



Girl Scouts 2 Hour Helping Hand Pledge

Dear Troop Leaders,

We are happy to bring back the GSCI 2 hour Helping Hands Pledge Patch Program for the 2nd year in a row. Girl Scouts of Central Illinois does believe that it takes the support and help from the parents of Girl Scouts to ensure the program is beneficial and rewarding to the over 20,000 girls our council serves. The patches will look like 2010-2011 patches with the year changed and a different colored border. We hope to see lots of Girl Scouts with both of them!

This year please take the opportunity to get all the parents and guardians in your troop involved. Ask them to pledge to complete the 2 Hour Helping Hands program!

How's it Work?

- Troop leaders will hand out the Girl Scouts 2 Hour Helping Hand Pledge letter and interest survey to each parent/ guardian
- Parents/Guardians will fill the interest survey out and return to the troop leader
- Troop leaders will then have a "go to" sheet to draw from for help with activities as needed
- Leaders will complete the spreadsheet to be able to keep track of the hours given by each parent/guardian
- When a parent/ guardian has completed the 2 hours the Girl Scout may receive the 2 Hour Helping Hand patch to wear on the back of her sash/vest and the parent/guardian receives a certificate of appreciation. 2 Hour Helping Hand patches may be ordered through the Girl Scouts of Central Illinois office.
- Girl Scouts of Central Illinois leaders may make any changes they wish on the Interest Survey to fit the needs of their troop.

Ways to make it work for your troop:

- Make it a hot topic in your parent meetings
- Make a poster with all the girls' names on it and keep track of the pledges - hang it in your troop meeting
- When calling to ask a parent/guardian to help refer to the pledge they made
- Include in your newsletters the names of parents/guardians who completed the 2 hour pledge
- Accept the help! It makes your duties as a leader easier and helps involve families in the Girl Scout program!