



The Bits of Joy Camping Patch Program

The Bits of Joy Camping Patch celebrates Joy Luinstra, who was the recipient of the CEO's Excellence Award for being an outstanding Girl Scout alumna, volunteer extraordinaire and community leader. Her longstanding commitment to Girl Scouts began in 1942 while she was still a student herself at Copan High School, and led her first Girl Scout Brownie troop alongside of her sister who led a troop of older girls. Since that time she has been an intricate part of Girl Scouting and has held many positions - troop leader, day camp volunteer, recruiter, cookie cupboard manager, service unit manager, trainer - sharing her knowledge and experience with hundreds of volunteers and girls. Whether it is teaching a girl how to cook on a campfire, plant a garden, make cookies, play games, set the table, sing the Brownie Smile Song, or fighting a wildfire at Camp Wah-Shah-She, Joy Luinstra has been and will always be the epitome of dedication and selfless service to girls and community.

To earn the Bits of Joy patch:

Complete at least eight (8) opportunities to enjoy camping. The four starred (*) are required. Then choose four more to experience the fun!

1. (*) Camp in tents at least one night. Not recommended or required for Daisies and Brownies.
2. (*) Lay two types of campfires (teepee, A-frame, etc.). Daisies and Brownies make an edible fire.
3. (*) Plan three meals plus a snack (breakfast, midday, evening). Cook at least two meals on an outdoor fire.
4. (*) Share your camping experience with another troop/group:
 - a. Write a story/essay about your campout OR
 - b. Make a poster of 4-6 photos you took OR
 - c. Visit a troop and tell your story.
5. Make a Kaper Chart for a campout.
6. Lay a trail, follow the trail, and then compare trail signs to highway signs.
7. Learn and practice three knots. What are their uses?
8. Try your hand at lashing.
9. Cook a food on a buddy burner (grilled sandwich, pancake, upside down cake, etc.)
10. Participate in a flag ceremony at camp.
11. Participate in a flag retirement.
12. Participate in a Scouts' Own.
13. Wet a hook – go fishing!
14. Enjoy at least one session at the lake.
15. Practice archery for at least one session. Not permitted for Daisies or Brownies.

Patches may be purchased in the Girl Scout Store.