

Rainbow of Service

Community service is the opportunity to undertake projects that make contributions to the community that better the lives of people or help the environment around us.

Rainbow of Service is a Girl Scout - Joshua Tree Council community service year long patch program that helps teach Girl Scouts the importance of community service.

All community service projects are done without either the expectation of or the acceptance of financial gain.

Program Recognition

Rainbow of Service Patch-

Awarded to individuals who participated in a least one service project.

Pot of Gold Patch-

Awarded to individual who participated in at least seven months of service projects.

100% Troop Participation Ribbon-

Awarded to troops that have 100% of the troop participate in one service project.

Cost of the patches

Rainbow of Service Patch	\$1.50 each
Pot of Gold Patch	\$.75 each
100% Participation Ribbon	Free

Keep track of your progress by using the Tracking/Individual Girl/Troop Record. These records should stay with the troop records.

When you have completed your Rainbow of Service program, bring/send the Evaluation Form to any Joshua Tree Council shop to purchase patches.

- Rainbow of Service patches are worn on the back of vest/sash or on a special patch jacket.
- The projects listed for each month are only ideas for your use. Troops may come up with their own project as long as it falls within the "theme" for the month.

Please check **Safety-Wise** before undertaking any projects.

Remember, Girl Scouts may not raise money for other organizations even as a community service project.

Have fun serving the community.

October Project "Reading Is Right-On"

Reading is a wonderful skill to learn and share. Take the time to share something special you have read with a family member or read to your grandparents. Send them a tape of you reading.

IDEA!

- ✓ Use the Girl Scout "Be A Reader" program for ideas and activities. Do an age appropriate activity that is in the "How to" program booklet given to all troops participating in the Fall product sale.
- ✓ Donate gently used books to a pre-school or ask a school principal if one of the new teachers is in need of extra books for their classroom.

WHY DO THIS?

This is a nice way to show that Girl Scouts care about their community. "Actions speak louder than words". Let's be responsible citizens and look for ways to improve the world around us!

October - "Reading Is Right-On"

- ✓ How many participated? Girls _____ Adults _____ Did you get pictures? Y N
- ✓ What did you do? _____
- ✓ Which agency did you serve? _____

November Project "Share the Bounty"

November.....the month of feasting. With Thanksgiving coming, what do we think of? Food! Your assignment this month is to help get food to people. Collect food, serve food, make food, deliver food.....What a fun project!

IDEA

- ✓ Assign each girl a food item to bring to the meeting. Collect and put them all together (maybe even in a basket). Donate to a needy family through a church or through a local food pantry.

WHY DO THIS?

Make Thanksgiving a special time for someone else. Girls will feel good knowing that they provided a feast for someone else that may have otherwise gone hungry on this plentiful day.

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December Project "Holiday Cheer"

Spread Cheer. Use your imagination and see what you come up with!

" 'Tis the season to be jolly". Let's see how jolly you can be.... It's contagious!" Fa, la,la,la,la ! "

IDEA!

- ✓ Go caroling at a convalescent hospital, retirement home, care home, or hospital.
- ✓ Make small tray favors and donate them to a convalescent hospital. Call the hospital first to see if there are any restrictions on what types of decorations they can accept.
- ✓ Decorate a bulletin board at a retirement home. Ask the residents for holiday pictures of their favorite holiday memory and use them on the board.

WHY DO THIS?

Not only does this give the audience that warm-fuzzy holiday feeling but also because it does the same to the participant.

"We wish you all Holiday Cheer!"

December – "Holiday Cheer"

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January Project "Baby It's Cold Outside"

Help those in-need keep the cold away with a clothing drive. Donate socks for babies, jackets for kids, shoes, pants.....whatever! Items may be new, used, handmade..... Have fun!

IDEA

- ✓ Collect new underwear and socks for women and children to be donated to a battered women's shelter. (They get lots of clothing donated, but rarely get socks and underwear)
- ✓ Collect disposable diapers to donate to a homeless shelter or food bank.
- ✓ Participate in a local coat drive.

WHY DO THIS?

Sharing and caring.....what a kind thing to do! This teaches us to use our resources wisely.
By passing your jacket or other gently used item to someone else it's recycling!

January - Baby It's Cold Outside"

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February Project "Make A Deposit"

Make a deposit in the food bank. You may donate food or other needed items to a local food bank. Working at a food bank would also be great. Anything that benefits a food bank or shelter would be wonderful.

IDEA!

