Ready to earn your G.I.R.L. patch?

Use this fun activity to unleash the power of G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)™ in every girl in your troop.

We are G.I.R.L.s

Being a G.I.R.L. is no easy feat, but Girl Scouts SHINE at it every single day—it's in our DNA!

Through our everyday actions, we show the world that taking the lead isn't about where you come from or what you have, but about who you are (Girl Scouts have character!) and what you do (Girl Scouts take action!). Every day we practice leadership with grit like a go-getter, problem solve like an innovator, embrace new challenges like a risk-taker, and show empathy like a leader.

And what better way to lead like a Girl Scout than to celebrate the G.I.R.L. in one another—as you earn an awesome G.I.R.L. patch that goes on the back of your Girl Scout vest, adding to your already impressive collection?

THE ACTIVITY: G.I.R.L.s in Action

At your next troop meeting, go around the room and have each troop member share what being a G.I.R.L. means to her. Then, ask each girl to share a time she felt another troop member behaved like a go-getter, an innovator, a risk-taker, and/or a leader, and why.

And if you're an individually registered Girl Scout (or solo Girl Scout), have your family join in on the fun instead! Tell your parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, and uncles—and everyone in between—what it means to be a G.I.R.L. Then ask them to call out every time they notice those awesome behaviors in you. We bet it will even inspire them to start noticing the G.I.R.L. in one another—nice!

To get started, check out some examples of how a girl might exhibit the qualities of a G.I.R.L. at <u>girlscouts.org/GIRLsInAction</u>. Remember, there are lots of ways to unleash your inner G.I.R.L., so don't feel limited by the examples!

DON'T STOP HERE! Recognize the G.I.R.L. in yourself and your fellow Girl Scouts all year long by taking a few minutes during each troop meeting to ask if anyone has a G.I.R.L. moment they'd like to share, whether it's about them, another girl, or even a parent, volunteer, or friend.

SHARE YOUR G.I.R.L.-IN-ACTION MOMENTS! Show the world what the power of G.I.R.L. looks like. Each time you recognize a fellow Girl Scout taking action like a go-getter, innovator, risk-taker, and/or leader, share the story on social media using the hashtag #LikeAGirlScout—and be sure to include the specific behavior that got you thinking "go-getter," "innovator," etc.

EXAMPLE: Today I recognized Susie as a leader for stepping in as a Cadette program aide to teach new songs at our troop meeting, when the aide previously lined up had a last-minute emergency and couldn't make it. Thanks. Susie! #LikeAGirlScout

