vest or sash so she can wear it with pride.