

A Guide to the Pins and Badges of Girl Scout Vests

The Girl Scouts of America has served as an outlet, opportunity and community for adolescents and teenagers since 1912. Girls earn a variety of badges through skill-building activities. These badges, along with other pins and fun patches, adorn a vest that corresponds with the scout's age group. This is an Ambassador vest for girls in the 11th and 12th grades, although it also serves Cadettes and Seniors throughout middle and high school.

American flag patch

The Girl Scouts were founded in Savannah, Georgia by American Juliette Gordon Low.

Council identification

The top ID is the same for every scout in the U.S. The bottom part depends on the region you live in.

Troop crest

There are 16 crests to choose from, each with various meanings.

Troop numerals

Troops are assigned a number ranging from three to five numerals.

Membership stars

Scouts are awarded a star for each year they are a member. The color of the disc corresponds with what age group they are.

Torch awards

To earn this, a girl must complete a leadership journey in Scouts and serve in a leadership position in their community.

Bridge awards

These are earned when a scout bridges from one age level to another.

Badges

Badges are five-step hands-on learning activities that teach scouts skills ranging from financial planning to photography. Each age level has badges dedicated to the following subjects: STEM (coding, robotics, cybersecurity and more), the outdoors, life skills and entrepreneurship.

World Thinking Day

Every year on Feb. 22, Girl Scouts and international Girl Guides come together to celebrate global friendship through activities.

Insignia tab

This tab holds the world trefoil and Girl Scout membership pins.

Gold, Silver, Bronze awards

These are the highest awards in Girl Scouts. To earn them, a scout must provide a respective 80, 50 and 20 hours of service to their community in a self-sustaining project.

Journey Summit awards

These pins are awarded to scouts who complete all three journeys for their age level.

Journey awards

Journeys are long-term projects where scouts learn skills, talk to experts and ultimately make a difference in their community.

Each age level has a journey with the following themes: It's Your World — Change It!; It's Your Planet — Love It! and It's Your Story — Tell It!

There are also journeys in engineering, computer science, outdoor STEM and the outdoors.

Fun patches, earned through various activities, go on the **back** of the vest.

Vests through the years

Cadettes ◆

Sixth to eighth grade

Seniors ■

Ninth to 10th grade



Daisies

Kindergarten to first grade



Brownies

Second to third grade



Juniors

Fourth to fifth grade