

## Year of the Career Badge Requirements

Eligible to be earned from October 1st to September 31st of a given year.

1. Job Shadow a family member and learn more about their career
2. Invite someone working in a career you are interested in to talk with you or your troop. Learn about education requirements, salary, where they can live/work in the world, etc. Encourage the guest to have hands on activities!
3. Learn about all levels of a business, for example, hospitals need more than just Doctors to run smoothly. Learn about ALL the careers at a hospital, such as: janitors, technicians, nurses, doctors, administrators, etc.
4. Explore a variety of careers through online activities:
  - a. For girls in K-5 - <http://vacareerview.org/k5/>
  - b. For girls in 6-12 - [http://vacareerview.org/68/-](http://vacareerview.org/68/)
5. Attend a Career Rally hosted by volunteers in your community.
6. Attend a [scheduled event](#) and learn about a variety of cool careers!
7. Make a vision board to help you reach your career goals. A vision board is something you create to remind you of your own personal goals. Include all the things you're interested in and make you happy ... think of this as a fun craft project – you can create your vision board by gluing images and words cut from magazines, or drawn/write by hand, to a large piece of poster board. Before you start cutting and pasting, identify your goals, dreams and wishes by writing them down on a piece of paper. Your list may look something like this:

**My goals are:**

To learn how to play the piano.

To sell 150 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies.

To get an A in math this year.

**My dreams are:**

To get a puppy!

To become a pilot some day.

To travel to another country.

After you've made a list of your goals and dreams, start flipping through the magazines and photographs and cut out images and words that relate to your goals and dreams. If you can't find pictures you like, draw them yourself!

8. Plan a day dedicated to women in careers and research women in careers you are interested in and celebrate what they have accomplished!
9. Earn the Cookie Business Badge for your level.
10. Participate in one or more career related days. Explore careers within a specific field and learn about women who have a career in that field. Check your local newspaper or website to find career related events you might attend in the area.
11. Have another idea? Great! Feel free to add your own option to this list!

\*\* Year of the Career patches may be purchased by going to [GirlScoutsToday.org](http://GirlScoutsToday.org) and clicking on the Shop tab. Price per patch is \$.50