

Focus On Philanthropy for Girl Scout Brownies and Juniors



Cookie Activity Pin 2008-2009

Can you really make the world a better place with cookies? Of course!

How about making the world better and earning your 2008-09 Cookie Activity pin?

Just put the “G for Generosity” in Girl Scouting and learn what it means to be a philanthropist.

Check out this trail of activities and then get started on improving the world. Even better, join up with your Girl Scout team—girls and adults—and have fun doing it together.

Trail to Thinking and Acting Like a Philanthropist!

Think about what you are thankful for ...

That will help you think about what other people might need . . .

And knowing what other people might need gets you thinking about what your community might need . . .

By doing that, you are thinking about what the values of the Girl Scout Promise and Law might tell you about making things better ...

By looking for acts of generosity around you, you'll probably notice that when you do good, you also feel good . . . and hopefully the people you do good for feel good, too.

So think about why it's important to be generous and to give needed things to the people who need them.

Get going!

Sing It Out!

Learn the song “She Wears a ‘G’ for Generosity” by downloading the words and music on the GSUSA Cookie Activity page. Sung by real Girl Scouts along with Girl Scout Melinda Caroll, this song is sure to get you going with ideas and enthusiasm!

(www.girlscouts.org/program/gs_cookies/cookie_activity.asp)

My Thank-You List

Make a list or collage of all of the things you are thankful for in life. Some of things you list may have a value that you can count up, like money. But others may not. Share your list or collage with friends and family. Ask what's on their lists!

Top 7 Things I am Thankful for:

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On My Honor

Brainstorm what GENEROSITY means. Make a list of words that mean the same thing as generosity. Then make a list of ways people around you show generosity.

My Words Like Generosity

For example, Helpful

Acts Like Generosity

For example, Sharing my lunch

The Girl Scout Promise and Law.

The Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try:
To serve God* and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

The Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be
honest and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring,
courageous and strong, and
responsible for what I say and do,
and to
respect myself and others,
respect authority,
use resources wisely,
make the world a better place, and
be a sister to every Girl Scout.

What's philanthropy?

Philanthropy comes from the Greek words meaning “to love” and “man.” Today, in the broadest sense, it means giving money or things to help others. A *philanthropist*, usually thought of as wealthy, is someone who gives money to sustain or endow an institution or charity. Individuals like Oprah, Warren Buffet, Bill Gates, and Bono establish foundations or charities or use their celebrity to support individuals or groups to make a difference in the world, whether it's fighting a disease, providing scholarships, or addressing the causes of poverty.

Variations on a theme

- **Youth Philanthropy:** This is service, gifting, or doing something for others to make the world a better place. Right up our alley!
- **Group Philanthropy:** This is when people get together to give as a group to increase the power of their giving. The power of one multiplied!

How have you been generous as a Girl Scout?

As a person?

As a family member?

Use the next page to draw a picture about one of your answers and share it with your group!

When I'm Generous It Looks Like This!



How do you feel when you help others?

Were you ever given something when you really needed it?

How did you feel?

So Many Reasons

People have a lot of reasons for giving what they give and when they give.

Some people

- just want to help others.
- and they think: When I share what I have, I feel good and I know it helps others, too.
- and they think: Someone once helped me and it felt good, so now I want to help others.

What are your top reasons for wanting to give?

