



Girl Scout Council of Southeast Louisiana
841 S. Clearview Parkway
New Orleans, LA 70121

Our Own Council's Try-It, Badge or Interest Project Patch

Our Own Council's Try-It, Badge and Interest Project Patches give Girl Scouts a chance to explore other subjects not covered by existing Try-Its, Badges and Interest Project Patches. These Try-Its, Badges or Interest Project Patches are unique because they are created by the girls themselves reflecting the troop/girls' interests and giving everyone involved a chance to discover, connect, and take action!

Council approval must be received before any work is done on the requirements developed by the troop/girl(s). Work already completed prior to approval should not be counted toward any requirements of the badge/interest project patch.

For a successful *Our Own Council's* Try-It, Badge or Interest Project Patch, the troop/girl(s) should work on other Girl Scout Try-Its, Badges or Interest Project Patches before attempting *Our Own Council's* Try-It, Badge or Interest Project Patch and should reflect something unique or a resource in your community.

Troops must submit *Our Own Council's* Try-It, Badge or Interest Project Patch Approval Application form and will receive status of approval two weeks after submission. Upon completion of the Try-It, Badge or Interest Project Patch, the troop/girl(s) will have to complete the evaluation and return it to the Program Department or drop off at the Council shop when placing your order for the blank Try-It, Badge or Interest Project patches.

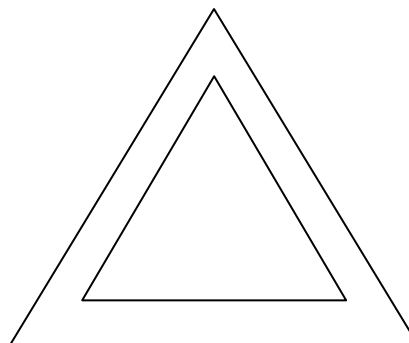


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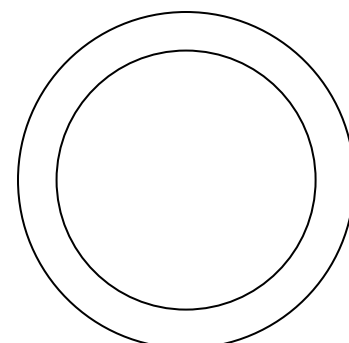
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**OUR OWN COUNCIL'S
 TRY-IT, BADGE, INTEREST
 PROJECT PATCH
 APPLICATION APPROVAL FORM**

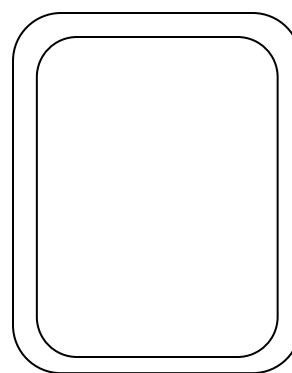
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 Or fax to: (504) 733-8219



Try-It



Badge



IPP

**(Draw your design on
 appropriate patch)**

Service Unit _____

Troop Age level _____

Troop number _____

Name of *Our Own Council's* Try-It, Badge or
 Interest Project Patch

Leader/Consultant/Advisor:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Individual Girl: (for Interest Project)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Start date of Try-It, Badge or Interest Project Patch _____

Completion date of Try-It, Badge or Interest Project Patch _____

Total number of girls' participating _____

Purpose of *Our Own Council's* Try-It, Badge or Interest Project:

PLEASE LIST THE REQUIREMENTS ON A SEPARATE SHEET OR ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM. SEE GUIDELINES.

Our Own Council's Guidelines

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When developing *Our Own Council's* Try-It, Badge or Interest Project Patch (IPP), it requires similar guidelines to those used for any earned Try-It, Badge or IPP. To get started, begin with the following:

1. Check that the subject of the patch is not the same as any of the Try-It, Badges or IPP's already developed.
2. Make sure the topic is following the Girl Scout Promise and Law.
3. Find out if the topic you want to explore can support at least 12 different activities. Only six are necessary, but 12 provides enough activities for girls based on their own talents, abilities and interests.
4. Make sure all the girls in your troop want to participate.

Next, brainstorm about a list of possible activities that will support your topic.

Ask the following:

1. Are the activities safe?
2. Are the activities original? (They should not be repeats.)
3. Can girls throughout the Council participate in the activities? If not, how can they be altered so they can participate?
4. Are there people in the community who can help with the activities?
5. Are the activities fun and interesting to girls throughout the Council?
6. Are there enough options so that everyone's interests and talents can be explored?
7. Are the activities free or easily affordable?
8. Are the activities challenging enough to be interesting?
9. Will there be enough time to complete the activities suggested?
10. Do the activities show respect for all kinds of people?
11. Will girls need to learn or do something new?
12. Is a community service activity included?

Once the answer to every question is "yes," then you are ready to begin!

****Remember that *Our Own Council's* should be broader in scope and opportunities so that all girls in the Council can earn it.**



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Patch order for:
 (Please check one)

Try-It Badge

Interest Project Patch

Number needed: _____

**Our Own Council's Try-It, Badge
 or Interest Project Patch
 Evaluation**

Name of *Our Own Council's* Try-It, Badge or Interest Project Patch

Number of girls who participated _____

Service Unit _____ Troop level _____ Troop number _____

Upon completion of the *Our Own Council's* Try-It, Badge or Interest Project Patch, troop/girl will have to complete the evaluation below and return it to the Program Department or drop it off at the Council shop when placing your order for the blank Badge/Interest Project patches. Only one evaluation is needed per troop for the *Our Own Council's* Try-It, Badge or Interest Project Patch.

How did the girl/troop become interested in this Try-It, Badge or Interest Project Patch?

Describe any interesting experiences associated with this project.

Would you recommend your Try-It, Badge or Interest Project Patch as a national or Council level badge/interest project patch? If so, please explain.

 Signature of Girl Representing Troop or Individual Girl

 Date

 Signature of Leader/Consultant/Advisor

 Date