

Save Our Planet Council Patch Program



Learn what can be done to Take Action and make a difference in the world! Learn about environmental concerns and what it means in your community. What happens every day on our planet? *If a requirement is starred (*) then it is a mandatory activity for all age levels.*

Discover:

Daisies complete 2; Brownies complete 3; Juniors complete 4; Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors complete 5

- A. Learn about air pollution. What causes it? What are the consequences of air pollution? What can be done to reduce air pollution?
- B. Learn about toxic waste. What causes it? What are the consequences of toxic waste? What can be done to reduce toxic waste?
- C. Learn about climate change/global warming. What causes it? What are the consequences? What can be done to reduce its effects or its continuation?
- D. Learn about light pollution. What causes it? What are the consequences of light pollution? What can be done to reduce light pollution? Learn about Certified International Dark Sky Communities.
- E. Learn about recycling. What benefits does it have to the environment? What is and what is not recyclable? What is your family already doing to recycle? What more can they be doing?
- F. Learn different ways to conserve water and why it is important for us to do them. Learn what your family is already doing to conserve water and what more they can be doing.
- G. The earth is in need of some heavy-duty love and care. What is an environmental issue that you are passionate about? If you had to pick something to stand up and fight for, what would it be? Do you think you might face opposition—people who don't want to change their ways? How would you react (in a true Girl Scout way) and still remain true to your cause and passion?*

Connect:

Daisies complete 1; Brownies complete 2; Juniors complete 3; Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors complete 4

- A. Learn about carpooling—not only does it get you into the carpool lane, it also saves the planet. The United States could save 33 million gallons of gas each day if the average commuting vehicle carried one additional person! How could you implement carpooling into your friend group, family, community, etc.? If possible, set up a carpool system.
- B. Look into the Utah Society for Environmental Education. If you are able, plan a visit or attend one of their events. Learn about what they are doing in Utah and in your community. Do you know of any other environmental educators in your area? Reach out to them and learn what they do!

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- C. What do you think the number one environmental issue facing your community (or state) is? Connect with an expert in this area and learn what you can do to help reduce the impact on our planet.
- D. Visit TreeUtah and learn the environmental benefits to planting trees to help our air and planet.
- E. Go on a field trip to a place that recycles materials or uses recycled materials to make new products. Suggestions: water filtration plant, paper mill, aluminum processing plant, or a bottling plant.

Take Action:

Daisies complete 1; Brownies complete 1; Juniors complete 2; Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors complete 2

- A. Look around your family's house and everyday lives—what are 10 things that you and your family could do that would help save the planet? Maybe it's turning off the faucet when you brush your teeth, or recycling more, or carpooling more. Make an effort to do these ten things. Try to convince your friends' families to do the same! Be an advocate for the environment in your community.
- B. Switch from plastic water bottles to re-usable water bottles! Convince 5 other people to do the same thing. Curious how much of an impact you're making? You're making a HUGE difference! Join movements such as the Plastic Pollution Coalition (bit.ly/3HbIghg) and track the impact you're making in your community, nation, and world.
- C. Take a stand for the environment and the planet by signing petitions or supporting the efforts of organizations working for a greener world through advocacy. Visit one of the following sites and click "Take Action": Environment America (bit.ly/3UHEBew), Friends of the Earth (bit.ly/3Frq6qI), or Greenpeace (bit.ly/3iulSFC). Take action on an issue you're passionate about! You can find more places to take action in through saveourevironment.org. Make a difference in our planet—ensure it's around for our children and our children's' children to enjoy!
- D. Contact your local government representative about an environmental issue that you are passionate about.

