



## NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

### Get Involved Guide

The last Saturday in September is dedicated as **National Public Lands Day**. National Public Lands Day provides an opportunity for Girl Scouts to improve America's public lands. Girl Scouts from around the country who participate will:

- learn to be good stewards of the environment,
- experience the pleasure of serving the community,
- have fun outdoors, and
- earn the Get with the Land Patch.\*

#### **There are two ways to participate in National Public Lands Day:**

1. Organize your own worksite.
2. Join an existing National Public Lands Day worksite found on [www.publiclandsday.org](http://www.publiclandsday.org) or call 1-800-Vol-Teer or 202-261-6467 to find a worksite in a nearby location.
  - Contact the worksite manager to make sure that there are projects appropriate to the age of your Girl Scouts.
  - **Attention:** Girl Scout leaders and advisors should register with National Public Lands Day at <http://www.publiclandsday.org/doc/GSREGISTRATION.doc> and send the form to our national office (see contact information on the reverse side).

#### **How to organize a worksite for National Public Lands Day:**

1. **Select a site for a volunteer workday – Federal or state lands are great! Even schoolyards work!**
  - Choose projects where Girls Scouts can make a contribution to improving public lands.

Some examples are: installing bird boxes, painting picnic tables, weeding plant nurseries, planting flowers, repairing stream banks, collecting rubbish, collecting native seeds, removing invasive species.
  - Get ready! Are tools, materials, equipment, or preliminary work needed? How can you get supplies?
2. **Register.** Leaders and advisors should register their troop or group with National Public Lands Day at <http://www.publiclandsday.org/doc/GSREGISTRATION.doc> and send the form to our national office (see contact information on reverse side).

**3. Seek community participation.**

- Determine whether the local community can provide tools, materials and food.
- If appropriate, ask for donations from the community.

**4. Plan the volunteer workday.**

- Decide on the number of hours Girls Scouts will work (morning, afternoon, all day).

**5. Promote National Public Lands Day in the community and in schools.**

- Posters, brochures, and items of appreciation for Girl Scouts are provided by the National Environmental Education & Training Foundation (NEETF).

**6. Get ready for National Public Lands Day.**

Girl Scouts should learn about the natural and cultural resources of America's public lands on this volunteer workday; use the day as an opportunity to teach them about these treasured lands.

- Decide whether to provide lunch and make arrangements.
- Create an environmental education component.
- Outline tasks and number of volunteers needed for each task.
- Get your cameras ready to take great photos.

**7. Have a successful National Public Lands Day with Girl Scouts doing real work and learning more about public lands.**

**8. Earn the Get with the Land patch.**

- \* Girl Scouts can earn **Get with the Land** patch by participating in a National Public Lands Day event held in collaboration with a federal or state agency or on their lands. For more information on the patch criteria and the order form visit <http://www.epa.gov/linkinggirls/> or call 800-221-6707.



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