

# Girl Scout Green Pages



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## How to Use the Green Pages

The Girl Scout Green Pages are a county-by-county guide of local organizations that offer program opportunities for Girl Scout groups. Browse through the organizations in your county or around the council. Feel free to contact the collaborators that interest your group to find out more specifics about the programs they offer as well as fees, operating hours, etc. Many of the collaborators can work with you to tailor a program by your group's interests, grade level and/or specific badge requirements.

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**Under Construction**



Please remember that this guide is still under construction. New organizations will be added frequently. If you know of organizations that work with Girl Scout groups, please let us know! Send the contact information to Ann-Marie Mathews at [annmariem@gsgcf.org](mailto:annmariem@gsgcf.org). We would be happy to contact the organization about being added to the Girl Scout Green Pages.

## Manatee County

### **Mixon Fruit Farms**

2712 26<sup>th</sup> Ave. E.  
Bradenton, FL 34208  
(941) 748-5829  
[www.mixon.com](http://www.mixon.com)

Mixon Fruit Farms offers tours of the grove on the Orange Blossom Express! You'll learn all about Florida's citrus history and how oranges are grown today. The tram also stops by Matthews Wildlife Refuge, a wetlands pond and a children's maze. Private group tours are available for groups of 12 or more and are recommended to get the best possible experience. Cost: Tours starting at \$10 adult and \$4 child.

### **South Florida Museum and Bishop Planetarium**

Amara Cocilovo  
201 10<sup>th</sup> St. West  
Bradenton, FL  
(941) 746-4131  
[acocilovo@southfloridamuseum.org](mailto:acocilovo@southfloridamuseum.org)  
[www.southfloridamuseum.org](http://www.southfloridamuseum.org)

The South Florida Museum is the largest natural and cultural history museum in Florida's Gulf Coast! Visit Snooty the manatee and explore space in the Bishop Planetarium's full dome theatre! Great resources for Girl Scouts working on their Try-its and badges. Cost: \$11.95 per girl (ages 4-12), \$15.95 per adult (over 12)

## Hardee County



*We're still working here! Please let us know if you know of organizations in Hardee County that provide programs for Girl Scout troops.*

## Highlands County

### **The Children's Museum of the Highlands**

Linda Crowder  
219 North Ridgewood Dr.  
Sebring, FL 33870  
P (863) 385-5437  
[Linda@childrensmuseumhighlands.com](mailto:Linda@childrensmuseumhighlands.com)  
[www.childrensmuseumhighlands.com](http://www.childrensmuseumhighlands.com)

The Children's Museum of Highlands invites Girl Scouts to learn about the world around them through play! Interactive exhibits and hands-on displays including a miniature supermarket, a bank, a television station and much more! Great opportunities for Brownies working on their Try-its! They also offer sleepovers. Call for more information.

Cost: \$4 per person

Thrifty Thursday - Thursday evening families get in after 5 pm for only \$2.00 per person

## Sarasota County

### **All Faiths Food Bank**

Jill Collins  
8171 Blaikie Ct.  
Sarasota, FL 34240  
(941) 379-6333

All Faiths offer both interactive food bank tours and hands-on educational programming. There are great opportunities for groups and girls interested in working on Take Action Projects. Call to set up a time for your troop to tour or discuss your Take Action project!

Cost: free – please bring one can of food for donation per girl and adult attending

### **Child Protection Center**

Mandy O'Malley, Program Director  
720 S Orange Ave  
Sarasota, FL 34236  
(941) 365-1277  
[mandyo@cpcsarasota.org](mailto:mandyo@cpcsarasota.org)

The Child Protection Center offers educational workshops designed to introduce children to basic safety concepts and to instill self-protective skills that reduce their vulnerability to victimization, exploitation, and abuse. Lessons include: Sexual Abuse Prevention, Bullying/Harassment Prevention, and Internet Safety. Programs can be customized to help Girl Scouts meet badge requirements. Programming is available to all ages. Please contact the Program Director for more information.

