Outdoor Skills Patch Program
GSSEM’s Outdoor Skills Patch Program consists of 28 mini patches covering a variety of outdoor topics. Twenty-four patches represent Outdoor Skills, Outdoor Fun, and Outdoor Adventures. Four Patches represent levels of Outdoor Leadership.

How to Earn Patches
Outdoors Skills Mini Patches can be earned on your own, by attending a council event, community event, or local business/organization sponsored event or program. The Level 1-4 Leadership patches can only be earned by Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, or Ambassadors who volunteer to assist at a council event, a community event or district level program.

• Learn about the mini patch topic (Discover)
• Practice the skills with family or friends (Connect)
• Get Outdoors and apply what they learned (Take Action)

Outdoor Skills Mini Patches
There are four Outdoor Skills Day levels, these can be earned at council-led events or you can check out Outdoor Skills Day kits and host your own Outdoor Skills Day program for your troop or community!

Outdoor Skills Day – Level 1
Outdoor Basics, Leave No Trace, Conservation

Outdoor Skills Day – Level 2
Team Building, Hiking, Orienteering

Outdoor Skills Day – Level 3
Knot Tying, Tent Building, Fire Building

Outdoor Skills Day – Level 4
Outdoor Cooking, First Aid, Backpacking

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**Outdoor Fun Mini Patches**
Outdoor Fun Mini Patches are earned at GSSEM Outdoor Education events/programs or on your own!

- Knife Skills
- Horsemanship
- Animal Tracking
- Shelter Building
- Nature
- Astronomy

**Outdoor Adventure Mini Patches**
Outdoor Adventure Mini Patches are earned at GSSEM Outdoor Education events/programs or on your own!

- Archery
- Winter Sports
- Climbing
- Slingshot
- Fishing
- Paddle Sports
- Cycling

**Outdoor Skills Leadership Awards**
Older girls who have earned an Outdoor Skills mini-patch may earn leadership mini-patches by teaching the skill to younger girls.

- Earn one star: Assist an adult who is teaching a mini-patch skill that you have earned.
- Earn two stars: Teach a skill for a minipatch you have previously earned. An adult will supervise but not teach.
- Earn three stars: Teach two different skills for mini-patches you have previously earned. An adult will supervise but not teach.
- Earn four stars: Help organize and run an Outdoor Skills Day event.

**Where are the patches placed on the vest/sash?**
These are patches, patches on the back or side of the sash/vest. We recommend hanging them from the side/back of the vest or sash.

For more information, please contact our Outdoor Education Program Specialist at outdooreducation@gssem.org.

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