

Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming American Sign Language (ASL) Patch Program



Sign language is a beautiful way to communicate with others. It can open another world of language to you. You can even use sign language to secretly communicate with your friends at troop meetings!

Requirements:

- Daisies and Brownies must complete five activities including the starred # 1 and # 2 activities.
- Juniors must complete seven activities including the starred # 1, 2, 3, and #4 activities.
- Cadette, Seniors, and Ambassadors complete nine activities including all the starred activities (# 1, 2, 3, 4, 10 and #11).

1. *Learn to sign the Girl Scout Promise, and open your meeting by signing it.
2. *Learn the American Sign Language alphabet. Practice signing everyone's name in your troop including your leaders.
3. *Learn to count to 20 using sign language. Practice with your troop.
4. *Explore career options that use ASL. What kind of education or special certification is required for each career? What schools or colleges in your area offer ASL classes?
5. Invite a deaf or hard-of-hearing girl your age, who uses sign language, to visit your troop. Invite an ASL interpreter, too, if needed. Research good ways to include a deaf or hard-of-hearing girl in your troop. List four ways you could make sure she was included in everything.
6. Learn to sign the titles of your family members (i.e. mother, father, sister, brother, etc.). Practice signing the titles with the names. Share these signs with your family.
7. Eat a troop snack or meal, and communicate only by using sign language. Use the following phrases: "Thank you", "I'm finished", "Please", "More", "I'm full", "I'm hungry", "I can help", and "This is good".
8. Research to find a sign language interpreter in your area. Have them visit your troop to learn what is required to be an interpreter.
9. Invite a deaf or hard-of-hearing adult and an ASL interpreter, if needed, to visit your troop, and come up with questions to ask each of them. Find out how a deaf or hard-of-hearing person must do things differently than people who can hear. What technologies do they use? What jobs do they hold? What jobs do other members of the deaf community hold? Do you know anyone who is deaf, and what is their job? This adult could be a great person to help you learn to sign the Girl Scout Promise!
10. *Write a short poem and sign it to your troop or family members.
11. *Learn to sign a song and sign it to your troop or family.