

# Festival of Trees



**Objectives:**

This patch is designed to help girls learn about the holiday culture and traditions of others, and to promote involvement with their community during the holiday season.

**Grade Level Requirements:**

To earn this patch, everyone must complete requirements 1 and 2. These requirements can be done as a troop or individually. Each grade level must also complete the minimum number of activities listed below:

Grade Level	Required Item #s	Additional # of Requirements
Daisy	1, 2	3
Brownie	1, 2	4
Junior	1, 2	6
Cadette	1, 2	8
Senior/Ambassador	1, 2	9



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*Note: This is a GSNCA council patch and should be worn on the back of the uniform.*

**Requirements for gift**

1. Make a Girl Scouts-themed ornament.
2. Learn to say "Happy Holidays" in at least three languages.
3. Watch a holiday movie.
4. Attend a GSNCA Council Festival of Trees event.
5. Be able to identify at least three different types of evergreen trees.
6. On your own or with a group, view a Christmas lights display. It can be yards that are decorated or a drive-through at a park or other venue.
7. Review holiday safety rules, such as electrical decoration hazards, poisonous holiday plants, etc.
8. Learn about different global holidays and customs.
9. Wrap a gift in a unique way or make wrapping paper out of recycled materials (i.e., paint grocery bags).
10. Take a winter hike. Look for animal clues and birds of winter.
11. Make at least one ornament for a tree that is in a public place (i.e., library, doctor's office, city hall, restaurant, college or university, fire station, senior citizen center, nursing home, etc.).
12. Make holiday greeting cards or pictures to send to a local nursing home, an elderly person in your community or American soldiers overseas.
13. Attend a community holiday-themed event, such as a concert, play, craft show, museum exhibit, parade, ballet, etc.
14. Make a holiday care package for someone in need.
15. Go holiday caroling.
16. Participate in a tree recycling program after the holidays.
17. Make holiday treats for someone else; it can be for a special person or even animals in your local animal shelter.
18. Recycle items in your home to make new holiday gifts (i.e., old blue jeans make a blue jean purse, vegetable cans make a pencil holder, etc.).
19. Make up your own Festival of Trees requirement. Let the council know about your new requirement (with pictures attached), and it may be picked for future requirements.
20. Learn the year that Congress made Christmas a federal holiday.
21. Write a poem or story about your family traditions. Share with your family and friends.
22. Learn a holiday song in a different language.
23. Make a Good Deed calendar. Each day write your good deeds on the calendar. At the end of the month, look over your good deeds. How many did you do for the month? Share the results with your family and friends (made someone smile, helped a friend with homework, chores etc.).

**Tree:**

To earn the tree patch, complete a Take Action project of your choice with a minimum of five hours.

**Star:**

To earn the star patch, participate in one of the following service projects:

1. Collect items or volunteer at a clothing drive.
2. Collect items or volunteer at a food drive.
3. Collect items or volunteer at a toy drive.
4. Serve meals at a food program.