



Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana

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Troop Crests

Once a crest is chosen, it remains for the life of the troop. The girls decide on the crest by vote. The blank crest is for a troop's own design. The crest was the original identification for a troop instead of a number. Due to the large number of troops all across the country, numbers were a necessity, however many troops use a crest to indicate their main goal or interest. Below is a list of original meanings for the 23 crests.

BLUEBIRD	Traditional symbol of happiness and cheerfulness.
CARDINAL	Known for its song, good cheer, and bright color; at home in the city or in the wild.
CLOVER LEAF	Traditional symbol of good luck; also the shape of the Girl Scout trefoil.
DAFFODIL	Spring flower, symbol of sunny personality.
DOGWOOD	New life, rebirth; a spring flowering tree.
FALLING STAR	Symbol of good luck; makes wishes come true.
FORGET-ME-NOT	Long standing symbol of friendship and loyalty.
HAWAIIAN LEI	Symbol for circle of friendship.
LIGHTNING	Symbol of power in nature.
LILY OF THE VALLEY	Symbol of purity; in folklore it is known as Fairy Bells.
MORNING GLORY	Symbol of awakening of a new day and glory to God.
MUSIC NOTES	International symbol of music/song.
PINE TREE	Symbol for boldness, loyalty, and stability.
PURPLE PANSY	Also known as "hearts-ease" stands for service and friendship.
PURPLE VIOLET	Symbolic today of a clean environment and a clean earth.
RED ROSE	The "All American" flower, symbol of beauty and love.
SAILBOAT	Symbolizes freedom on the wind of an adventurous journey.
SEASHELL	A promise of discovery – a gift from the sea.
STAR OF BETHLEHEM	A guide or beacon that shows the way; a goal.
UNICORN	Symbol of magic, mystery, and purity
WATERFALL	Symbol of the Royal House of Stuart – it stands for loyalty and challenge. (It was also the crest of the first troop in Savannah, Georgia.)
WHITE ROSE	Symbol of faith, loyalty, and the quest for truth.
WILD ROSE	Perseverance and adaptability even in the face of adversity, beauty in strength, and exploring possibilities.