



What is Feed Your Neighbor (FYN) Service Month?

After getting great feedback from girls to do a council-wide service project to fight hunger, the Feed Your Neighbor Service Month Patch Program was launched. The program, which encourages both community service and service learning, incorporates Girl Scouts' three keys to leaderships - Discover, Connect, and Take Action - and then culminates with a great day of service, through food drives and volunteering.

Where can I find FYN information?

On the front page of the GSGLA website (www.girlscoutsla.org), you can click on the Feed Your Neighbor Service Month button.

Can I earn the FYN patch by just participating in the food drive or do I have to complete the patch requirements?

You can only earn the Feed Your Neighbor Service Month patch by completing three patch program requirements; but don't worry, the activities are engaging, fun, and easy to do!

What are the patch program requirements?

Visit www.girlscoutsla.org and click on the Feed Your Neighbor Service Month button to download the requirements. The patch program is broken down into three age level brackets: Daisy/Brownie, Junior/Cadette, and Senior/Ambassador.

Why are we doing FYN now instead of the holidays?

To make a greater impact! Previously, FYN was done during the holiday season. Not only were hundreds of other great organizations competing for the same support at that time, but these campaigns filled the food banks and pantries during the season - leaving them depleted when the holidays passed. It will be extremely beneficial to our food bank partner to help fill the pantries at a time when giving may not necessarily be on everyone's mind.

Does my troop have to participate in FYN?

No. Girl Scouts provides hundreds of great experiences and opportunities, but we know you can't take advantage of them all.

Do troops have to take their food to a specific food bank or can they donate to a place of their choice? Can girls turn in their food to their church, for example?

GSGLA has made arrangements with preferred local food banks and pantries in our area, however you are welcome to give to a location of your choice.

Are we only collecting food on April 1st or are we collecting food other days, too?

April 1st is the kick off date of our Feed Your Neighbor Service Month, however girls are encouraged to host their own food drive if they so choose throughout the month of April.

April 29th is the culmination of the patch program. Troops can utilize a preferred location or a location of their own.

How do we get the patch?

Once you've completed three appropriate activities, including food drive or service throughout the month of April, download an evaluation form from our website (www.girlscoutsla.org), complete the form, and turn it in at your local service center. Just bring in a completed evaluation form to any service center and trade it in for a Feed Your Neighbor Service Month patch. Evaluation forms can be turned in as a group or individually. **Evaluations must be submitted within two weeks of the April 29th end date. Patches are subject to availability after April 29th.**

What age levels are able to booth for FYN?

All age levels that are eligible to booth for the Cookie Program can booth for FYN. However, service opportunities are somewhat limited to older girls, so Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors are encouraged to take advantage of the service opportunities. Download the Feed Your Neighbor Food Service Month Patch Program from the website (www.girlscoutsla.org) for other activity options.

How will troops be able to sign up for booths for FYN?

The FYN booth registration will be done via Troop Leaders. You choose your location and talk to the Store Management. Remember, you do not have to host a food drive booth to participate in Feed Your Neighbor Service Month. Download the patch program to find out other ways to participate.