Cost: \$0

### **Crowley Museum and Nature Center**

16405 Myakka Rd  
Sarasota, FL 34240  
(941) 322-1000  
[www.Cmncfl.org](http://www.Cmncfl.org)

The Crowley Museum and Nature Center offers exciting programs for Brownies, Juniors, and Cadette & Senior Girl Scouts with attendance of 10-25 Girl Scouts. Earn your Earth and Sky Try-It, Eco-Explorer Try-It, Outdoor Fun badge, or Your Outdoor Surroundings badge, just to name a few. Cadettes and Seniors can work towards their Digging Through the Past, Outdoor Survival or Backpack IP. For more information check out the website, and to register your group call today!  
Cost: Brownie and Juniors: \$10 per girl with up to four chaperones free.  
Cadettes and Seniors : \$15 per girl with up to four chaperones free.

### **G. WIZ Science Museum**

Aleksandra Spalvins  
1001 Blvd. of the Arts Sarasota, FL 34236  
(941) 309-4949  
[aleks@gwiz.org](mailto:aleks@gwiz.org)

Join in the fun of science, the hands-on way and come to G. Wiz for Girl Scout workshops, overnights, special events, and even to visit the exhibit floor while you earn your try-its, badges, and G. Wiz patches! G. Wiz strives to make science relevant, technology understandable, and learning an interactive adventure for people of all ages!

Cost:

Try-It or badge workshops: \$15 per girl, \$5 per adult (fee includes all materials for experiments in workshop and use of exhibit floor)

General Visit to Museum: \$7 per girl, \$10 per adult (groups of 15 or more Girl Scouts is considered a field trip with a reduced rate of \$5 per Scout and \$5 per chaperone)

### **Lilly the Lash**

Julie Woik  
4403 Lost Forest Rd.  
Sarasota, FL 34235  
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(941) 504-9230 (mobile)  
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[www.lillythelash.com](http://www.lillythelash.com)

Julie Woik is the author of the successful children's book series, The Life and Times of Lilly the Lash. This incredible series, in which an EYELASH teaches life lessons, helps children to build character and strong self-esteem. Julie has designed amazing Lilly the Lash patches for each book in her series. Girl Scouts everywhere can choose from a variety of exciting activities in order to earn these patches. Please visit the Girl Scout section on Lilly's website [www.lillythelash.com](http://www.lillythelash.com) or contact Julie for more information.

### **Mote Marine Aquarium**

1600 Ken Thompson Pkwy  
Sarasota, FL 34236  
(941) 388-4441  
[www.mote.org](http://www.mote.org)

Explore the secrets of the sea with touch pools, shark, dolphin, manatee and sea turtle exhibits and over 100 other species of marine life. Viewable working labs and high-tech interactive exhibits showcase the world-renowned research of Mote Marine Laboratory. Mote Aquarium is proud to be accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). Discounted group admission rates may be available. Contact the aquarium for additional information. Workshops by request (i.e. - Manatee Awareness Patch, Dolphin Encounter Patch, Turtle Watch Patch), Groups may schedule workshops with a Mote educator at their convenience. Each workshop requires a minimum of 15 Girl Scouts.

Cost: \$18 per participant

### **Myakka River State Park**

Interpretive Chair Person  
13208 SR 72  
Sarasota, FL 34241  
(941) 361-6511

Myakka River State Park can tailor any type of outdoor program that Girl Scout groups might be interested in. From outdoor cooking and backpacking to birding and hiking. Contact the park to customize your Girl Scouts group outdoor experience.

Cost: \$6 per carload of up to 8 passengers

### **Police Athletic League of Sarasota County,**

Pony PAL Program  
Joan Leonard  
2075 Bahia Vista St  
Sarasota, FL 34239  
(941) 316-8108

Calling all Juniors, Cadettes and Seniors! Do you love horses? Pony PAL offers a unique 1.5 hour horse leadership experience program with the Sarasota Sheriff's Mounted Patrol horses.

Participation in this program will meet the requirements for the Horse Fun Badge (Junior) and Horse Sense Badge (Cadette and Senior). Please contact Joan Leonard for more information.

Cost: \$8.00 per Girl Scout or \$50 minimum per troop (Badges not included)

### **Reflex Arts**

Ginny Hendry  
6200 N Lockwood Ridge Rd  
Sarasota, FL 34243  
(941) 359-3642

Reflex Arts wants to help ALL Girl Scouts earn their Dance badges. They are offering 1 ½ hour seminars to introduce Girl Scouts to dance and cover the requirements involved with earning their age appropriate dance badge(s). Programs cover a variety of health and fitness elements from yoga to wellness activities, focusing on expanding arts awareness and movement.

