



Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore

GREEN FOOTPRINTS

A COUNCIL-WIDE SERVICE PROJECT FOR ALL LEVELS

Serving others has always been an important part of Girl Scouting. Equally important as helping when asked, is looking for opportunities to serve. Service should become a habit, a way of thinking, whether the service is a simple everyday act at home, participating in community service projects, or projects with an international impact. Green FootPrints encourages service to become a way of thinking and recognizes the work of girls in completing service projects.

To earn the Green FootPrints patch:

1. Green FootPrints can be earned by girls individually or by girls in a troop/group setting. All girls must be involved in the selection, planning, and completing of all service projects.
2. To earn the main Green FootPrints patch, complete the required number of hours in service projects during the Girl Scout membership year (October 1st—September 30th).

Daisy Girl Scout	5 hours of service
Brownie Girl Scout	8 hours of service
Junior Girl Scout	15 hours of service
Cadette Girl Scout	18 hours of service
Senior Girl Scout	20 hours of service
Ambassador Girl Scout	22 hours of service
3. After the main Green FootPrints patch is earned, additional rockers can be earned for blocks of completed service hours. Rockers are earned in the following levels:

Daisy/Brownie	5 hours for each rocker
Junior/Cadette	8 hours for each rocker
Senior/Ambassador	10 hours for each rocker
4. Complete the Green FootPrints report form and turn it in when purchasing your patches. Patches can be bought at either the Toms River or the Farmingdale shops.
5. Remember that service hours within Girl Scouting cannot be counted toward other awards but may qualify for awards outside of Girl Scouting, like the

Presidential Service Award.

Service Project Ideas:

The following are just some ideas to get you started—be creative and don't forget to look for things that need to be done. Always remember that the girls' interest is a must for each project. Each of the ideas below may not be appropriate for all age levels. Also remember to obtain permission whenever necessary before starting any project and follow *Safety-wise*.

- Participate in a community ecology project.
 - Build and erect birdhouses in a park, schoolyard, or church.
 - Participate in your community's beautification campaign
 - Establish a nature trail in a park
 - Conduct a beautification project in a public area
- Assist a community or national social service center organization, the Red Cross, American Cancer Society, emergency shelters, etc. Remember, Girl Scouts cannot collect money for such organizations, but can put up posters promoting community involvement, provide baby-sitting services for volunteer workers, etc.
- Provide a flag ceremony for a community meeting, like PTA, civic clubs, or city/county commission meetings. Note: Flag ceremonies for Girl Scout events are considered program activities, not service.
- Make posters encouraging people to register to vote.
- Help the sick or elderly: visit residential care facilities, "adopt" grandparents, plan/coordinate activities at senior centers, make tray favors for Meals on Wheels, decorate the hospital for holidays with handmade decorations or record stories or songs for children in hospitals.
- Give a birthday or holiday party at a child's home, making gifts, decorations, and refreshments.
- Give a birthday or holiday party for a child making gifts, decorations, and refreshments.
- Make "What Girl Scouts Do" scrapbook for your community's Welcome Wagon to give to new families in the community.
- Make international visitors feel welcome by introducing them to people and places in a community.
- Donate household, educational, or first aid supplies to a relief agency.
- Assist Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore with special projects such Caring for Camp, assistance at council programs or needed office work. Contact the Program Department or Camp Department for needs.
- Develop and man a Girl Scout information booth at a fair. Contact the Public Relations Department in advance for help with planning.

Remember: This list is just a set of ideas to get you started — Add your own ideas and share with others!



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Council Service Project Patch Program

REPORT FORM

Please fill out this report form and turn it in at either GSJS Shop location when purchasing your patches.

Leader: _____ Phone #: (_____) _____

Troop #: _____ Level: _____

Date projects began: _____ Date projects ended: _____

Monmouth Service Center
 Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Fri. 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
 Extended hours:
 Every 3rd Tuesday until 7:00 p.m.

Ocean Service Center
 Mon.- Thurs. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Fri. 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
 Extended hours:
 Every 1st Tuesday until 7:00 p.m.

Service Project Description	Date of project	# of Participants Girls/Adults	# of hours

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