

GLOBAL ACTION DAYS CHALLENGE!

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This year marks the 50th anniversary of Earth Day! Girl Scouts have always had a meaningful relationship with nature and the environment. It's in our DNA!

As part of our Global Girl Scouting Program, we invite you to participate in the World Environment/Service Challenge starting with Earth Day, April 22 and ending with World Environment Day on June 5.

Why we celebrate? Our founder, Juliette Gordon Low, was a famous lover of nature. By celebrating World Environment Day, Girl Scouts honors her legacy by promoting respect and love of the great outdoors far and wide. Through Girl Scouting, girls see the Earth as their home. Whether they're learning about endangered wildlife, developing creative recycling projects, or working toward a grade-level award, girls focus on care, conservation, and responsibility. They make sure the beauty and wonder of our planet endure for future generations to enjoy.

Take action by following two or more of the steps below:

- ❖ Get outside, observe what you see: What plants or animals do you notice? What human impact do you observe?
- ❖ Measure one square foot. Go outside and choose an area of land – it doesn't matter where, as long as it's about one-foot square. See how many things you can notice within that foot, things that no one has ever looked at before – a particular blade of grass, a unique pebble, maybe an insect, a worm...Share what you found.
- ❖ Open a book, read out loud – suggested book *Wangari's Trees of Peace: A True Story from Africa*, by Jeanette Winter – What problem did she see? What did she do to address it? What can you learn from her? What problems do you see?
- ❖ Examine how it's made. Look at five items you use every day, such as a soda bottle, jeans, a cell phone, hair ties, shampoo. Find out how one of these items is made and what the environmental impact of the item is. For example, the mining of rare minerals for cell phones leads to land degradation. Brainstorm more sustainable options. Maybe there is an easy change you can make, or maybe there's something you can innovate.
- ❖ Neighborhood Clean Up – during a walk around your neighborhood pick up trash (be Safety Wise – use gloves and collect in a trash bag).
- ❖ Recycle paper, glass, plastic, metal or old electronics. Make sure to check the recycling guidelines in your community first.
- ❖ Plant a tree.
- ❖ Learn about and teach someone else about composting. Composting food scraps can reduce climate impact while also recycling nutrients.
- ❖ Post a video of you conducting a public service announcement – teaching others about importance of turning off lights when you leave a room, turning off water when brushing your teeth, etc.)
- ❖ Show your love to others (during this COVID pandemic) by sending Thank You cards to First Responder (EMT, Firefighters, Police), Nurses, Doctors, Grocery Store Employees, etc. (Use your resources wisely make the cards by hand, mail the cards or safely hand deliver them to your local hospitals, fire department, etc.

Share with us one or more of the actions you took during this time. Upload the information [here](#).

Is there a patch? Yes, there are several patches available to order online at gswcf.org

Choose the one you would like and add it to the back of your sash/vest.



Participant pays for cost of patch