

# *Tropas de Amistad*

## SISTER TROOP PATCH PROGRAM



The *Tropas de Amistad* Sister Troop patch program has two purposes. One is to encourage adult volunteers to support and learn from each other. By increasing their circle of volunteer friends, leaders become mentors to each other, sharing successes, challenges and solutions. The other purpose is to provide an opportunity for girls to make new friends, see new things, and share new experiences. Through the *Tropas de Amistad* program girls and adults sharpen leadership and communication skills, learn acceptance of cultural differences, and much, much more ... they make lifelong friendships. This is a great way for everyone to learn more about their Girl Scout family.

	<p>All levels should complete four (4) activities, including the starred activities, with their Amistad sister-troop. Be sure to involve the girls in the planning.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*1.) Communicate with your Amistad sister-troop at least three times throughout the year. Communication may be via e-mail, letter, telephone, video or other.</li> <li>*2.) Plan and meet in person with your Amistad troop at least one time. Possible ideas include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a get acquainted meeting or end of year celebration</li> <li>- an overnight event</li> <li>- meet at and attend a Girl Scout council event together</li> <li>- celebrate a Girl Scout special day together</li> <li>- just get together and have fun!</li> </ul> </li> <li>3.) When you meet with your Amistad sister-troop, share your favorite songs and games with each other. Each troop should teach the other a song or game</li> <li>4.) Create and keep a scrapbook of your Tropas de Amistad activities. When you meet your Amistad troop, share your scrapbooks with each other.</li> <li>5.) Exchange photos and troop histories with your Amistad troop. Try drawing life-size portraits on butcher paper, color it in your likeness and describe yourself and your favorite things. When you meet your sister troop, see if you can identify each other by the self-portraits.</li> <li>6.) Make a troop video to send to your sister troop. You may like to include special swaps when you send it.</li> <li>7.) Create and write a troop newspaper to exchange with your sister troop.</li> <li>8.) Create video-tour of your community or home town and send it to your sister troop. Be sure to include historic landmarks and special places of interest.</li> <li>9.) Co-write a story with your sister troop (one troop begins the story, mails it to the sister troop who adds to the story and sends it back to the other troop, etc.)</li> </ul>

For information such as price, availability, etc. or to order patches, contact the Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas Council Shop in San Antonio at (210) 349-2404 or (800) 580-7247, extension 244. Six weeks advance notice required for orders of 100 or more patches.