

## Silver Lining Program Patch Contest

*Silver Lining* (formerly known as "Adopt a Nursing Home") program promotes volunteer involvement to enrich the lives of Texans living in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, state schools/centers by providing social engagement opportunities, and encouraging community involvement through planned activities.

Five Texas Girl Scout Councils (GS-TOP, GSNETX, GSSJC, GSCTX, GSSWTX) and DADS would like to encourage Girl Scouts to lead the way in this area of service. Since Girl Scouts love patches, the team is conducting a patch design contest.

- Who:** Girl Scouts of any program/grade-level from a Girl Scout Council in Texas
- What:** Design the new PATCH that girls will earn when they participate in the DADS *Silver Lining* program.
- Opens:** Patch designs will be accepted starting **Monday, March 30, 2009**
- Closes:** Patch designs postmarked no later than **Friday, May 8, 2009**
- How:** Patch designs should be submitted to your council office by **Friday, May 8, 2009**. Each Council selects a team to review submissions from their membership and forwards the top six finalists to the Silver Lining Task Group judges panel. The panel of judges will select one entry to be the winning patch design. This patch design will be submitted to GSUSA for final approval.
- Awards:** One entry will become the official patch design for the Silver Lining Program. All patch design contest participants receive a participation certificate.
- Criteria:** Eligible program/grade-levels include: Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior and Ambassador. Patch designs should contain (but are not limited to):
- 1) The words "GS-TOP, GSNETX, GSSJC, GSCTX, GSSWTX"
  - 2) Note: Do not use the Girl Scout logo. It is not necessary. If used, it will be replaced with "Girl Scout."
  - 3) The "*Silver Lining*" logo that is on this page. The logo or colors (blue and purple) may not be changed.
  - 4) Size – the finished patch will be 2 inches by 3 inches and can be any shape.
  - 5) Patch colors should be kept to a maximum of 3 colors (not including the blue, purple and black).

Refer to the Silver Lining Program Patch Contest Entry Form for full contest rules and drawing area.

Inviting and participating Girl Scout Councils are: Central Texas, Northeast Texas, San Jacinto, Southwest Texas, Texas Oklahoma Plains.

For more information about how your troop can get involved, or for additional details about the patch contest, contact Stuti Mehta (Abilene, Fort Worth and Wichita Falls Regions) at [smehta@gs-top.org](mailto:smehta@gs-top.org) or 800-582-7272, ext. 305 or Vivian Cockrell (Amarillo and Lubbock Regions) at [vcockrell@gs-top.org](mailto:vcockrell@gs-top.org) or 800-687-4475, ext. 102.

## Silver Lining Program Patch Contest Entry Form

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  - Note: Do not use the Girl Scout logo. It is not necessary. If used, it will be replaced with "Girl Scout."
  - Must have the "Silver Lining" logo that is on this page. The logo or colors (blue and purple) may not be changed.
  - Size – the finished patch will be 2 inches by 3 inches and can be any shape.
  - Patch colors should be kept to a maximum of 3 colors (not including the blue, purple and black).
1. Contest is open to any registered Girl Scouts (Daisy to Ambassador) in the participating councils or volunteering in a Texas Nursing Home, Assisted Living, Adult Day Care, or state school/center.
  2. Keep the patch design within the borders of the box (see drawing of entry form); drawing of the patch may be horizontal or vertical.
  3. Entry must be submitted with colors indicated. Submit a color print, or indicate color placement on a black and white patch design.
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  5. Girl Scout Troops cannot submit 1 entry representing the troop. Each girl in the Troop may submit an entry, and all entries for a GS Troop can be mailed together.
  6. In order to be displayed and/or considered for the program patch, the Parent/Guardian Permission and Release (see next page) must be signed for each entry. Entries without parent/guardian signature filled out completely will not be considered. Girls' name, address, phone number, email address (if available) name of Girl Scout Council, Girl Scout Troop # (or Juliette/Lone Star), and program/grade level of girl must be included.
  7. All entries must be postmarked no later than **Friday, May 8, 2009** and mailed to local council offices (emails not accepted), with attention to "Silver Lining Patch Contest," to:  

Stuti Mehta	Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains:	4901 Briarhaven Rd., Fort Worth, TX 76109
Emilie Anderson	Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas:	6001 Summerside Drive, Dallas, TX 75252
Avery Orendorf	Girl Scouts of Central Texas:	12012 Park Thirty-Five Circle, Austin, TX 78753
Wanda Wehmeyer	Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas:	811 N. Coker Loop, San Antonio, TX 78216
Melinda Gaskill	Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council:	3110 Southwest Freeway, Houston, TX 77098
  8. By entering contest, artists consent to allow the use of their first names, stories, and/or photographs for advertising, publicity or publication for this or similar promotions without further compensation.
  9. Entries will not be returned and become the property of Girl Scouts and cannot be confirmed received due to the anticipated high volume of entries.
  10. Late, illegible, misdirected, mutilated, incomplete, or postage due entries will not be considered.
  11. Winner will be notified by telephone, email or mail.
  12. Sponsors and co-sponsors are not liable for misdirection or misinformation presented.
  13. Entries will be judged based upon the criteria for the patch design (dimensions, colors, design elements, etc.)
  14. Judges and GSUSA decisions are final.



## Silver Lining Program Patch Contest Entry Form Drawing Area

\*Additional entry forms can be found [www.gs-top.org](http://www.gs-top.org)

Girl Name \_\_\_\_\_ Troop # \_\_\_\_\_ Council Name \_\_\_\_\_

Program/Grade Level (circle one):

Daisy (K & 1)   Brownie (2 & 3)   Junior (4 & 5)   Cadette (6, 7 & 8)   Senior (9 & 10)   Ambassador (11 & 12)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian Permission and Release

DADS and Girl Scout Councils of Central Texas, Northeast Texas, San Jacinto, Southwest Texas, Texas Oklahoma Plains have my permission to display the above patch design created by my daughter (named above). In the event that my daughter's entry is chosen, I give permission for it to be made into a patch to represent the Silver Lining Patch Program. I understand the patches will be purchased by Girl Scouts that earn the patch.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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