



Get With the Land Patch

The purpose of the patch is to:

- Encourage leaders and girls to go to environmental experts when they have questions while earning environmental Badges, Try-Its, Interest Project Patches, or STUDIO 2B_{SM} charms.
- Show girls a way to focus their earned awards when working toward the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards.

To earn this patch, girls will complete the following requirements:

1. Learn about the Linking Girls to the Land and the federal natural resource agencies that are involved by using the Linking Girls To The Land (LGTTL) Resource Guide, Web site, video, and other resources. A copy of the resource guide and video are available in the Resource Center. The resource guide is also available at www.epa.gov/linkinggirls.
 2. Work side by side with a federal natural resource agency professional in a conservation service, research, or other collaborative project. The names of agencies and contacts are listed in the resource guide and on the LGTTL Web site. Some of the volunteer service opportunities available through the federal natural resource agencies are Take Pride in America, www.takepride.gov, National Public Lands Day, www.npld.com, National Public Trails Day, www.americanhiking.org, International Migratory Bird Day, www.birdday.org, National Wildlife Week, and World Water Monitoring Day, worldwatermonitoringday.com Where there are no federal natural resource agency personnel available, state natural resource agencies may be contacted.
 3. In collaboration with one or more federal natural resource agencies, complete one Girl Scout Earned Age-Level Award related to the environment, outdoors, or science or fulfill at least two requirements from each of three Girl Scout Earned Age-Level Awards related to the environment, outdoors, or science. For suggested awards, see the section of the resource guide called "How the Girl Scout Program 'Links' Girls to the Land" or the Girl Scout Program Links section on the LGTTL Web Site.
- OR Learn about Linking Girls to the Land national programs and opportunities such as the Linking Girls to the Land Council Grant Projects, Water Drop Patch Project, Aquarius Project, or a National Conservation Event. Participate in at least one.
- OR Interview someone who works for a federal natural resource agency. Ask how s/he became interested in working there and how you might be able to develop a career in this field or with that agency. If possible, try to shadow this person for a few hours or even a day. Share what you have learned.
- OR Participate in a science, outdoors, or environmentally related STUDIO 2B destination or use STUDIO 2B materials on the Web site, www.studio2b.org and in print (Focus Books, Collections, etc.) that are related to the environment, outdoors, or science.
- OR Improve your skills in outdoor recreation and environmental protection by demonstrating Leave No Trace ethics, or teaching others the Tread Lightly Pledge.

Brownie Girl Scouts, Junior Girl Scouts, and Girl Scouts 11-17 are eligible to wear the Get with the Land Patch and receive an official certificate of appreciation from the Girl Scouts of the USA Linking Girls to the Land Committee when they complete the patch criteria. The patch and certificate are available through the Girl Scout Store.