



Hingham Girl Scout House Badge

Seniors

*Right is
right, even
if no one
else does it.
- Juliet
Gordon Low*

Being a Girl Scout is about being a leader. When you complete the Hingham Girl Scout House badge, you will learn how to help lead younger girls and how to help sustain the Girl Scout House for future generations!

Steps:

- Learn your history
- Get cooking
- Help out
- Dream it!
- Get to know your house

Purpose:

When I complete this badge I will have developed my leadership skills by helping younger girls and learning how I can continue to help the Hingham Girl Scout House.



Step 1: History

Do one of the following:

1. Learn to be historians! Visit a Junior Girl Scout Troop meeting and teach them some girl scout history. Decide in advance what you want to teach them and be sure to include a song and some information about the Girl Scout House. How will you find the information? Are there any books at the Girl Scout House that could help you? Can you come up with a fun craft to complete with them?
2. One of Hingham's most beautiful conservation areas is Triphammer Pond. It encompasses almost 98 acres and is one of Hingham's largest natural areas that have been conserved for future generations to enjoy. The pond is encircled by a woodland path that skirts the edge of the water and travels under both pine and hardwood trees as it meanders around picturesque rock outcroppings. As well as being a beautiful scenic area, it also holds the ruins of an early Hingham mill, which demonstrate the ingenuity of colonial manufacturing and the harnessing of waterpower. Take a night hike to Triphammer pond. Try to be as quiet as you can and listen for the creatures of the night. Can you hike with no light? Try it!
3. Many famous women in history were Girl Scouts. Do some research on these famous women and write an article to be published on the Local Betty website or in the Hingham Journal.



Step 2: Get Cooking

Join a Brownie Troop meeting and bake an original girl scout cookie with them in the Girl Scout House kitchen! Be sure to teach them some history of Girl Scout cookies! It might be fun to let them decorate the cookies with icing and sprinkles.

Girl Scout Cookie, circa 1922

- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- additional sugar for topping (optional)
- 2 eggs
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons baking powder

Cream butter and the cup of sugar; add well-beaten eggs, then milk, vanilla, flour, salt, and baking powder. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Roll dough, cut into trefoil shapes, and sprinkle sugar on top, if desired.

Bake in a quick oven (375°) for approximately 8 to 10 minutes or until the edges begin to brown. Makes six- to seven-dozen cookies.



Step 3: Help out!

Complete a service project to help the Girl Scout house. Choose from one of the projects listed on the Hingham Girl Scouts website. Try to choose a difficult project that you can complete with your dad or other helpful relative. Try to get people you know who are handy to help you do something great for the house.

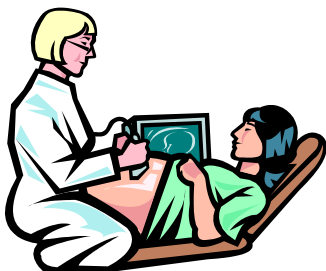
<http://www.hinghamgirlscouts.org/index.php/donate/volunteers-needed>



Step 4: Dream it!

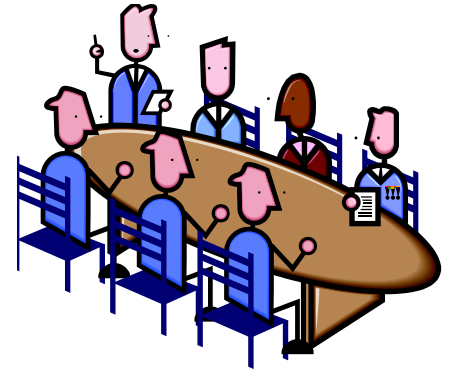


1. Plan an overnight at the Girl Scout House with another country as your theme! Plan a meal from that country and cook up something great. Learn about Girl Scouting in the country you chose.
2. As a senior Girl Scout, you can take advantage of many travel opportunities. Think about a dream trip you could take as a Girl Scout. Plan what activities you would do and how you would get there. Think about the finances – how would you afford the trip?
3. Plan a career day at the Girl Scout House. Invite local women leaders that have interesting jobs to talk to you about their education and career paths.



Step 5: Get to know your house

Do one of the following:



1. Attend a Girl Scout House Committee meeting and learn about who is on the committee and their roles. Find out about the house finances. How much does it cost to run the house for one year? Be sure to prepare and ask questions at the meeting.



2. Host an open house at the Girl Scout House for parents and friends to educate the community about the Hingham Girl Scout House. Be sure to include many facts about the history of the house. Be sure to have refreshments. What type of displays will you create?