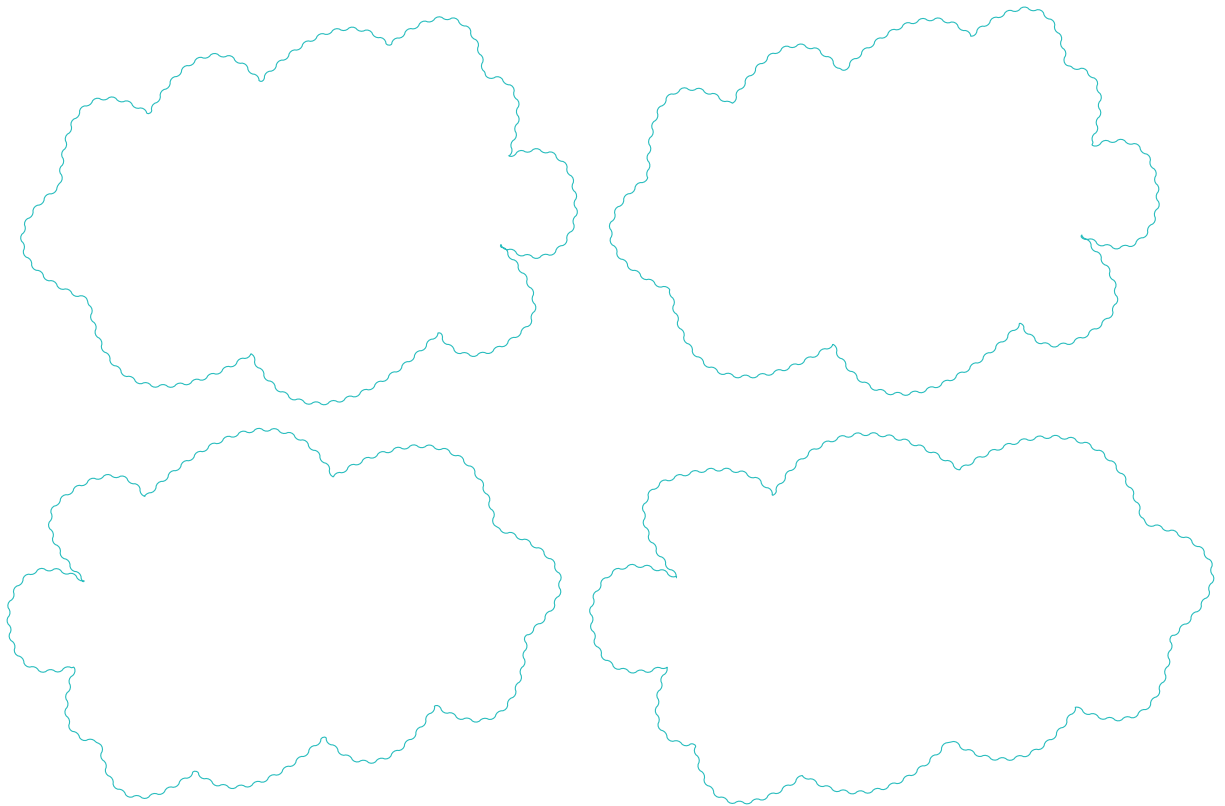
I give to an animal shelter because I love animals!

I give to a hospital because someone I know was really sick!

Wishes and Dreams

If you had all the time and all the money in the world, what would you wish for others? Think about those who are both near and far. Sometimes places right in your own community need help. (To get some ideas going, you might want to look at the list of things you are thankful for.) Put your wishes in the clouds below. Then put a \$ sign after things that cost money, and put a T for “time” after those things that take time.

My Wishes



Give Others an Opportunity to Connect

Girl Scouts is a community organization that has wishes and dreams for all girls. You can help your Girl Scout council connect with former Girl Scout members who may want to help by volunteering or giving money. You can do that by asking customers if they were a Girl Scout, and if they were, by giving them a Girl Scout Alumnae Association card when you find out they have been a Girl Scout. Your Girl Scout adult can help you get cards to share with customers.

From Being a Wisher to Being a Philanthropist!

Look back at your wishes for your community. Now get with your Girl Scout group and share all your wishes from your clouds. As a group, choose the one idea that you'd all really like to act on.

Write it here:

Be a Smart Giver!

Now that you have an idea about how your team wants to make a difference, find a community group or organization that will benefit from your generosity.

How can you do that?

Community groups all have "mission statements." With the help of an adult, find some organizations that focus on the need or wish your team has chosen for your community.

Do you know the Girl Scout mission statement? Put it here:

Juniors: Go a little further! What else do you want to find out about the mission and services of other organizations? Ask some questions about what the organization does.

Now Do IT!

What community group or organization have you chosen? How will you be helping its work or nothing? Will you be giving time? Money? Both? How much money do you want to give?

Time to make the gift! Can someone from the organization come to your Girl Scout meeting to receive your gift? Or can you and your Girl Scout team visit the organization?

Write your plan here:

Celebrate with a Ceremony!

You are living the Girl Scout Promise and Law, and making the world a better place!
What have you learned?

I discovered that an important value I have is

I connected with my Girl Scout team and with others to

When I Take Action as a philanthropist, I learned that I _____

I feel _____ about what we did.

When I wear my Cookie Activity Pin, I will always remember:

