

Girl Scouts' Multicultural Community Celebration (GSMCC) Fun patch FAQ

What is the Girl Scouts' Multicultural Community Celebration (GSMCC) Fun patch series?

GSMCC is a fun way celebrate and learn about the customs, values, and traditions of various cultures within the United States during established **heritage months**. Based on a Girl Scout's grade level, they complete a designated number of activities tied to an individual heritage month to unlock access to a national "Fun patch."

Girl Scouts of the USA creates Fun patches so that girls can take part in fun activities that expose them to interesting topics and ways of thinking that may be new to them. Their experiences may spark the desire to earn a particular badge or award or complete a Girl Scout Journey.

Daisy: 3 activities | Brownie: 4 activities | Junior: 6 activities | Cadette: 8 activities | Senior: 10 activities | Ambassador: 12 activities

Which heritage months are included in the Girl Scouts' Multicultural Community Celebration Fun patch series?

This year, Hispanic Heritage Month, Native American Heritage Month, Black History Month, Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, and LGBTQIA Pride Month are included. Future years may feature different and/or additional observances.

How do the heritage month celebrations linked to the Fun patches relate to other similar celebrations hosted by councils?

Girl Scout councils across the country host their own heritage month celebrations. GSMCC is hosted by GSUSA and is separate from any of your council's activities. If your council hosts a heritage month celebration that coincides with one that's part of GSMCC, you can participate in both.

Do I have to be a member of the community a patch represents in order to participate?

No, you do not need to be a member of the community; earning these patches reflects that you took part in GSMCC. The associated activities are for everyone to engage in—to celebrate and learn more about the customs, values, and traditions of various cultures within the United States.

How do I receive the national GSMCC Fun patches?

The patches will be available on girlscoutshop.com and cost \$1.50. Each one is 2" x 1" and is a sew-on printed patch with an embroidered edge made in the USA. The Hispanic Heritage Month GSMCC patch will be available for shipping at the end of August—and Native American Heritage Month, Black History Month, Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, and LGBTQIA Pride Month patches will be available soon.

How long does each celebration last?

Girl Scouts' Multicultural Community Celebrations are one month long and start the first day of the month of the observance, except for Hispanic Heritage Month, which begins September 15.

Hispanic Heritage Month: September 15–October 15, 2021, | Native American Heritage Month: November 2021 | Black History Month: February 2022 | Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month: May 2022 | LGBTQIA Pride Month: June 2022

Who can participate in GSMCC?

Girl Scouts of all ages and their friends and families—everyone! The patches are available to members and non-members who would like to learn about, support, and celebrate the customs, values, and traditions of various cultures within the United States.

Are there social media hashtags we should use to promote these celebrations?

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Yes! For Hispanic Heritage Month, please use #IAmAGirlScout, #yosoyunagirlscout, #HispanicHeritageMonth, and #mesdelahispanidad.

Stay tuned for hashtags to use for the other celebrations.

Do I have to submit a completed activity sheet to show that I've earned these patches?

No, completing the activities required to earn the patches is on your honor.

Where does the patch go?

Patches are worn on the back of a Girl Scout uniform.

What if I'm not able to complete all of the activities required for my grade level?

It is 100% acceptable to modify an activity as you need. What matters is that you're learning more about and celebrating the community represented by the patch you're working toward.

Where can I get the materials needed to complete the patch activities?

Most of the materials can be found at home or at a local store at low cost

Can a non-Girl Scout do the activities to earn a patch?

Yes, both Girl Scouts and their non-member friends and families can complete the activities to earn the associated Fun patch.

Who at GSUSA can I reach out to if I have a question not answered here (for internal CC use only)?

Please email Myrna Duarte, Member Engagement Manager, at mduarte@girlscouts.org.