



USA GIRL SCOUTS OVERSEAS

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP RECOGNITION

GIRL GUIDE

The purpose of the International Friendship Recognition is to help USA Girl Scouts Overseas realize their unique opportunities for international friendship while they are living outside the USA.

Every Brownie, Junior, Cadette, and Senior Girl Scout in a USA Girl Scout Overseas troop may work toward this Recognition in the host country in which she is living at the time the activities are being carried out. She may earn it only once in a country, but may earn it in more than one country. However, only one pin is worn on the uniform.

All requirements must be completed unless circumstances within the country make a stated activity impossible to accomplish. Approval of activity changes, where necessary, and of completion of the Recognition are given by the troop leader.

The first step is to find a friend of your host country. If you need help, ask your parents, your troop leader, or your teacher. With a friend you can do many things, some of which you can share with your family and your troop.

Part of this project is the creation of an International Friendship Memory Book, to help you remember the details of the exciting things you will be doing. In this way, you will be able to recall the people, places, and impressions you are enjoying right now. Fill your Memory Book with photos, cards, drawings, and facts about this special time of your life – things you can share with others.

As you complete the various activities, make check marks under the symbols on the back to show which ones you have done with your friend and which you have recorded in your Memory Book.

The Recognition insignia is a pin with a design similar to that above. It is ordered by the leader for girls in her troop (NES UPC no. 09872, \$3.00). USA Girl Scouts Overseas troop leaders may order the pin from the National Equipment Service at Girl Scout national headquarters or from USA Girl Scouts Overseas service centers.

The Recognition is presented in a special ceremony planned by the troop. The Girl Scout's friend may be invited to participate. A Girl Scout who has earned the Recognition may also purchase a pin to present to her friend.

The Recognition pin may be worn on the right hand side of the uniform, on a level with the membership pin or on the badge sash in the area just below the membership stars.

THE BEGINNING – NOT THE END!

Receiving the International Friendship Recognition means you have had an opportunity beyond the dream of most USA girls your age--you LIVED in another country! Promise yourself that you will keep in touch with your friend and will share your International Friendship Memory Book and what you have learned with others, now and in the future.

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INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP RECOGNITION REQUIREMENTS

Requirement	Date	Leader's Signature
<p>1. MAKE NEW FRIENDS WITH PERSONS OF YOUR HOST COUNTRY</p> <p>a. Get acquainted with someone (about your own age, if possible) of the country in which you are living. Learn to greet your friend in her (or his) language. Invite your friend to your home to meet your family. Visit your friend's home if you are invited.</p> <p>b. Start your Memory Book by taking a picture of your friend. Below the picture, add these facts: name, address, telephone (if any). List your friend's hobbies and interests; add to the list as you get to know her (or him) better.</p>		
<p>2. LEARN ABOUT YOUR HOST COUNTRY AND ITS PEOPLE THROUGH ITS LANGUAGE</p> <p>a. Learn to use words, phrases, and sentences in the language of your host country. Practice these with your friend. In turn, teach these words in English to her (or him).</p> <p>b. Learn a song, game, and/or singing dance in the language of your host country. Choose ones that have special meaning in the life of the people.</p>		
<p>3. LEARN ABOUT YOUR HOST COUNTRY AND PEOPLE THROUGH ITS CUSTOMS AND CULTURE</p> <p>a. Learn about three holidays celebrated in your host country and find out why and how they are celebrated. Try to attend one--with your friend, if possible.</p> <p>b. Find out about the daily life of persons your age in your host country. How do they dress? How do they help at home? What do they do in school and in their free time?</p> <p>c. Attend a concert, play, puppet show, or other such event or visit a museum or exhibition that will help you understand more about the country in which you are living.</p>		
<p>4. LEARN ABOUT YOUR HOST COUNTRY THROUGH ITS HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY</p> <p>a. Get a map of your host country. Each time you visit a new place, locate and circle it on the map. Include the capital and places visited before you got the map.</p> <p>b. Draw or find a picture of the flag of your host country. Explain the meaning of the colors and symbols.</p>		
<p>5. HELP PEOPLE OF YOUR HOST COUNTRY UNDERSTAND US AND OUR COUNTRY</p> <p>a. Invite your friend to participate in celebration of a USA holiday. On a map of the USA point out to your friend places you and members of your family have lived and visited. Show her (or him) pictures of these places, if you can.</p> <p>b. Discuss with your host country friend differences and similarities between your two countries.</p>		
<p>6. LEARN ABOUT THE GIRL SCOUT/GUIDE MOVEMENT IN YOUR HOST COUNTRY</p> <p>a. Find out about Girl Scouting/Guiding in your host country. What do their uniforms look like? What insignia do they wear? How are their Promise and Laws similar to ours? If possible, have some personal contact with the Girl Scouts/Guides of your host country or another country.</p>		
<p>7. PUT INTO ACTION A GIRL SCOUT'S PROMISE TO BE USEFUL AND HELP OTHERS.</p> <p>a. Help new girls in your troop or community adjust to living in your host country. Tell them about the way of life of the people and assist them in learning how to live in a new country. Share with them your memory book.</p>		