

SWAPping Etiquette

SWAPS should tell something about the giver or their troop/group and represent the givers' country, community, or local Girl Scout council or the activity where the SWAPping will take place. SWAPS are usually 1" to 2". SWAPS should NOT contain edible food. Food items can attract bugs and critters and can melt or get sticky. Try not to spend a lot of money - consider making something from donated or recycled material. Most SWAPS have a pin on them so they can be pinned to a hat or a shirt but they don't have to. SWAPS can be bracelets, necklaces, council patches, event patches, or other small items.

SWAPS that are going to be traded should have a tag with some information about the giver i.e. first name, troop number, age level, home city and state.

Remember to introduce yourself to your new friend when SWAPping...

"Hi, I'm Juliette. I'm a Daisy Girl Scout and I live in Eagan, Minnesota. I have something special I'd like to give you. It's very nice to meet you!"

Here are some basic SWAPping "do's and don'ts". SWAPS for trade are carried separately from the ones you want to keep. Keepers are frequently pinned on to hats or bandanas. Sometimes they're pinned onto a specific area of a shirt. SWAPS for trade can be in a SWAP bag, zipper baggie, shoe box, a friendship tie or pinned onto ribbon, anything that can be easily carried.

It is considered rude to refuse to swap with someone who asks. If you don't like the item you have been given or already have an identical SWAP, accept it politely and give them one of yours with a Girl Scout smile. *(Try to make your SWAPS something you would want to receive.)* ALWAYS say thank you!

Try to have a few extra SWAPS on hand for those people who don't have any to give in return or for those who need something to get started so they can swap too.