



“Penny the Pig” Patch Program

“Penny the Pig” is a program where girls become philanthropists, learning what that means and how they play a part in making a big difference at Girl Scouts of Citrus. Complete the patch steps below and turn your learning into doing by submitting your donation through your service community’s Network for Good page and purchasing your Penny the Pig patch at the Citrus shop.

Thank you for being a donor to Girl Scouts of Citrus; you are demonstrating what it truly means to “be a sister to every Girl Scout” with your support!

Steps & Guidelines

1. You should read the “Penny the Pig” story together with your troop. Discuss how the money collected with your own Penny piggy bank helps other Girl Scouts and completes the required steps. After the girl-led discussion on how the troop wants to help their sister Girl Scouts, create a troop goal to reach the desired impact!
2. Create your own “Penny the Pig” bank to begin collecting donations. Sample instructions are included but let's run wild with design ideas!
3. Once your troop has hit their philanthropy goal, submit your troop donation through your Network for Good page. You can purchase your patch at our Citrus Shop.

Discussion Points and Level Requirements

	Discussion Points	Required Patch Activity
Daisy	What is a “nonprofit” or a “charity”? What is the mission of Girl Scout? How does it help others?	Find out what makes an organization a nonprofit/charity.
Brownie	What is a philanthropist? What are ways that they help girls have great Girl Scout experiences?	Interview a philanthropist about why they chose to invest in that specific nonprofit or cause.
Junior	What offerings does Girl Scouts of Citrus provide girls? How do donations help with programs and services?	Research www.citrus-gs.org to find out what programs/services are available.
C/S/A	Who should be able to decide where a donation goes, the donor or the nonprofit? What things should a donor consider before making a donation?	Discover Youth Philanthropy councils or other programs in your area that award dollars to organizations – and find out how to JOIN ONE.



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Step 1:

Read the “Penny the Pig” story about what being a philanthropist means to her. After reading it, girls in the troop should discuss the story and ways they may be interested in supporting Girl Scouts. Don’t forget to set a goal for your troop’s philanthropy!

Penny the Pig’s Story

Hello there! I’m Penny the Pig, and I have a very important job in Girl Scouts of Citrus, I help girls help each other!

You might look at me and think, “That’s just a piggy bank,” but I’m so much more than that. I’m a helper, a dream supporter, and a belly full of kindness (and coins, too!). Ever since I joined my Girl Scout troop, I’ve loved learning about what people need and figuring out how we can work together to help them. That’s what being a Girl Scout is all about—taking action to make the world a better place. I discovered something amazing: when girls come together with a big heart and a big goal, we can do anything! That’s why I started collecting money—to help more girls join Girl Scouts and have the same fun and life-changing experiences I’ve had. When someone drops a coin or dollar into my belly, I get SO excited! Why? Because I know that money is going to help other Girl Scouts go to camp, learn new skills, make new friends, and grow into strong, confident leaders. You might think, “I only have a little to give.” But guess what? Every single penny adds up! When you and your troop work together, those coins turn into:

\$45 – Helps one more girl join Girl Scouts!

\$55 – Provides a uniform vest so she can feel proud at meetings and events!

\$125 – Replaces an archery bow and arrow set at camp!

\$650 – Sends one girl to camp for a summer of adventure!

Isn’t that awesome? You’re not just giving money, you’re giving memories, confidence, and opportunity.

Here’s an idea: Your troop can make your very own Penny the Pig! Decorate your piggy bank with glitter, stickers, paint—anything you like. Then set a goal together. Maybe you want to raise enough to help two girls go to summer camp or buy a few uniforms for new members. Talk to your family and friends about how they can help. Before you know it, your pig’s belly will be full—and so will your heart.

Being part of Girl Scouts has changed my life. I’ve paddled in canoes, shot arrows at camp, earned cool badges, made amazing friends, and learned how to be a leader. But the best part? Helping others have those experiences, too.

So, what do you say? Are you ready to help me make a BIG difference, one penny at a time? Let’s feed some dreams, one coin at a time. I’m rooting (and oinking) for you!

Yours in Girl Scouting,

Penny the Pig

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Collect your materials and supplies

Suggested items include empty plastic water/ soda bottles, scissors or crafting knife (be careful, Girl Scouts!), tape, glue, cardboard, construction and/or decorative paper, markers, paint, pipe cleaners, beads, or any other decorating materials. Remember, this is just a suggestion, feel free to make this however your troop wishes.

Make the coin slot to collect money

To safely collect and store coins and bills, carefully cut a slot into the topside of your bottle – let your troop leaders help, if needed.

Decorate!

Have fun decorating your “Penny the Pig” piggy bank! Don’t forget to take a picture when it’s complete and tag us on your social media.
#Pennythepig

Visit our local Citrus Shop:
Girl Scouts of Citrus
341 N. Mills Ave.
Orlando, FL 32803
407-895-SHOP(7467)



Step 2:

Build your own Penny the Pig! Use the directions on the side or get creative with your troop! Daisies and Brownies should work with an adult for cutting, Juniors should cut with adult supervision and C/S/A should cut carefully.

Step 3:

Purchase your Penny the Pig patch! Your philanthropic efforts continue. All proceeds of Penny the Pig patches go directly to GIFTs for Girls.