

Cancer Awareness

in partnership with Cancer Bridges

Cancer shows no prejudice, and it impacts all of us. Many people know more than one person who has battled the disease. This includes Girl Scout founder Juliette Gordon Low, who died as a result of her breast cancer.

How to earn the Cancer Awareness patch the Girl Scout way:

Steps:

1. **Discover**—Learn more about the organization, Cancer Bridges.
2. **Connect**—Talk to friends or family members who've been impacted by cancer.
3. **Take Action**—Help local cancer patients through Cancer Bridges.

Materials Needed:

In order to complete this patch, you'll need a few things:

- resources (You can either go online with an adult, ask a professional, or visit your public library.)
- other materials based on your Take Action project (See Step 3.)

Step 1

Learn about Cancer Bridges.

Using the internet (with an adult) or speaking with a member or staff of Cancer Bridges, learn more about the organization. Here are some questions to get you started:

- Does the organization offer educational materials?
- Are there events that the organization hosts or attends?
- Is there a website for the organization?
- Is there an opportunity for you to help the organization?

Did you learn something new? Share your knowledge with others.

Step 2

Connect with cancer survivors and caregivers.

Cancer impacts most families in some way, and June 4 is National Cancer Survivors Day. Take the time to hear someone's story. Is anyone in your family a cancer survivor? Ask them to share their story. Or you can interview members of your family or friends about how cancer has affected them. Do they know someone with cancer? Have they lost someone to cancer? Do they know about Cancer Bridges?

Step 3

Help cancer patients through Cancer Bridges.

Here are some ideas of how you can help, but you can also contact a staff member at Cancer Bridges to discuss other ideas.

- Share information about Cancer Bridges with someone who could use their programs.
- Attend a Cancer Bridges event or spread the word about upcoming events.
- Collect supplies needed at the center. Check out their Amazon wish list.
- Volunteer at one of their events.

Are you a girl aged 14-18 looking for service hours or a community partner for your Gold or Silver Award project? Cancer Bridges is a non-profit organization located in Pittsburgh that serves those impacted by cancer through free social and emotional programs. Their programs range from support groups and counseling to knitting groups and yoga classes. They also have specific youth and teen programs, including an annual summer camp. Volunteers help to facilitate programs, set up events, and complete projects around their building. They can also accommodate volunteer groups.

If you have any questions, please contact the program coordinator at Cancer Bridges:

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All done? CONGRATULATIONS!

You've completed all the necessary steps to earn the Cancer Awareness patch.

After completing the activities from each step, visit or call a Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania retail shop at 800-248-3355 to purchase your patch.* A patch may be worn on the back of a vest, sash or tunic.

*Patch shown may be substituted with similar patch, based on availability.