

## Brownie Uniform Tips

All Girl Scouts are considered to be "in uniform" if they are wearing their Girl Scout pin, which they will receive at their first official troop ceremony. Wearing official uniform apparel is a personal option.

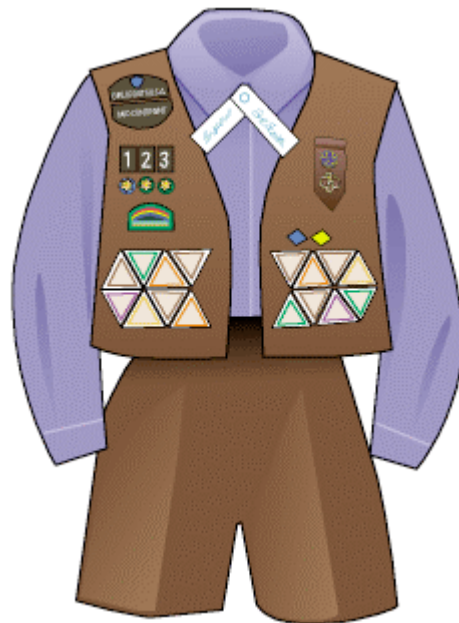
Many girls choose to wear a vest or a sash to display their insignia, awards and patches. There are specific guidelines for placement of all of these items on the vest or sash. Please refer to the guide below to help you when attaching your insignia.

### Attaching Patches

The most foolproof method of attaching patches to the vest or sash is to sew them. This can be done on a sewing machine or by hand. Thread color should match the border of the patch - using embroidery floss is a good way to easily match colors. Invisible thread is another great way!! As the year progresses we may teach the girls to hand-sew the patches on themselves.

Various fabric glues and iron-on webbings are sold for the purpose of attaching patches to fabric. However, these have been found to be unreliable through clothes washing, and are not recommended.

Please take care to attach the patches and pins neatly and straight, and in the correct position. This will allow the girls to proudly display their awards.



## Official Insignia, Pins, Awards and Patches

**1. Council Identification Patches:** Two patches that together identify you as a member of the Girl Scouts - USA and GSCNC; Purchase Peebles or the mini-shop in Centreville.

*Placement:* On the right side of vest or sash, about 1½" below the shoulder seam

**2. Troop Numbers:** Three individual number patches ("8", "0", and "3") which identify you as a member of Troop 803; Purchase at Peebles or the mini-shop in Centreville.

*Placement:* in a horizontal row, touching each other on the sides, directly under the Council Identification patches on the right front side of vest or sash

**3. Membership Star Pin and Disc:** A gold star pin with a colored plastic disc behind it; is awarded to each girl at the end of one full year of membership in Girl Scouts

*Placement:* Directly below the troop numbers on the right front of vest or sash

**4. World Trefoil Pin:** gold and blue enamel pin with the figure of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) trefoil.

*Placement:* Pin on left front of vest roughly across from troop numbers (about 3" from shoulder seam); Pin on to left front of shirt if wearing sash or if wearing neither sash or vest; Place directly over Brownie Girl Scout Pin. Can be placed on optional insignia tab, then pinned to shirt or vest.

**5. Brownie Girl Scout Pin:** gold pin with the figure of a Brownie elf dancing inside the GS trefoil; Given to each Brownie to signify membership in Brownie Girl Scouts; Is the only item required for a Brownie to be "in uniform".

*Placement:* Pin on left front of vest roughly across from troop numbers; pin on left front of shirt if wearing a sash or if wearing neither sash or vest; Place directly under World Trefoil Pin; Can be placed on optional insignia tab, then pinned to vest or shirt

**6. Try-It Patches:** triangular shaped patches which signify completion of program requirements

*Placement:* Attach to vest along bottom half of front right side, then front left side when right side is full; attach to sash on bottom half of front; attach with sides touching other Try-Its, forming a solid block of awards

**7. Fun Patches:** variety of patches which commemorate participation in field trips, events and activities throughout the year

*Placement:* attach to the back of sash or vest; do not attach to front of sash or vest

**8. Insignia Tab:** a felt tab with a pin back which can be used to wear Brownie and World Trefoil Pins.

*Placement:* attach to shirt or vest on left front, about 3" from shoulder seam

**Other Items:** There are other items which may be awarded or received depending on individual circumstances or troop preferences. Pictured on these drawings are:

9. Cookie Pin - a gold and colored enamel pin to signify participation in cookie sales.

10. Bridge to Brownies award - awarded to girls who complete requirements for moving from Daisy scouts to Brownies

Please refer to the Brownie handbook, Girl Scout catalog, or other on-line publications for more information on these and other Girl Scouts insignia.