

Girl Scouts Forever Green Community Action Project

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How can I get involved?

Fill out the Forever Green Application found on the GSNWGL website (http://www.gsnwgl.org/forms/ForeverGreenProjectGuideandApplicationfinal_w.pdf) and turn it into the council project manager. After your project has been approved, log onto www.girlscouts.org/forevergreen to get started.

2. When do I have to finish my project?

All projects for the pilot must be completed and results reported by May 30, 2010.

3. Is there financial support available?

Unfortunately, GSNWGL does not currently have the ability to fund registered Forever Green projects. Girls may designate troop funds, request community in-kind donation or use personal funds for their projects. You may also request funding from the organization your project will be benefiting.

4. Do I have to be a registered Girl Scout to participate?

Some Forever Green activities are limited to registered Girl Scouts. However, we will have a variety of opportunities open to the community, including events and projects. For more information, watch for upcoming events, or better yet, jump in and register as a Girl Scout!

5. Is there an age limit or a limit to the number of girls who can participate on one project?

Girl Scouts Forever Green is open to all age/grade levels. This project impacts everyone and we want everyone to be a part of it. There is no limit to the number of girls who may participate. However, if your project is a collaboration of multiple troops and levels, please let us know.

6. How do we track our progress?

There is a fantastic website, designed just for Forever Green. All registered projects will be given a blog page at www.girlscouts.org/forevergreen to record their progress and the impact of their projects. It's requested that participants provide updates at least monthly and track what they do through a series of metric questions, provided by GSUSA.

7. Why do I have to have a project advisor?

We want Girl Scouts Forever Green and your project to be a major success. Part of that success is ensuring that the projects we do have the support of the community. The Project Advisor is a person who works for your chosen organization. He/she will be able to provide support, guidance and assistance for your project. Plus, by involving him or her at the very beginning, you are working to see that your project is sustainable and will be continued. By connecting with your group at the beginning and recruiting a project advisor, you are helping to ensure your project's success.

8. Can more than one troop do a project together?

There is power in numbers! We love for troops to work together on Forever Green projects. It is a wonderful opportunity for older and younger girls to work together and to also make a larger impact. Remember to gather everyone's thoughts and ideas so it represents everyone!

9. Can my Forever Green project also be my Girl Scout Gold/Silver/Bronze Award project?

Absolutely! Be sure to follow the guidelines and pre-requisites for your specific recognition and go for it!

10. Will I receive a badge or patch for participating?

All participants will receive a special Girl Scouts Forever Green patch and certificate for participating in this pilot. These patches and certificates are still in the design stage and will be available from GSUSA soon.

In addition, girls may earn additional Girl Scout recognitions related to their project topic area through extra activities. This may include badges or Journey requirements. Please refer to the Forever Green Project Resource Guide (http://www.gsnwgl.org/forms/ForeverGreenProjectGuideandApplicationfinal_w.pdf) for a list of potential earned recognitions.