



# Hingham Girl Scout House Badge

"My purpose... to go on with my heart and soul, devoting all my energies to Girl Scouts, and hand with them, we will make our lives and the lives of the future girls happy, healthy and holy."  
-Juliette Gordon Low  
Founder of Girl Scouts

## Brownies

**P**art of being a girl scout in Hingham is to learn how the Girl scout house was created, who built it, and to realize that Girl Scouts reaches beyond the scope of Hingham. The *Girl Scout House* badge will help you learn to respect the history of our house and to understand how important the Hingham Girl Scout house is to our scouting community.

## Steps:

- Learn your History
- Get Cooking
- Help out
- Dream it!
- Get to know your house

## Purpose:

When I've earned this badge I'll know more about my Girl Scout House, I will respect my Girl Scout House, and I will have helped take care of my Girl Scout House.

# STEP 1:

## Know Your History

Do one of the following badge requirements:

1. Can you find a relative or friend that did Girl Scouts as a child? Did they have a Girl Scout House in their town? Share your story with your troop.

2. Schedule a visit with a Hingham Historian and prepare questions for them. Ask about the Girl Scouts in the past, Hingham's past how scouting has been important to our town. Visit <http://www.hinghamhistorical.org/> to find of someone who is eligible to meet with your troop.

3. Churn butter with your troop and bring store bought butter to donate to a food pantry

### How to Traditionally Churn Butter

1. Pour the cream into your container and seal the lid. Make sure that there as little air inside as possible.
2. Start shaking at a steady pace - about one shake per second.
3. When the cream thickens to a paste, add a pinch of salt.
4. Keep shaking, but do not open the container. This is a crucial time for the butter fats.
5. When a liquid is formed, you should keep shaking steadily, about 100 more times.
6. Place paper towel/cheese cloth over cup, and make a well.
7. Slowly pour the liquid into the paper towel, and let the liquid drain into the cup below.
8. Remove the butter from the cheese cloth or paper towel.
9. Gently knead the butter, while running under very cold water to wash the butter, work the butter with your hand or utensil until all the milk is washed out and any liquid is clear. Any milk left in will spoil the butter.
10. Add salt to taste.
11. Let cool and set overnight.



# Step 2:

## Get Cooking

Bake an original Girl Scout cookie. Here is an original Girl Scout cookie recipe. Did you know that Girl Scouts used to sell cookies for 25 cents per dozen?

### 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.

**Why did the Girl Scouts start selling cookies? See if you can find out!!**

What's your favorite?



Thanks-A-Lot®

Cranberry  
Citrus Crisps

Lemonades™

Shortbread

Thin Mints®

Peanut Butter  
Patties®

Caramel  
deLites®

Peanut Butter  
Sandwich

# Step 3:

## Help out!!

Choose a GS House service project from the website and complete it with your troop. A list of projects can be found on the Hingham Girl Scout House website.

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

Good projects for Brownies include yard work, sweeping, cleaning up the grounds, etc.



# STEP 4:

## Dream it!

Do one of the following:

1. Create your dream girl scout uniform as a paper bag puppet and share your new design with your troop. What would be comfortable for every activity? What types of things would represent Girl Scouts in your uniform? How expensive would the uniforms be?


2. Come up with a 'motto' for your troop. Does it represent scouting? Your town? How might you use the motto? Create pennants or signs that display your troop motto and hang them at home to remind you of Girl Scouts and fun!

3. Create a mascot for Girl Scouts and draw or create your mascot. Think about who you would you want to be representing Girl Scouts. What qualities would your mascot have? Vote with your troop on which mascot displays the meaning of Girl Scouts best and whose is the most creative.



Hingham GS House  
Circa 1929





# **Step 5:**

## **Get to know your house!**

**Do one of the following badge requirements:**

**1. Complete the treasure hunt provided on the next page. You'll learn lots about your house!**

**Leaders: print, cut and hide the clues according to the attached instructions.**

**2. Have a "Mom and Me" overnight at the girl scout house! Choose your theme, and make a plan! Some ideas might be camping, tie-dye, dress-up, cooking, science or face painting! Make a fire and have s'mores, make sure to sing your favorite Girl Scout songs!**

**3. Put on a play using 5 objects from the house as props for your play. Repurpose the objects to have a new use in your play. Use the stage in the house to present your play to your leaders and have a topic for your play. Think about how the play relates to Girl Scouts and how you are going to incorporate the props.**