

Junior Girl Scout Badges

THEN & NOW

Matron Housekeeper



To earn this badge in 1913, a 10- to 17-year-old Girl Scout was encouraged to learn how to:

- Use a vacuum cleaner or stain and polish hardwood floors.
- Store fur and flannels.
- Clean glass, kitchen utensils, brass, and silverware.
- Know three cuts of meat and the prices of each.

Ms. Fix-It

To earn this badge, an 8- to 11-year-old Junior Girl Scout is encouraged to:

- Replace a broken windowpane safely.
- Demonstrate how to repair a leaking toilet.
- Help with some painting, papering or other repair work to walls.
- Find out what changes could be made to a home that would help save water.



Electrician

To earn this badge in 1920, a 10- to 17-year-old Girl Scout was encouraged to learn:

- Simple battery connections and fusions.
- How to rescue and resuscitate someone who has been electrocuted.
- About non-conducting substances and insulation.



Making It Matter

To earn this badge, an 8- to 11-year-old Junior Girl Scout is encouraged to:

- Take apart a simple appliance to see how it works.
- Make a polymer using household chemicals.
- Use CAD—computer-assisted design—to build a model and test how the design will work.



Cyclist

To earn this badge in 1920, a 10- to 17-year-old Girl Scout had to own her own bicycle and pledge herself to offer it to the government in case of need. She was also encouraged to know how to read a map and fix a flat tire.



Adventure Sports

To earn this badge, an 8- to 11-year-old Junior Girl Scout is encouraged to:

- Demonstrate skills in rock climbing, surfing, mountain biking, and kayaking.
- Find ways to lessen the impact of adventure sports on the environment.



Signaller

To earn this badge in 1920, a 10- to 17-year-old Girl Scout was encouraged to learn how to:

- Send and receive a message using Semaphore and Morse code.
- Be able to code more than 50 letters per minute.



Communication

To earn this badge, an 8- to 11-year-old Junior Girl Scout is encouraged to:

- Participate in a debate.
- Write a news story about an event.
- Create a marketing theme with a message.
- Outline a public relations plan for an event.



Interpreter

To earn this badge in 1920, a 10- to 17-year-old Girl Scout was encouraged to learn how to:

- Be able to carry on a simple conversation in another language.
- Write a letter in a foreign language.
- Read or translate a passage from a book or newspaper in French, German, Italian, or any other language not her own.



Global Awareness

To earn this badge, an 8- to 11-year-old Junior Girl Scout is encouraged to:

- Find out how countries come together to address issues that concern them all.
- Learn how an international event is covered in the news in other parts of the world.
- Learn about a female leader in another country.

