

Thousand Islands Girl Scout Council

OUR COUNCIL'S OWN TRY-IT

MY NEIGHBORHOOD

For Brownie Girl Scouts



*Many different people, places and things make up your neighborhood.
You may live in the city, on a farm, on a reservation, or in a military community.*

Let's get to know your neighborhood by trying four of the following six activities.

1.	Community Bingo. Using the BINGO card found later in this Try-It, take a neighborhood hike, marking off as many neighborhood landmarks as you can. See if you win!
2.	What's Happening. Make a scrapbook or montage (see p. 78). Include your own drawings of things you see in your neighborhood: photos, newspaper clippings, troop news, family news or community happenings.
3.	Community Service. When people help people in a neighborhood, everyone is a winner! Read pp. 77-80 and then you can help by doing a small service project such as one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have a Pick-Up-Litter Day at your school or park.• Collect toys or used clothing with your troop, family or friends. Donate the items to a charitable organization.• Collect canned goods for a food pantry.• Collect newspapers or cans for recycling.• Or, try your own ideas!
4.	SafetyWise. Learn about the people in your neighborhood whose job it is to keep you safe. Visit or invite a policewoman, firefighter, doctor, school nurse or other person to your troop and find out: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What they do.• What equipment they use.• How to reach them by telephone. AND Make an emergency phone chart for your family to use at home. Use the chart on p. 98 to help you. OR Make a troop first aid kit and include all the items found on pp. 107-108.
5.	Moving In. Do you have new neighbors at home or new students in your class at school? Do something to make them feel welcome.

	<p>On your own:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be a buddy and invite a new friend to eat lunch with you at school or have supper at your home.• Introduce your new friend to the neighborhood, take a walk, visit the part, play Community Bingo, or choose your own way of making them feel welcome. <p>OR</p> <p>With your troop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Send “Welcome to Our Neighborhood” cards to new families moving in. Ask your church, school or community groups to give you the names of new people.
6.	<p>Name Game. How do places in your neighborhood get their names? A place may be named after a famous person or the name may tell you how something looks. Choose one of the following and find out how it got its name and share what you have found with your troop, class at school, or your family.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Famous building• Cemetery• City/town or village• River, pond or lake• House• Park• Street• Island• Mountain• Road or highway

PATCH TRACKER

Track each girl's progress here.

	MY NEIGHBORHOOD																			
	<i>List girls' names and check off progress. →</i>																			
1.	Neighborhood BINGO																			
2.	Scrapbook or montage																			
3.	Community Service																			
4.	SafetyWise																			
	AND emergency phone sign OR troop First Aid kit																			
5.	Moving In																			
6.	Name Game.																			

COUNCIL'S OWN PATCH ORDER FORM: MY NEIGHBORHOOD

Please complete the information below, enclose a check made payable to: *Thousand Islands Girl Scout Council*, and mail to: Thousand Islands Girl Scout Council, 253 State Street, Watertown, NY 13601.

Troop Number _____ Troop Level _____ Leader Name _____
 Neighborhood _____ Council _____

Leader mailing address _____

_____ patches x \$ 1.25 =	
Postage cost (\$1.25 for each dozen patches for orders in continental US)	
TOTAL	

COMMUNITY BINGO GAME

Instructions:

1. Cut out the Trefoils on the next page and give each girl or team a glue stick.
2. When you find something on your neighborhood hike, glue a Trefoil on the square.

H	O	M	E
CHURCH	PASTURE	PLAYGROUND	FIRE STATION
CEMETERY	BARN	RIVER OR STREAM	CAR WITH OUT-OF-STATE LICENSE PLATE
MILITARY VEHICLE	TRACTOR	DOCTOR'S OFFICE	POLICE STATION
LIBRARY	PARK	STORE	POST OFFICE

Name _____

Troop No _____

Cut out these markers and use them with your Community BINGO game.

