

COMPLETING BROWNIE TRY-ITS ON YOUR OWN

PREFACE

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INTRODUCTION

Girl Scouting can be a rewarding, educational and fun experience for you and your Girl Scout. Girl Scouting emphasizes individual potential, development of values, relating to others, and good citizenship. One of the ways to cultivate these goals in the girls is to encourage them to earn Try-Its. The Try-Its are divided into several interest areas in your daughter's *Try-Its for Brownie Girl Scouts* book:

1. Brownie Girl Scouts, Let's Get Started!;
2. Taking Care of Yourself;
3. Family and Friends;
4. What's Out There?;
5. People Near and Far.

Girls are welcome to try and complete any Try-It not otherwise covered by the troop. In any calendar year, troop funds will cover the Try-It patch cost for up to three Try-Its; the cost of any patches earned on your own beyond the first three will need to be paid for by the girl/parent. For each Try-It, there is a work sheet that you and your Girl Scout can fill out to verify that the requirements have been met.

HONOR SYSTEM

Try-Its performed at home are done on the honor system. Brownie Girl Scouts are of an age when honor is a concept that is still being learned. You can help your Girl Scout learn about honor by insisting that she actually perform all of the activities that are required.

PLANNING A TRY-IT

The best way to begin is to look at *Try-Its for Brownie Girl Scouts* with your Girl Scout. Together, you should:

1. Decide on some that interest her or that present something that is new to her.
2. Decide on which Try-It she should start with and then read through all of the different activities.

3. Decide on which activities are going to be performed for the Try-It. (At least 4 of the activities must be completed to earn the Try-It.)

Please discuss your selection with the Troop Leader, before you start. She may be planning to do the same Try-It as a troop activity.

As your Girl Scout completes an activity, note the date on the Try-It work sheet. Sign the work sheet, and give it to the Brownie Troop Leader when at least four of the listed activities have been accomplished. However, your Girl Scout might choose to complete all of the activities. The Troop Leader will probably ask your Girl Scout to demonstrate an activity, bring something that she has made, keep a journal about the activities, or to bring in photos in order to share her experiences with the rest of the troop. This type of sharing helps to build self-confidence.

One of the most important things to remember when working on Try-It activities, is that the 57 Try-Its in *Try-Its for Brownie Girl Scouts* are designed to expose girls to new hobbies, skills, and fun activities. The emphasis is on trying new experiences, not gaining proficiency. Ideally, the activities in the Try-Its would be done in a group. Many of them are, however, flexible enough for girls to work on them alone or with just one other person. Many activities require adult assistance.

Your Girl Scout should not feel pressured to complete a Try-It if she is not really enjoying the activities. She may choose to do one or two activities in a Try-It and then move on to another one. Also, she should not feel that having more Try-Its than someone else is a measure of who has done better. She is, however, encouraged to try a variety of activities. The emphasis is on new experiences, not gaining proficiency.

TRY-IT RECORD

Attached is a list of all of the Brownie Try-Its and a "generic" Try-It recordkeeping page. Please make copies of the recordkeeping page should your daughter decide to work on more than one Try-it at home. As your daughter completes each activity, please help her write in the activity title and date the entry. When she has completed at least 4 of the activities for the Try-It, you should sign the form, help her gather her journal, photos, demonstrations or whatever and have her bring it in to her troop leader. The leader will discuss it with the girl and arrange for sharing time with the troop.

Have a good time helping your Girl Scout with Try-Its!

GIRL'S NAME _____

TROOP NUMBER _____

TRY-IT NAME _____

Activity Title

Date Completed

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

This certifies that _____ has completed at least four of the requirements of the Try-It tasks listed above.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____

FOR LEADER USE: DATE RECEIVED: _____ DATE TRY-IT AWARDED: _____

GIRL'S NAME _____

TROOP NUMBER _____

TRY-IT NAME _____

Activity Title

Date Completed

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

This certifies that _____ has completed at least four of the requirements of the Try-It tasks listed above.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____

FOR LEADER USE: DATE RECEIVED: _____ DATE TRY-IT AWARDED: _____