



“Penny the Pig” Patch Program

“Penny the Pig” is a program where girls become philanthropists, learning what that means and how they play a part in making a big difference at Girl Scouts – Diamonds.

Earn a special “Penny the Pig” patch for the whole troop! Complete the patch steps below and turning your learning into doing by submitting your troop’s donation of \$100 or more with the completed registration form found on page 4.

Thank you for being a donor to Girl Scouts – Diamonds, your troop is demonstrating what it truly means to “be a sister to every Girl Scout” with your support!

Steps & Guidelines

1. The troop should read the “Penny the Pig” story together.

Discuss how the money collected with your own “Penny” piggy bank could help other Girl Scouts. Let the troop decide about how they want their donations used at Girl Scouts – Diamonds; you can use some of the question prompts listed below, or make up your own, and complete any required steps.

After the girl-led discussion on how the troop wants to help their sister Girl Scouts, create a troop goal to reach the desired impact!

2. Create your own “Penny the Pig” bank to begin collecting the troop’s donations. Sample instructions are included but let the troop run wild with design ideas!
3. Once your troop has hit their philanthropy goal of \$100 or more, submit a completed donation form to Girl Scouts – Diamonds to make an immediate impact! Patches are mailed to your troop. Please note that funds cannot be directed to troops or service units for “Penny the Pig” activities.

Discussion Points and Level Requirements

	Discussion Points	Required Patch Activity
Daisy	What is a “nonprofit” or a “charity”? What is the mission of Girl Scout? How does it help others?	Find out what makes an organization a nonprofit/charity.
Brownie	What is a <i>philanthropist</i> ? What are ways that they help girls have great Girl Scout experiences?	Interview a <i>philanthropist</i> about why they chose to invest in that specific nonprofit or cause.
Junior	How do you find out what services a nonprofit offers? What does Girl Scouts – Diamonds provide girls? How do donations help with programs and services?	Research www.girlscoutsdiamonds.org to find out what programs/services are available. While on the website, email a Diamonds staff person to ask how donations help support the work they do.
C/S/A	Who should be able to decide where a donation goes, the donor or the nonprofit? What things should a donor consider before making a donation?	Discover Youth Philanthropy councils or other programs in your area that award dollars to organizations – and find out how to JOIN ONE!



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Step 1: Read the “Penny the Pig” story about what being a philanthropist means to her. After reading it, girls in the troop should discuss the story and ways they may be interested in supporting Girl Scouts. Don’t forget to set a goal for your troop’s philanthropy!

Penny the Pig’s Story

Hello! My name is Penny the Pig. I love being a Girl Scout! I really enjoy learning about the needs that people have and then making plans to help them. I love how my troop and I can make a big difference when we come together and help people in lots of different ways.

One way I love to help is by raising money for Girl Scouts – Diamonds. There is no happier feeling than when my belly is full of coins and bills that are going to help other girls just like me have the same awesome Girl Scout experiences that I’ve had. If more girls joined Girl Scouts, just think of all the cool ways we could all change the world together!

Donating money to Girl Scouts makes me feel really good. Some of the things I help support are our camp properties and equipment (like canoes and archery!), trainings for volunteers (like your troop leader!), and even camperships and membership fees for girls just like you! I believe every girl deserves Girl Scouts and I’m proud to help more girls be a part of our sisterhood.

Here are some ideas of how feeding my belly can help Girl Scouts – Diamonds:

- \$25 helps one more girl join Girl Scouts
- \$75 replaces one archery bow and arrow set
- \$150 trains 10 new leaders of 10 new troops
- \$225 sends one girl to Girl Scout camp this summer

Just talking about it makes me really excited! Are you ready to get started helping other Girl Scouts? Your troop should discuss how you want to make a difference and your goal. Then your troop can create a pig (just like me!) that you can feed together. Every little bit adds up and, in no time, you’ll be amazed at what all you achieved for your sisters in Girl Scouting.

I can’t wait to see how you choose to help and how much you raise!

Yours in Girl Scouting,

Penny

P.S. Having trouble deciding or have some questions? You can *always* email or call the staff at funddevelopment@girlscoutsdiamonds.org or 800-632-6894 and ask to speak to the Fund Development department – they’d LOVE to help you out!



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Step 2: Build your own Penny the Pig!

Use the directions below or get creative with your troop! Daisies and Brownies should work with an adult for cutting, Juniors should cut with adult supervision and C/S/As should cut carefully.

Collect your materials and supplies

Suggested items include empty plastic water/soda bottles, scissors or crafting knife (be careful, Girl Scouts!), tape, glue, cardboard, construction and/or decorative paper, markers, paint, pipe cleaners, beads or any other decorating materials. Remember, this is just a suggestion, feel free to make this however your troop wishes.

Make the coin slot to collect money

To safely collect and store coins and bills, carefully cut a slot into the topside of your bottle – let your troop leaders help, if needed.

Decorate!

Have fun decorating your “Penny the Pig” piggy bank! Don’t forget to take a picture when it’s complete and email it to us at funddevelopment@girlscoutsdiamonds.org





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Step 3: Submit your completed donation form to Girl Scouts – Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas at 11311 Arcade Dr., Little Rock, AR 72212. Patches will be mailed monthly or can be picked up at any regional office.

Thank you for being a sister to every Girl Scout by investing in the Diamonds Council.

Donation Details

Troop # _____ Service Unit Name/# _____

Contact Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

We want our troop donation to support

- Wherever Funds Are Needed Most!
- Membership Financial Aid
- Camperships
- Caring for the Horses
- Camp Properties and Equipment
- Recruitment and Training for New Leaders
- Other (please verify that you are addressing a budgeted need at Girl Scouts – Diamonds)

Our troop raised \$ _____ **for Girl Scouts – Diamonds!** Accept our payment of

- Cash
- Check payable to GSDAOT
- Credit Card

Name on card _____ Billing Zip Code _____

Card # _____ Exp Date _____ CVV _____

I authorize GSDAOT to process my credit card for the above amount.

Signature of Authorized Troop Contact

Date