

Exploring Civic Engagement with Your Daisy Girl Scout

A Guide for Parents and Caregivers

As a Daisy, your daughter can earn the Good Neighbor badge on her own or with her troop. In the process, **she'll learn about all the ways neighbors can work together to help one another.** But beyond that, she'll start to understand that each person—including herself!—has an important role to play in a caring, cooperative community.

Give Your Girl a Hand

Even our littlest leaders can have a big effect on their neighborhoods—but it's a lot easier for them to succeed with extra support from parents and caregivers. Your girl will discover many new and possibly challenging ideas as she earns her Good Neighbor badge, so take the time to explain each activity to her and don't discover if some concepts take her longer to grasp than others.

Adding to her experience with other fun and ageappropriate activities can make earning this badge extra memorable. As she explores her neighborhood and meets the people who keep it running smoothly—like your mail carrier, local firefighters, and others—help her write little thank-you notes, letting them know she appreciates what they do for her town. It'll add some sunshine to everyone's day and teach your girl even more ways to be a good neighbor.

BADGE SPOTLIGHT!

See What Makes Your State Special

To earn this badge, your daughter will need to learn a few things about her state.

And although she probably already knows both the name of her town and that she lives in a country called the United States, she might not quite understand which state she lives in or even what a state is, for that matter!

You can tell her that the country is very big, and so it's divided up into many different parts, kind of like one of her favorite puzzles. Each state is unique, but when you put all the states together, they make up our whole country!

SHE'S EARNED ITS Purchase your daughter's Good

Neighbor badge, then add it to her vest or sash so she can wear it with pride.

Good Neighbor badge

DID YOU KNOW? Most young people think parents and teachers value kids' personal achievements over how caring they are toward others. Yikes!