

The Daisy's Dozen - Troop Program Assessment Tool

In honor of the vision that Juliette Gordon Low, affectionately known as "Daisy," had for girls across the nation, Girl Scouts – North Carolina Coastal Pines is pleased to introduce the Daisy's Dozen Troop Program Assessment Tool. This annual assessment will provide you, the troop leader, with the opportunity to work with your service unit, your troop families, and the girls to ensure that the girls are receiving an enriching Girl Scout experience.

The Daisy's Dozen Troop Program Assessment Tool has a series of steps that each troop needs to complete. Each step is marked by a star (★) and there are eight different categories:

- Membership
- Adult Leadership
- Girl Scout Traditions
- Encouraging Entrepreneurship
- Family Involvement
- Troop Banking and Finance
- The Girl Scout Leadership Experience
- Continuing the Journey


This report must be completed by all troops – Girl Scout Daisies through Girl Scout Ambassadors - and submitted by June 1st.

All troops that submit a report by the deadline will receive a free patch designed by a Girl Scout from our very own council!

NOW, TAKE IT A STEP FURTHER – BECOME A DAISY'S DOZEN ELITE TROOP!

We know that the troops of Girl Scouts – North Carolina Coastal Pines are awesome, but we want to challenge you to take that extra step to become a **Daisy's Dozen Elite Troop!** Troops who are striving for "Elite" status will successfully complete the basic steps from the Troop Program Assessment Tool *plus* they will need to complete a minimum of six bonus steps.

Only 12 troops, two from each program grade level, from throughout the Council will be selected each program year as Daisy's Dozen Elite Troops!

- ✓ Complete the starred (★) steps in each category.
- ✓ Complete a minimum of six Daisy's Dozen bonus steps. Look for this symbol: 
- ✓ Submit your completed Daisy's Dozen Troop Program Assessment Tool by June 1st.

Please Note:

- An activity can be used to fulfill only one requirement. However, the activities can be applied to different awards the girls are currently working on.
- The patch may be worn on the back of the girl's uniform vest or sash.
- The majority of troop members must participate in the activities.
- The Daisy's Dozen Troop Program Assessment Tool covers activities completed between October 1st and May 15th.

Submit to your service unit representative for approval no later than June 1st of the current program year.

County/Area: _____ Troop Number: _____ Grade Level: _____

Leader's Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of patches requested for girls _____ + _____ leaders = _____ total

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____

MEMBERSHIP

Step 1: Troop Registration Requirements ★

Troop leaders have completed the volunteer application process, have current appointment letters, and have completed the basic leadership training required for their position:

GS101/GSUSA Orientation/Basic Training _____ (date)

Volunteer Essentials/Getting Started/Beginnings _____ (date)

- If you are a **new troop** with **new troop leadership** – the troop is registered within four weeks of the leaders’ completion of Volunteer Essentials. The troop must have a minimum of five girls and two adults.
- If you are a **re-registering troop** with the **same troop leadership** – the troop is registered no later than October 1st of the current membership year. The troop must have a minimum of five girls and two adults.
- If you are a **re-registering troop** with **new or different leadership** – the troop is registered within four weeks of the leaders’ completion of Volunteer Essentials. The troop must have a minimum of five girls and two adults.

 **DAISY'S DOZEN BONUS STEP!**

Yes, we added at least one additional girl and one additional adult to our troop! Describe your efforts for recruiting new members for your troop this membership year. Did you register new girls? If so, how many? Did you register new adult members? If so, how many? Tell us about it:

ADULT LEADERSHIP

Step 2: Service Unit/Area Involvement ★

Troop was represented at Area/Service Unit meetings. One absence was permissible for the current program year. We understand that life gets in the way, but if you are unable to attend assign the role to a parent or troop committee member.

Step 3: A Team Effort ★

At least two troop volunteers (in addition to the leaders) registered with the troop. Troop volunteers may consist of troop cookie or fall sale manager, troop family partnership chair, troop overnight chaperone, or other helpers in Girl Scouting. The following adult volunteers registered with the troop:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position in the Troop</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

 **DAISY'S DOZEN BONUS STEP!**

In addition to basic leadership requirements (please see Step 1), your troop also had adult members who are currently trained in the following:

First Aid/CPR - Name of troop's certified individual

Outdoor Certification - Name of troop's certified individual



Daisy's Dozen Fun Fact!



On March 12, 1912, Juliette Gordon Low officially signed up 18 girls, who formed two small patrols. These girls became the first "American Girl Guides." Her niece and namesake, Daisy "Doots" Gordon was the first registered member. The girls, all 12 or older, gathered in Juliette Low's carriage house for meetings, wore blue uniforms, and focused on careers, nature, first aid, and team sports. In 1913, the name was officially changed to Girl Scouts.

GIRL SCOUT TRADITIONS

Step 4: Honoring Girl Scout History ★

Girls planned, evaluated, and carried out program activities using a form of self-government: Girl Scout Daisy Circle, Girl Scout Brownie Ring, Patrol System, Town Meeting, or Executive Board. Describe the method(s) used:

Troop utilized any four of the following Girl Scout traditions: Girl Scout Promise and Law, Girl Scout Quiet Sign, Juliette Low Story/history, Girl Scout history activity, Flag Ceremony, Investiture and Rededication ceremony, Girl Scout Motto, World Center information, Girl Scout Friendship Circle. List the four traditions used and describe how the troop used them:

 **DAISY'S DOZEN BONUS STEP!**

Girls participated in a camping and outdoor program by: visiting a camp open house, having a Camp Party with information about the council's camps and camp opportunities, providing information about local Girl Scout day camp opportunities, or camping with their troop at one of the council's camps (additional training may be required). Please share with us how your troop connected with the great outdoors:

ENCOURAGING ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Step 5: Participating in Product Sales ★

For all troops: majority of the girls in the troop participated in the Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program.

