

## "Troop Terrific" Patch Program

**For:** All troops/groups of Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts

**Name of Patch:** Troop Terrific

**Definition/Purpose:** To recognize girls and troops/groups for their Girl Scout pride and assist volunteers and girls in planning a balanced troop year by incorporating:

- The three keys: Discover/Connect/Take Action
- The three processes: Girl Led, Cooperative Learning, Learning by Doing
- Interaction with troops across the footprint of Girl Scouts Eastern Massachusetts
- Community Service
- Service Unit Participation
- Council Program Participation
- Volunteer Team and Volunteer Training



This patch program is based on troop participation, rather than individual girl achievement. If the troop completes the activities, individual girls are not excluded from earning the patch because they missed one or some of the activities.

**Requirements:** Troops accumulate points by completing activities below. A troop, community, council or service unit activity or event counts toward **only one** requirement. There is a total of 510 points available with 195 points, marked with an asterisk, being mandatory.

Daisy Troops – Must accumulate at least 250 points

All other levels – Must accumulate at least 350 points

All activities must be completed within the troop year, October 1 through June 30. Volunteer training can be counted every year.

**Date Due:** Applications must be approved by the Service Unit Coordinator or designee no later than July 30.

**Patch:** Available for purchase at all Council shops once application has been approved by Service Unit Coordinator. The approved application must be submitted to the shop. First time participants purchase the patch. Subsequent year participants purchase rocker bars.

**Questions:** Contact the Service Unit Coordinator or Membership or Diversity Specialist

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Troop Number \_\_\_\_\_ Service Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Level    D   B   J   C   S   A                      Number of Girls in the Troop \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Starred items are Mandatory**

Earned Points	Possible Points	<b>Troop Membership Requirements (mandatory 30 points)</b>
	15	**The troop registered on time, by October 30. **For troops who begin later in the year: The girls were registered by the first regular troop meeting (not including the parent/girl informational meeting)
	15	**Per Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts guidelines two (2) unrelated adults are registered with the troop 1. 2.
	5	The troop received Early Bird recognition.
	20	The troop re-registered 90% of the girls in our troop from last year
	10	We increased our membership by adding 2 or more NEW members (not including bridging or transferring girls)
	10	The troop is of the recommended troop size per Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts and Safety Activity Checkpoint guidelines (at least 5 girls).
	5	We have at least 1 volunteer who is a Dad/male volunteer.
	10	We registered _____ additional adults above the required 2 adults.

Earned Points	Possible Points	<b>Volunteer Team Requirements (mandatory 50 points)</b>
	20	**At least 1 troop volunteer on the team has: 1. Completed the first 3 steps of training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GSUSA Online orientation</li> <li>• Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts Orientation</li> <li>• Leadership Essentials</li> <li>• Level Workshop</li> </ul> 2. Submitted a CORI form 3. Signed a Volunteer Agreement Form
	15	**A troop volunteer has attended at least 50% of the Service Unit meetings to include Cookie Training. Total Number of Service Unit Meetings: _____  Number of Service Unit Meetings attended this year: _____
	15	**The troop has a bank account with 2 registered volunteers as authorized signers. The Troop Financial Report was submitted by June 15 to the Service Unit Coordinator or designee.

	15	At least 1 member of the volunteer team has current CPR/First Aid qualifications. Volunteer name(s):
	20	Volunteers had at least two (2) meetings with parents during the year.
	15	The troop has at least 1 volunteer trained in Troop Camping Skills. Volunteer name(s):

Earned Points	Possible Points	<b>Girl and Troop Requirements (mandatory 115 points)</b>
	10	**The troop distributed information about the S.H.A.R.E. Family Partnership Campaign.
	10	**The troop participated in Girl Scout Cookie sale. The girls in the troop set a troop goal and each girl sold an average of at least 15 boxes. The girls created a plan for their profits and the cookie bill was paid on time.
	15	**The troop planned and completed a quality community service project. Details:
	20	**Girls in the troop planned and held at least 2 of the following ceremonies: _____ Investiture/Rededication _____ Bridging _____ Court of Awards _____ Girl Scout's Own _____ Flag Ceremony
	20	**Give an example of a troop activity that was girl led:
	20	**Give an example of a troop activity that was cooperative learning among the girls:
	20	**Give an example of a troop activity where the girls were learning by doing:
	10	The troop participated in the Cookies for A Cause program and the organization we gave cookies to was:
	10	The troop participated in the fall product sale.
	5	The troop has a Group Agreement signed by all girls.
	10	The troop has visited one of the council's properties (date & location)
	10	The troop attended a council sponsored event (Event & date)

	10	The troop attended a service unit sponsored event (Event & date)
	5	After attending the council or service sponsored unit event, the girls who attended completed and submitted the Purple Evaluation form to the council.
	10	Two (2) troop meetings had an outdoor theme (hiking, camping, ecology, etc.) 1. 2.
	10	During this program year, the troop earned 4 Petals, 3 Try-Its, 2 Badges, 1 Interest Project award, or completed one Girl Scout Journey. Please list:
	10	The troop participated in a bridging ceremony and/or helped a younger troop earn their bridging requirements. Details:
	10	The troop planned and held a troop event to include all family members. Details:
	5 points for each one  (total of 25 points for all)	The girls learned about and helped plan an activity for: (please give details) Juliette Low's Birthday (October 31)  Thinking Day (February)  Girl Scout Birthday (March 12)  WAGGGS / Learned about the World Centers  Juliette Low Friendship Fund and sent contribution to Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts Service Center
	15	The troop is governed democratically with girl input. What type of system does the troop use?  Daisy Circle _____ Brownie Ring _____ Patrol System _____ Town Meeting _____ Executive Board _____ Other (please explain) _____
	10	The troop is pen pals with Troop # _____ in the city of _____
	10	We wore our Girl Scout uniforms when we went on a field trip, council event, parade, or community service project to promote Girl Scout visibility.
	5	The troop has sent information and/or pictures to the local media to promote visibility of Girl Scouts in their community.
	5	The troop planned and held a meeting where they invited friends to come and

		check out Girl Scouts.
	10	The troop keeps parents informed through a newsletter or other type of communication. What is it?
	5	The troop participated in a Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts troop choice program (i.e. archery, boating, traveling journey, etc.)
	5	The troop visited the historical museum in Middleboro, North Andover or Waltham. Which one?
	10	The troop participated in their Service Unit's recruitment event.
	5	At least 25% of the troop will attend or work at a day or resident Girl Scout Camp this summer.

**This application is complete and accurate. We submit it now for approval.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Girl Representative(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

**This troop hereby qualifies for the Troop Terrific patch!**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Service Unit Coordinator

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

**SHOP USE ONLY:**

Date application received \_\_\_\_\_

Number of patches sold \_\_\_\_\_

Number of rockers sold \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Shop signature

Once finalized, please return this application to the troop/group's Membership Specialist or Diversity Specialist. Thank you.