



Local Relief Patch Program

A Girl Scout Service & Leadership Initiative

INTRODUCTION

The Girl Scouts' motto is "Be Prepared," meaning that a Girl Scout should always be ready to face challenges and help others in need by having the knowledge and skills necessary to act in any situation.

Local Relief is a nonprofit and mobile app that helps communities before, during, and after disasters by connecting people with resources, organizations, and each other. This patch program encourages Girl Scouts to learn about disaster response, build community strength, and take action to help their neighbors recover from crises.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Learn about disaster preparedness, response, and recovery.
- ▶ Connect with local organizations and community leaders who assist during disasters.
- ▶ Take action by sharing resources, spreading awareness, and supporting recovery efforts.

To earn this patch, Girl Scouts must complete **three requirements from the DISCOVER and CONNECT sections**, and **one requirement from TAKE ACTION** (seven requirements total).

DISCOVER

- **What is a Disaster?** Research different types of disasters (hurricanes, wildfires, floods, earthquakes, tornadoes, and snowstorms). List three ways communities can prepare for them.
- **The Power of Community** Interview someone who has experienced a disaster. Ask them how they prepared, what challenges they faced, and what helped them the most.
- **Emergency Kits 101** Make a list of 10 essential items for an emergency kit and explain why each is important.
- **Disaster Communication** Research different ways people share important information during a disaster. How do social media, apps like Local Relief, and radio broadcasts help?
- **Helping Hands** Research an organization that helps with disaster relief. What services do they provide, where do they provide their services, and how do they assist families in need?

DISASTERS HAPPEN
Find Everything You Need Here

LOCAL RELIEF

Your Connection To

- Free Resources & Recovery Help
- Local Groups to Find & Share Updates
- Organizations Providing Support
- Tips & Information

Stay Connected & Safe.
Download the **FREE** Local Relief App Today!

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CONNECT

- **Talk to the Helpers** Contact a local emergency responder, nonprofit leader, or city official involved in disaster relief. Ask them about their role in helping communities recover.
- **Mapping Community Resources** Help identify resources in your community that should be added to the Local Relief app (food banks, shelters, volunteer organizations, etc.). Create a list of at least 10 resources.
- **Spreading Awareness** Create a poster about Local Relief and how it helps disaster-impacted communities. Share it with your troop leader.
- **Disaster Storytelling** Write or draw a simple “What to Do in an Emergency” guide for the community. (Be sure to include the Local Relief app)
- **Get Social!** Create a short video (1-2 minutes) on a disaster preparedness topic to share on social media or with Local Relief.

FINAL STEP

Once you complete your activities, share your experiences with your troop, leader, or community! You can submit your work to marketing@gsgcf.org to be shared with Local Relief and featured on their website, mobile app, and/or social media.

- **Girls making a difference—one disaster-ready community at a time!**

TAKE ACTION

- **Create Helpful Content** Create an educational video about emergency preparedness or disaster recovery to be shared through Local Relief.
- **Support Disaster-Affected Communities** Volunteer your services at a relief drive, fundraiser, or donation event to help those in need.
 - ➔ Pro Tip: Work with local food banks, religious organizations, or nonprofits and charities to coordinate community service efforts.
- **Emergency Kit Assembly** Organize a troop event where Girl Scouts assemble emergency kits for your families. You can also donate kits to families in need through local nonprofits.



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