Cost: Free to all Girl Scouts

## DeSoto County



*We're still working here! Please let us know if you know of organizations in DeSoto County that provide programs for Girl Scout troops.*

## Charlotte County

### **Octagon Wildlife Sanctuary**

41660 Horseshoe Rd.

Punta Gorda, FL 33982

(239) 543-1130

[contact@octagonwildlife.org](mailto:contact@octagonwildlife.org)

[www.octagonwildlife.org](http://www.octagonwildlife.org)

The Octagon Wildlife Sanctuary is dedicated to providing a healthy recovery and living environment for abandoned and abused exotic wildlife. The Octagon staff will work with you to set up an individual program that's appropriate for your Girl Scout group's age, interests, and skill levels.

## Glades County



*We're still working here! Please let us know if you know of organizations in Glades County that provide programs for Girl Scout troops.*

## Lee County

### **American Sewing Guild**

Claudia Griffin

PO Box 338

Ft. Myers, FL 33902

[claudiasews@yahoo.com](mailto:claudiasews@yahoo.com)

The American Sewing Guild will provide volunteer teachers and sewing machines to offer Girl Scout Juniors a program and help them earn the Sew Simple badge. Girls will learn about fabrics and patterns, the parts of a sewing machine and how to sew a button on by hand. They will even complete a service project for the military! Contact Claudia to arrange a time and location.

Cost: \$10 per girl

### **Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum**

3075 Sanibel-Captiva Rd.

Sanibel, FL 33957

(239) 395-2233

[www.shellmuseum.org](http://www.shellmuseum.org)

The non-profit Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum features more than 30 exhibits of mollusks from around the world. Exhibits are devoted to shells in art and history, shell habitat, rare specimens, fossil shells, common Southwest Florida shells, and more. The learning lab features a hands-on play area for children, displays, games, and a tank with indigenous mollusks. Group tours of the museum are available. Contact the Museum for additional information.

Cost: \$4 per girl (ages 4-16), \$7 per adult (17 & up)

### **Caloosa Carvers Club**

Robert Huelsebuch

[bobdeen@aol.com](mailto:bobdeen@aol.com)

The Caloosa Carvers Club invites Girl Scout Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors to explore carving and experience the joys of creating animals out of wood. The Carvers Club can provide woodcarving demonstrations and/or workshops. Work on requirements for Juniors "Making" Hobbies and Toymaker badge and Visual Arts IP!

Cost: only cost will be for supplies.

### **Imaginarium Hands-On Museum and Aquarium**

Nikki Dunn

2000 Cranford Ave.

Ft. Myers, FL 33916

(239) 337-3332

[imaginarium@cityftmyers.com](mailto:imaginarium@cityftmyers.com)

[www.cityftmeyers.com/imaginarium](http://www.cityftmeyers.com/imaginarium)

The Imaginarium, a hands-on science and nature-based museum, provides visitors with over 60 interactive exhibits including a theater, a traveling exhibit, live animals and ongoing special programs. The purpose of the Imaginarium is to spark a child's imagination, arouse a sense of wonder and a desire to learn, through the use of hands-on exhibits which interpret any aspect of the sciences, humanities and the arts.

Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors can go behind the scenes to learn more about the museum field and complete the Museum Discovery Interest Project.

Cost: \$5 per girl (ages 3-12), \$8 per adult (13 & up)

### **J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge**

1 Wildlife Drive

Sanibel, FL 33957

(239) 472-1100

[dingdarling@fws.gov](mailto:dingdarling@fws.gov)

[www.fws.gov/dingdarling](http://www.fws.gov/dingdarling)

J.N. Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge can offer educational programs toward a variety of Try-Its, badges and Interest Projects. The refuge offers great birding, tram tours, bike riding, and hiking. For more information, please contact the Refuge.

