



Community Service Patch program

“Make an Eco-Difference”

All-In: \$15

Individual Patches: \$3 each

Only the All-in Orders include the middle hexagon patch. There will not be a separate order for only the middle patch.

All-in Order registration closes on November 30th.



Give back to others and planet Earth with GSCI’s Community Service Patch program “Make an Eco-Difference”. As Girl Scouts, helping making a positive difference in our communities is one of the most important things we can do. Focus on a different aspect of the world around us, how it effects our planet, and what you can do to give back!

Patch order registration closes the last day of every other month (see the chart below). Each patch is custom designed and will be available or mailed out roughly 8-10 weeks after each registration deadline.

Power 10/1/24-11/30/24	Animal 12/1/24-1/31/25	Recycle 2/1/25-3/31/25
Pollinators 4/1/25-5/31/25	Nature 6/1/25-7/31/25	Solar 8/1/25-9/30/25

Instructions

To earn the middle hexagon patch, please fill out and sign the Eco-friendly pledge below.

For each individual patch, complete at least 4 of the 7 steps listed below each category in this document.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Tiffany Kaufmann at tkaufmann@girlscouts-gsci.org or through our Customer Care line at 888-623-1237.

“Make an Eco-Difference”

Eco-friendly pledge



I pledge to do my part to help save the Earth. I will reduce, reuse, and recycle to make every day Earth Day. I care about our planet today and I can make a difference for tomorrow.

I will save energy. I promise to turn off lights and electronics when they are not being used. I will walk, bike, or share rides with family or friends when possible.

I will conserve resources. I promise to use a refillable water bottle. I will not waste water. I will carry reusable bags for shopping.

I will not litter. I promise to throw trash away where it belongs. I will remember to recycle. I will help others keep the Earth clean and green each day.

I will protect our planet. I promise to celebrate Earth Day every day. It is my responsibility to keep the Earth healthy for people and animals.

Signature: _____



Power

- Figure out how much electricity your home uses in a month and see if you can reduce that amount at all for the next month.
- Make signs for your home's light switches to remind everyone to turn off any lights when you leave an empty room.
- Unplug any unused appliances before going to bed
- Use cold water when doing laundry
- Replace your home's lightbulbs with LEDs
- Research smarter power strips and how they help conserve energy
- Create a poster or presentation about why conserving energy is important for the environment.



Animals

- Take a tour of your local animal shelter
- Practice leave no trace while you are out in nature
- Create an eco-friendly birdfeeder

- Research why people choose to be vegetarian/vegan and how it helps ecosystems. Decide if you would like to try it out for a week and document how it made you feel.
- Pick up trash around a park, local animal habitat, or area buildings.
- Make cat or dog toys for your local shelter
- Volunteer your time to walk dogs in your community or play with cats in the animal shelters



Recycle

- Learn about what recycling is and why it helps the environment
- Recycle cardboard, glass, and paper for a week
- Start a recycling program in your community or advocate for your town to begin recycling
- Learn about composting and how to do it
- Make an attempt in your family to buy less plastic for a week
- Buy used clothes or toys or donate your older clothes and toys to a good cause
- Create a work of art out of recycled materials



Pollinators

- Make a pollinator habitat (ex. Bee house, butterfly house, bug hotel, etc.)
- Plant milkweed, butterfly bushes, and/or pollinator flowers in your yard or at a local park.
- Visit a nature center to learn about pollinators in your area
- Research why NOT mowing your grass in the beginning of spring or burning leaves in the fall is important for the growth of pollinator population
- Visit a local farmer's market
- Write to an elected official about why pesticides should not be used on plants
- Create a poster or presentation on pollinators and why they are important
- Visit a local arboretum or botanical garden and learn more about local trees
- Research rain barrels for a garden and try to make your own
- Identify different types of trees in your community
- Check out books from your local library on trees and water sources. Share with your family and friends what you learned



Nature

- Learn about water conservation and come up a plan to save water in your house
- Pick up trash around a local water source



Solar

- Instead of drying your laundry in the dryer, hang your clothes out in the sun to dry
- Find a solar powered item and research its purpose. Is it actually helpful?
- Build a solar oven and make S'mores or nachos
- Research solar panels: costs, savings, etc.
- Plant a garden for your community to share
- Research the dangers of sun damage and educate your family and friends
- Learn more about the sun and why it is important for our Earth.