

City of Scottsdale Girl Scouts Patch Program

Learn about “The West’s Most Western Town”! The City of Scottsdale has a vibrant arts and culture community, celebrating a diverse environment. Explore its history, government, and how you can engage in local community service opportunities.

Activities

Complete at least one activity per area of interest. Please take photos as you engage in each activity and email them to Girl Scouts-Arizona Cactus-Pine Council’s Marketing and Communications Team at marcom@girlscoutsaz.org and include “City of Scottsdale Patch” in the subject line. Your photos may also be shared on social media using [#CityofScottsdale](#) and [#gsacpc](#).

The activities below include free opportunities and those with an associated fee. **The opportunities that are available at no cost are identified with an asterisk*.**

Celebrating Arts and Culture

The City of Scottsdale has a vibrant arts community and celebrates the beauty of its unique culture. Explore the arts and learn more about the unique culture of Scottsdale!

1. Attend an event hosted by at Scottsdale Arts (scottsdalearts.org). Follow up with your troop leader or caregiver to share your thoughts about the arts!
2. Tour a museum in Scottsdale and take pictures of your visit.
3. Participate in the Scottsdale Gallery Association’s Art Walk, held every Thursday in Old Town. Where did you go and what did you experience?*
4. Visit one of the following locations: Butterfly Wonderland, OdySea Aquarium, McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, or Western Spirit: Scottsdale’s Museum of the West. Share your experiences with your Girl Scout troop. What was the most enjoyable part of your visit and why? Remember to take pictures! *(Some of these activities have a fee associated with participation)*
5. Visit the Scottsdale Civic Center or Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts to enjoy the outdoor space and live entertainment (check their website at scottsdalearts.org/events in advance of your visit). Share pictures of your visit with your troop leader.
6. Create an artistic design that captures an element of the Scottsdale community and share it with the City of Scottsdale through email at Communications@ScottsdaleAZ.gov or mail at 7506 E. Indian School Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85251.

Supporting Our Community

Learn about the different community services and programs available to Scottsdale residents and ways in which others can support individuals and families in need.

1. Visit a Senior Service Center to learn about the services provided to residents in our community.*
2. Donate to the Food Bank at Vista del Camino Community Center at 7700 E. Roosevelt St., Scottsdale, AZ 85257. Check in with staff to learn what needs they have and how you can support them by calling 480-312-2323 between 9:00am – 5:00 pm*
3. Visit the Little Free Library at Paiute Community Center (Little Free Library).*
4. Donate new baby items to the Scottsdale Family Resource Center to support families in need. You may contact the Scottsdale Family Resource Center at 480-312-0038 or ScottsdaleFamilyResourceCenter@ScottsdaleAZ.gov to learn more about the program.*
5. Sign up for “Speak Up Scottsdale” to engage in important conversations in our community. Visit SpeakUpScottsdale.com to learn more.*

Connecting With the People of Scottsdale

Scottsdale is an inclusive community that welcomes everyone. Learn how our city is a place for all people and share your ideas about building connections with people in Scottsdale.

1. Visit the Scottsdale Public Library and read a book about another culture.*
2. Visit Thompson Peak Park (ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “Thompson Peak Park”) or Chaparral Park (ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “Chaparral Park”) to experience inclusive playgrounds tailored to children with physical, cognitive and sensory disabilities.*
3. Visit a Scottsdale Public Library branch or research on your own to learn about the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC). Share a land acknowledgement with your family or Girl Scout troop.*
4. Learn about Scottsdale’s Anti-discrimination Ordinance by visiting ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “anti discrimination,” and share information with your family or Girl Scout troop about the purpose of the Ordinance and who it protects.*
5. Share your ideas about ways the City of Scottsdale could build connections with people throughout the city and email them to Communications@ScottsdaleAZ.gov.*

Leading Local Government

Become familiar with the City of Scottsdale's local government. Learn how we serve everyone who lives, works, attends school, and visits our city.

1. Attend City Council meeting in person or virtually. To learn more about meeting dates and locations, visit [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov), search "council meeting information."*
2. Tour a city building to learn about the work that happens in our community. Contact the department you'd like to visit in advance to schedule a tour and conversation.
3. Visit the career website at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov), search "careers," and select a career of interest to you to learn more about how it supports Scottsdale.*
4. Communicate by either writing a letter or sending an email to the Scottsdale Mayor at Mayor@ScottsdaleAZ.gov or City Council members at citycouncil@scottsdaleaz.gov to share your input or recommendations about something within the community you would like to see change and why. Offer to work together to make it happen! Work with your Girl Scout troop, troop leader and/or family for ideas and help writing the letter.
5. Review the City's Budget Book at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov), search "budget," to learn how Scottsdale is funded. This will help your understanding of the many programs and services we support throughout the broader community.*

Honoring Our History

Learn about Scottsdale's unique history and the contributions made by others. Visit scenic landscapes to enjoy the beauty of our historic town.

1. Visit a business in Old Town Scottsdale, take a picture and share it with your Girl Scout Troop and/or family.*
2. Take a selfie with one of the historical monuments/statues/landmarks in Scottsdale and either share with your Girl Scout troop and/or family or post it on social media using #CityofScottsdale and #gsacpc.*
3. Visit one of the Scottsdale Mountain Preserves. Take pictures of plants, birds, rocks, and nature. Share your photos with the City of Scottsdale via email or on social media using #CityofScottsdale and #gsacpc.*
4. Visit the USS Arizona Memorial Gardens at Salt River to learn about the brave U.S. forces aboard the USS Arizona during the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.*
5. Visit the Old Adobe Mission at 3817 N Brown Ave, Scottsdale, AZ 85251 to learn about the oldest standing church in Scottsdale.*

Leading Sustainable Communities

The City of Scottsdale is recognized as an environmental leader and continuously seeks ways to be even more environmentally conscious. Learn how you can help us become a more sustainable city.

1. Visiting the Xeriscape Garden at Chaparral Park. Read and learn about plant care, plant selection, and our desert habitat.
2. Check your home for leaks (you may sign up for the WaterSmart portal by visiting [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov), search “watersmart.”*
3. Recycle all cans and bottles for a week and see how much you collect. Use the Waste Wizard at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov), search “solid waste,” to learn what is recyclable in Scottsdale.
4. Use Merlin or iNaturalist apps to inventory the birds and plants in your yard or a nearby park. Make a list of your discoveries and share with your Girl Scout troop.*
5. Ride the Scottsdale Trolley and share your experiences with your Girl Scout troop.
6. Cook a plant-based meal including a Scottsdale farmer’s market (Troon North, DC Ranch Village Health Club, or Old Town Farmer’s Market) or find one grocery store product that was grown in Arizona.