

It's America's 250th Anniversary

On July 4, 2026, it will be 250 years since the Declaration of Independence was signed. Girl Scouts of the USA has partnered with America250.org to recognize the anniversary—and you can earn a commemorative five-patch collection to mark it!

To earn your patches, you'll need to complete one activity. You can:



Take part in an [America250 tentpole program](#).

You can explore, create, or help others through projects like [America's Field Trip](#) or [America's Stories](#). You might also do community service and add your hours to the national count on [America Gives](#). Keep checking in—more programs will be added throughout the year!



Join an [America250 event](#).

Events of all kinds are happening in communities across the country—maybe even your own state! You might try a walking challenge, share a story, or visit a local museum. Visit your state's America250 website to find opportunities near you, then join an event—in person or online—to recognize this milestone.



Participate in your own way!

Mark the moment in any way that feels meaningful to you—create an art piece, take part in a [national service project](#), or express your feelings however else you like. As a starting point, you might consider: What historical contributions have people made over the years that feel especially important to you? How can you contribute to shaping the future of the U.S.?

No matter what you choose, **let your family and friends know about it!** Tell others what you did to recognize the 250th anniversary and how it made you feel. Sharing your project on social media? Tag **@girlscouts** and your local council.



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