



Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles Tournament of Roses Patch Program

"Best Day Ever!"

136th Tournament of Roses Parade 2025

- For:** Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts
- When:** The Tournament of Roses Patch Program may be completed at any time, although many troops find it easiest to complete during the winter months.
- Purpose:** To introduce Girl Scouts to:
1. The Tournament of Roses Parade and the preparations required to make it happen.
 2. The role of volunteers in the parade.
 3. Related places of interest in Pasadena.
- Program:** The requirements for completing the patch program are listed on page 2.
- Upon completion of the requirements bring or email your completed form to your local GSGLA Council Store. For addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses for all GSGLA Retail Stores please go to the [Council Store Page](#).
- Before you begin:** Please keep in mind that this patch program was designed for the **girls** to do the research with your guidance. Try the local libraries for information on Tournament of Roses history. The Pasadena Central Library has great reference materials, including the Pasadena Centennial Room with many Tournament of Roses items. The library would be more than happy to provide your troop with a personalized tour to assist with the answers to the patch requirements. They even have Internet access to the Tournament of Roses website, which you may use. Reservations for library tours are required. Please call (626) 744-4052 to arrange a tour.
- The Tournament House would appreciate us **NOT** calling them for information during their busiest time of the year (September through January). They will be happy to have you visit during the times indicated on the "requirements" page.
- Questions:** Contact Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles at (213) 213-0123.

Tournament of Roses Patch Program Requirements

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All Age Levels Complete These Requirements:

1. Find out about the awards given to the floats being judged in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade. How are the floats judged? What are the guidelines used?
2. Develop a float idea based upon this year's theme, "Best Day Ever!" and make a troop poster of your float.
3. As a troop, complete the Rose Parade Quiz after watching the parade on television.

Additional Activities:

Daisy and Brownie Girl Scouts:	complete 2 additional activities
Junior Girl Scouts:	complete 3 additional activities
Cadette Girl Scouts:	complete 4 additional activities
Senior and Ambassador Scouts	complete 5 additional activities

1. View a float being built (a list of float builders is attached; remember there may be a charge for viewing). What are the stages involved in building a float? How do the floats move?
2. Interview a person who works on the floats. What is their background? What is his or her job or responsibility on the float?
3. Learn about the materials used to decorate a Rose Parade Float. Find out how many flowers are needed to decorate a float and where the flowers come from?
4. Find out about three women who were Grand Marshals. Who were they? What did they do? Find out three interesting facts about each.
5. Visit the float displays at Victory Park in Pasadena after the parade.
6. Tour the Tournament House in Pasadena (Thursdays only February through August). Arrangements can be made after February 1 by calling (626) 449-4100. Reservations are needed for groups of more than 25 people.
7. Visit the flower mart in downtown Los Angeles, Descanso Gardens in La Cañada, or the Los Angeles County Arboretum to discover the world of flowers.
8. Attend Bandfest at Pasadena City College, 1570 E. Colorado, Pasadena, dates and times on the Tournament of Roses website; or a high school or college marching band practice to discover the world of music. <https://tournamentofroses.com/events/>
9. Participate in the decoration of a float.
10. Find out how five other countries celebrate New Year's Day. Ask parents, grandparents, teachers, etc. how their ancestors celebrated the New Year.
11. Visit the Official Pasadena Tournament of Roses Web site at www.tournamentofroses.com and one other Web site with information on the Tournament of Roses.
12. Has a Girl Scout ever been the Rose Queen? Or a Princess? If so, when and who?
13. Visit Equifest, the world of parade horses, dates and times TBA. Visit the Tournament of Roses Site for more information. <https://tournamentofroses.com/events/>

Volunteer to Decorate Floats

Experience the magic of the floats before they make their debut in the Rose Parade. During the final stages of preparation a variety of seeds, bark, fruits and vegetables, grasses and of course, flowers are being applied to the floats by experienced professionals as well as hard working volunteers.

The float builders listed below are building one or more floats for the Tournament of Roses Parade. If you would like to view floats being built or participate in float decorating, check the Tournament of Roses web page:

<https://tournamentofroses.com/about/float-decoration-volunteer/>

Please remember that *Safety-Wise* checkpoints/requirements must be always met. Additionally, the float builders may have a higher girl to adult ratios and other guidelines. All volunteer decorating opportunities are organized directly by the float builders and NOT Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles. Please contact the float builders listed below for volunteer information. GSGLA recommends contacting Fiesta Parade Floats as we have partnered with them successfully previously.

Commercial Float Builders:

Artistic Entertainment Services – Located in Pasadena - <http://www.aescreative.com/volunteers/>

Phoenix Decorating Co. – Located in Irwindale - <http://phoenixdeco.com/>

Self-built Float Organizations:

Burbank Tournament of Roses Association - <http://www.burbankrosefloat.com/>

Cal Poly Universities - <http://www.rosefloat.org/>

Downey Rose Float Association- <http://www.downeyrose.org/>

La Canada Flintridge Tournament of Roses Association- <https://lcftra.org/>

Sierra Madre Rose Float Association- <https://sierramadrerosefloat.org/>

South Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association - <http://www.sptor.org/>

Most float builders have minimum age requirements. All volunteer decorators will be required to sign a waiver. Dress appropriately—float decorating can be messy, and you may get glue, paint and/or dirt on your shoes and clothing. Wear old clothes and comfortable close-toed shoes, and bring a jacket as it can get cool in the evenings.