Girls Who Participated: _____

of Girls Registered in Troop: _____

For re-registering troops: girls were given the option of participating in the Fall Product Sale.

Girls Who Participated: _____

of Girls Registered in Troop: _____

 **DAISY'S DOZEN BONUS STEP!**

What was the troop's goal for the Cookie Sale Program this year? _____ (ex. # of boxes sold per girl)

Did the troop meet or surpass their goal for the Cookie Sale Program? Circle Yes or No.

FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

Step 6: Building a Strong Troop ★

Troop established a Family Partnership Goal. Please list the goal for the current program year: _____

A Family Partnership Presentation was given and all troop families were invited to contribute to the Family Partnership Campaign.

Name of Troop's Family Partnership Coordinator: _____

Date of presentation: _____

 **DAISY'S DOZEN BONUS STEP!**

Troop contributed to the Family Partnership Campaign! The troop contributed at least \$1.00 per registered member of the troop.

Amount contributed: _____



Daisy's Dozen Fun Fact!

In 1953, Girl Scouts across America collected and contributed to "Dimes for Daisy" in order to purchase Juliette Gordon Low's childhood home in Savannah, Georgia. After three years of restoring the home to its appearance in 1886 – the year of Juliette Gordon Low's wedding – the "Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace" was dedicated on October 19, 1956.



TROOP BANKING AND FINANCE

Step 7: Financial Stewardship ★

- Yes, the troop submitted the Annual Troop Finance Report as requested and on time. Date report was submitted: _____
- The troop has no outstanding council debt.



DAISY'S DOZEN BONUS STEP!

Tell us how the girls used troop funds to expand their Girl Scout Experience. What side trips and/or detours did the girls take this year:

THE GIRL SCOUT LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Step 8: Girl Scout Journeys and The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting ★

Share with us which Leadership Journey or Skill-Building Badge Activities your troop undertook this program year (ex. A World of Girls Leadership Journey; Cookie Business from the Girl's Guide, or Women's Health Skill-Building Badge):

Please list at least two activities the girls participated in as they explored the keys to leadership – Discover, Connect, and Take Action - during the program year (i.e. For the discover key, "girls develop a strong sense of self" - instead of girls making a T-shirt, they may discover a personal value that matters enough to them that they want to put on a T-shirt to showcase to the world. For more ways to incorporate the keys to leadership, please refer to your Adult Guide for each Journey Series.)

Discover: _____

Activity: _____

Activity: _____

Connect: _____

Activity: _____

Activity: _____

Take Action: _____

Activity: _____

Activity: _____

DAISY'S DOZEN BONUS STEP!

Tell us about the Journey awards the girls earned this program year or tell us about the troop's progress on earning Journey awards. Please list:

THE GIRL SCOUT LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Step 9: Girl-Led ★

Explain how the girls participated in girl planning, budgeting and goal setting for the troop:

 **DAISY'S DOZEN BONUS STEP!**

Did the girls initiate a Take Action or Community Service Project that had significant meaning to them? Tell us about the girls putting leadership in action in their local community:

THE GIRL SCOUT LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Step 10: Girl Scout Voices ★

Let your voice be heard! It's important that we have feedback from girls and volunteers about The Girl Scout Leadership Experience! At least 75% of the registered girls and adult volunteers in your troop have registered to participate in the Girl Scout Voices Survey (www.girlscoutvoices.org). Please list the members of your troop who have registered to participate in the Girl Scout Voices Survey Panel. ****Girls under the age of 13 must have parental consent**:**

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 **DAISY'S DOZEN BONUS STEP!**

100% of the registered girls and adult volunteers in your troop registered to participate in the Girl Scout Voices Survey.



Daisy's Dozen Fun Fact!



The Farm Aid Project called for Girl Scouts to get dirt under their nails and dig in for the good of America. Through this program, Senior Girl Scouts, ages 15 – 18, pitched in on farms across the country to provide farmers help and save valuable crops. In 1942 alone, more than 2, 300 Girl Scouts invested more than 48,000 hours serving farms. In 1943, more than twice the number of girls participated and logged in a total of nearly 470,000 hours. Today, Girl Scout Seniors can learn about their role in the food chain through the Leadership Journey, *Sow What?*

CONTINUING THE JOURNEY

Step 11: Beyond the Troop ★

Choose at least two of the following requirements to complete this step:

- Girls planned and participated in an activity or event beyond the troop (with the service unit/area, with another troop, community event or council event). Please describe: _____

- Girls participated in an activity which promoted Girl Scout visibility in the community. This may include activities during Girl Scout Week or any time during the year. What did the girls do? _____

- Girls participated in a cultural event, activity, celebration, worship service, or holiday program of a different culture that they had never experienced before. (Parent permission may be required.) Describe what the girls did and what they learned.

- Girls planned and carried out a family event. Please explain:

 **DAISY'S DOZEN BONUS STEP!**

- Girls submitted a photograph and/or article to the Service Unit/Area Media Coordinator (or representative) for publication in a local media outlet. We submitted a photo/article about:

- If published, date: _____ Publication/Media Outlet _____

CONTINUING THE JOURNEY

Step 12: Summer Fun! ★

What summer opportunities will the girls in your troop explore? (Ex. Resident camp; day camp; events pathway; continued troop meetings; connecting virtually): _____

You've done it!
Thank you for completing the Daisy's Dozen Troop Program Assessment Tool! Please be sure to submit your completed form no later than June 1st so that you and your girls can receive your free patches. If you have any questions, contact the Council Office at 800-284-4475.