### **Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida**

Cecelia St. Arnold

9530 Marketplace Rd. Suite 104

Ft. Myers, FL 33142

(239) 225-2590

[cstarnoldja@sfwdb.org](mailto:cstarnoldja@sfwdb.org)

Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida has exciting programs that can be offered to Cadette, Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts. Cost: \$10 per girl

- "Mind Your Business" program covers all requirements for the "Your own Business" IP
- "Personal Economics" program covers all requirements for "Dollars and Sense" IP

### **Pump It Up**

4331 Veronica S. Shoemaker Blvd.

Ft. Myers, FL 33916

(239) 275-8700

[Fl.ftmyers@pumpitupparty.com](mailto:Fl.ftmyers@pumpitupparty.com)

The "Original Inflatable Party Zone" is the only inflatable event venue with 100% private events and six giant inflatables in the Ft Myers area. Events at Pump It Up are private from start to finish. Party Rooms are exclusively for your group, guaranteed. Because Pump It Up is a private venue, you can completely customize your Girl Scout event as your group bonds over bouncing and working on requirements for their badges!

## Hendry County

### **LaBelle Heritage Museum**

150 S. Lee Street

LaBelle, FL 33935

(863) 674-0034

[labelleheritagemuseum@earthlink.net](mailto:labelleheritagemuseum@earthlink.net)

The LaBelle Heritage Museum is a small “house” museum displaying artifacts of daily living from about 1900 to the 1940’s, a display of fossils and some of the possessions of Hendry County’s first female doctor. The Museum also features a nice history of the “Ox Woman” and genealogies of numerous pioneer families. Girl Scout groups can schedule a visit to the Museum to learn about various old-fashioned household implements, period clothing and photographs, family entertainment from the period, or identifying bones and shells. For more information and possible programs, contact the Museum.

### **Riverside Retreat – Alva United Methodist Camp**

Martha E. Pierce

7305 CR78

LaBelle, FL 33935

(863) 675-0334

[mpierceriverside@yahoo.com](mailto:mpierceriverside@yahoo.com)

Walk on the wild side at the Riverside Retreat Center! Come for a day of learning the basic plant identification and the importance of plants in every aspect of life. We will be hiking through areas of camp to apply what we have learned! We will also have a fantastic time discovering information about the edible plants of Florida and our wonderfully strange ecosystem! Low Ropes adventures are available to Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors Girl Scouts.

Cost: Low Ropes Adventure - \$10 per person for 2 ½ hours.

Plant Identification/Nature Hike - \$7 per person for teaching and hiking.

Environmental Awareness - \$5 per person for a 1 hour film discussion, and take-home idea.

## Collier County

### **Naples Botanical Garden**

4820 Bayshore Dr.

Naples, FL 34112

(239) 643-7275

[www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.org)

Come explore the Naples Botanical Garden. Visit the butterfly garden and walk amongst the butterflies, walk the new uplands trail, and wander through the various gardens. What a great way to learn all about native, tropical and subtropical plants and pollination!

### **Naples Zoo**

1590 Goodlette-Frank Rd.

Naples, FL 34102

(239) 262-5409

[www.napleszoo.com](http://www.napleszoo.com)

Girl Scout groups will have the opportunity to explore a world full of wonder, imagination and learning. Naples Zoo unites the wonder of the animal kingdom with the beauty of a botanical garden. Animals, from alligators to zebras, live within a historical tropical garden founded in 1919. The zoo also features a full day of presentations designed to educate as well as entertain. Naples Zoo is one of the top 10% of the nation's zoos accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

Cost: \$10.50 per girl (ages 3-12), \$18.75 per adult (13 & up)

### **Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve**

300 Tower Rd.

Naples, FL 34113

(239) 417-6310

[www.rookerybay.org](http://www.rookerybay.org)

The Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve features a learning center where Girl Scouts can learn about estuaries, observe displays with live animals, learn from exhibits and watch a film about our unique environment.

Cost: \$3 per girl (ages 6-12), \$5 per adult (13 & up) Children under 6 are admitted free.

## Out of Council

### **The American Red Cross**

*Locations throughout the Council*

[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

Various courses are available to Girl Scouts for certifications and badge requirements. Your local Red Cross chapter has a variety of volunteer opportunities, such as health fairs and service projects. This is a great organization to team with on Take Action Projects.