

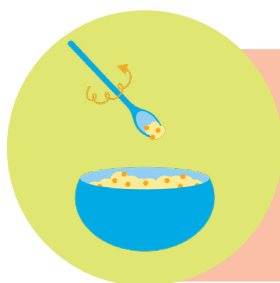


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Friendsgiving 2026 Invite-A-Friend Event



Hosting a Girl Scout Friendsgiving is a fun way to celebrate Girl Scout Sisterhood and share the fun of Girl Scouts with new friends. Host a Friendsgiving invite-a-friend event to help grow your troop and show girls in your community all that Girl Scouts have to offer. Below are ideas on activities and badge work to incorporate Girl Scouting into Friendsgiving.



Make GORP (Good Old Raisin and Peanuts)

GORP is a Girl Scout version of trail mix. First, make sure that there are no food allergies. You can adapt the recipe as needed. Cereal, pretzels, raisins, and chocolate chips are all great things to add. Ask each girl to bring an item to mix in your GORP creation.

Make a Craft out of Nature

Spruce up the table with pinecone place card holders. Decorate pinecones with fall-inspired paints. Allow to dry on a piece of wax paper. Write your guests' names on small squares of cardstock that can be placed on your pinecones.



Create SWAPS

(Special Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere)

SWAPS are small tokens of friendship that Girl Scouts exchange with one another, and each SWAP uniquely reflects a fellow Girl Scout, their troop, or a memory of a special event. Create a cute Turkey or Indian corn SWAP. Google has lots of ideas!

Support Your Local Food Pantry

Encourage girls to give back by bringing a shelf-stable food item—such as canned goods, pasta, or cereal—to donate to a local food pantry. This simple act of kindness helps support families in need within your community and reinforces the Girl Scout mission of making the world a better place.



Play Get to Know You Games

People Bingo. Create a Bingo card with facts on it. For examples, “I have a dog, I love soccer, I like pizza.” Give each Girl Scout and guest a Bingo card and something to write with. Everyone moves around the area trying to be first to get their Bingo cards filled with names.

Make Friendship Bracelets

Make friendship bracelets to exchange.



Fall Wind Blows. Similar to musical chairs. Put enough chairs in a circle facing each other, minus one person. One player starts in the middle, standing up. They begin the round. The person in the middle starts by saying “The fall wind blows for everyone who...” and then says any characteristic that is true for that person. For example, if the person likes reading, they can say, “Fall wind blows for everyone who likes to read.” All players who like reading must stand and quickly find a new seat that is more than 2 chairs away from them. If the player is not able to find a vacant seat, they are the new person who is in the middle.

Patch alert!

Show off your Girl Scout sisterhood spirit! Once your troop hosts its Friendsgiving celebration, Troop Leaders can request patches by scanning this QR code.

Supplies are limited and patches must be picked up at a GSHNJ retail shop — don't wait!

