

Council Patches

Scoops for Service **D B J C S A**

This program is designed to help Girl Scouts of all ages design and carry out their own service project(s) or participate in any council-sponsored projects held throughout the year. Girls need not be in a group in order to participate. Scoops for Service is an on-going, year-round program.

Patches may be purchased upon completion of service hours. Girls may purchase more than one patch at each level and build their own cones as they wish. The top scoop is not an indicator of total hours earned, but rather, each scoop indicates actual service hours.

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Discover...Connect...Take Action:

1. Research needs in your community or Girl Scout council. In 2008-2009, the Girl Scout council is emphasizing the Help the Hungry council patch program and service theme. Other council/local service projects may be food drives, Make A Difference Day, Join Hands Day, Camp Clean-up Days, Adopt-a-Grandparent patch program or donations to the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund.
2. With your troop, brainstorm how you can help meet the needs identified in your community/council.
3. Plan and implement your service project. Consider making service a part of every event that you plan. Some examples follow.
 - “Charge” an “admission fee” of a donated can of food, hat or mittens at events.
 - Have a station for making cards for the elderly or tray decorations for programs like Meals on Wheels.
 - Contact the Girl Scout camps and see if they have any needs like curtains, dish towels, etc. Have a station collecting or making those items needed.
 - Wrap donated presents to donate to needy children in your community.
4. Visit service Web sites for national initiatives. Some examples follow.
 - www.onewarmcoat.org: One Warm Coat began in 1992 in San Francisco and has since expanded to a national level. More than 150,000 coats were collected last winter through the efforts of One Warm Coat. The coats are free to those in need.
 - www.happysock.net: Operation Happy Sock creates and delivers catnip toys to homeless cats in shelters and foster homes. The toys are made by stuffing catnip and a polyester fiberfill into the toe of a sock and tying a knot at the ankle.
 - www.npld.com: National Public Lands Day is a day dedicated to the improvement of public lands through activities such as planting trees, removing trash and invasive plants, trail and bridge work and more. September 2008
 - www.worldwatermonitoringday.org: World Water Monitoring Day is a worldwide opportunity to positively impact the health of rivers, lakes, estuaries and other bodies of water by testing four key indicators of water quality: temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen and turbidity. October 2008