

# West Pacific's Own Junior Girl Scout Badge



Living overseas is a unique experience, and Junior Girl Scouts have the opportunity to earn a unique badge. Activities for this recognition were developed as a Gold Award project by a Senior Girl Scout on Okinawa, and then updated to fall into the New Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

**Complete 6 requirements. Be sure to choose at least 1 from each section – Discover-Connect-Take Action.**

#### **Discover-**

1. Learn about the local traditional clothing. Visit a local store or shop, which features the local traditional clothing. Or have someone teach you how to wear the local traditional clothing.
2. Learn how to make three (3) hand-made crafts native to the country in which you live.
3. Learn several useful phrases in Japanese, Okinawa Hogan dialect, or Korean. Practice using them on a troop field trip to a local site.
4. Find out about one of the Japanese, Korean, or Okinawa holidays or festivals. Learn how it is celebrated and participate in one of them.

#### **Connect-**

1. Visit a temple or shrine. Find out what religion is practiced at the site and at least two things about that particular religion.
2. Go to a local factory or craft place. Find out what is made there and watch it being made.
3. Make a type of Japanese, Korean, or Okinawa food. Share your cooking and recipe with your troop or family.

#### **Take Action-**

1. Visit one of the memorials or historical sites. Learn why it is important. What can your troop do to make a difference at the site?
2. Learn about the dolls in Japan, Okinawa, or Korea, and then make one. As a troop make additional dolls, and decide together where they would have the most impact: donated, a puppet show, or taught to a local day care, school, or nursing home residents?