



SWAPS

Special Whatchamacallits
Affectionately Pinned Somewhere



Why swap ?



- To promote friendship
- To learn to talk to other people
- To have mementos of a good time and to share our handiwork with other scouts.



Swaps Basics



- Tell something about the givers or their troop/group.
- **Label them with your troop number and the date.**
- **Each SWAPS should have a safety pin for attachment.**
- Represent the givers' country, community, or local Girl Scout council.
- Avoid using food products, unless they are individually wrapped.
- Include swaps with thank-you letters to sponsors and those who helped them go to the event.
- Make a display or scrapbook for travel night or troop visits.
- Keep swaps on a hat, in a memory box or shadow box.
- Put pins and patches on a hat or jacket.
- Start a council best-of-swaps collection.

Swap Safety and Etiquette

Girls should:

- **Never refuse to swap with another person or Scout**
- Swap face-to-face, especially if addresses or email information is being exchanged.
- Be kind, not everyone is crafty. Accept different variations of SWAPS.
- Bring your SWAPS in one bag or box and have a 2nd one on hand for SWAPS you want to keep.
- Display your SWAPS so they are easily seen and allow for choices.
- Avoid using glass and sharp objects in swaps.
- Follow all *Safety-Wise* guidelines for all events.
- Avoid using food products, unless they are individually wrapped. Account for allergies.



Have Fun and SMILE!