- ✓ Participate in a program like "Grains of Love" by donating rice to a local food bank.
- ✓ Why not challenge another troop to match or beat your donation.
- ✓ Include your family, school friends or church in collecting the rice.

WHY DO THIS?

Food banks rely on the kindness of their community to keep them in business.
Show your support for the **local** food banks by giving.

February – "Make a Deposit"

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March Project "Women's History Month"

In honor of Women's History Month, think about different ways you could help provide a service that benefits women! Contact a local shelter for women or visit a nursing home to get some ideas.

IDEA!

- ✓ What do you do with all those old magazines and books? Let's clean off our shelves. Collect those used magazines and books then donate.
- ✓ Read stories or perform a play about famous women to pre-school students or younger Girl Scouts.

WHY DO THIS?

This is a great way for us to gain awareness of the emotional and physical needs of women young and old. Let's support them and provide them with things they can use.

March - "Women's History Month"

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- ✓ What did you do? _____
- ✓ Which agency did you serve? _____

April Project "Spring into Action"

Here we go again! Community Service! This is open to any community service. So here's your chance to get creative. Think ways to help out your community and yes, it can even be something fun!

IDEA!

- ✓ Participate in a community sponsored clean-up day like: The Kern River Clean-up Day! Call your local city hall and find out when there will be a local clean-up day.
- ✓ Do trash pick-up at the site where you have your troop meetings.

WHY DO THIS?

Do this because you love to make your community the best it can be! Doesn't it feel great to make the world a better place, starting in your own little corner?

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May Project "Special Someone Appreciation"

Show appreciation to anyone that is involved in the community or school. This includes everyone, even if they are not directly involved in the classroom. Teachers, aides, principals, secretaries, janitors, volunteers.....you select.

IDEA!

- ✓ At a troop meeting make a card, special certificate or do a craft.
- ✓ Let the girls decide which person involved in their education or local community they would like to give it to. Try to pick someone that is otherwise overlooked.

WHY DO THIS?

We want to recognize all individuals that contribute to the community or education system. Think about the individuals who are special in your life.

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June Project "Sun Awareness"

Becoming aware of the dangers of the sun is important to folks who live in the desert. Many of our communities have field workers that are in the sun all day. What could we do for them?

IDEA!

- ✓ Collect hats and scarves for the migrant workers in your area. Donate them to places in and around Joshua Tree Council.
- ✓ Do something nice for a local lifeguard.
- ✓ Make posters to post at your school reminding kids to wear sunblock and the dangers of skin cancer.

WHY DO THIS?

Although the sun is important to our every day life, it also has a harmful side. Many jobs require spending the entire day in the sun. Lets help them by shading them!

June – "Sun Awareness"

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July Project "American Pride"

Show our veterans, and the gals & guys in uniform how much we appreciate them. Take the time to think about what these people give for their country. It is the pride for our country that makes our country so strong.

IDEA!

- ✓ Make cards, draw pictures, write letters or poems that show how proud we are of the great job our military has done and is doing. Send your thoughts to the V.F.W. or American Legion or contact the public affairs officer at Edwards Air Force Base to see where you can send the cards.

WHY DO THIS?

It is important to remember that women and men have fought to make this the great country it is and that we appreciate our freedom.

July-"American Pride"

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August Project "Family Time"

Our families are an important part of our lives, but are often forgotten when it comes to giving. This month take time out to do something with or for your family.

IDEA!

- ✓ Look around your house and do a chore that no one else wants to do.
Do it before you are asked.
- ✓ Ask someone in your family if you can help them with a project or a chore.

WHY DO THIS?

When you help someone, you help yourself. Show your family what you have learned in Girl Scouting, "To help people at all times.."
A perfect way to end the summer!

August - "Family Time"

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September Project "School Daze"

Collect school supplies...Pencils, erasers, colored pencils, markers, pencil box, pencil pouch, notebook, folder...Once you have collected the supplies, donate them to a local school to be handed out. A principal or teacher may be able to determine who should receive the supplies.

IDEA!

- ✓ Put together a backpack of supplies to be given to a student. It could include everything needed to start the school year.
- ✓ Donate the backpack to a Foster Care Agency or homeless shelter or Assistance League School Bell project.

WHY DO THIS?

We want to give to others nifty school supplies, cute folders and the cool pencils! We want them to start off the year feeling good about school and themselves!

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Rainbow of Service 2004 – 2005
Individual Girl/Troop Record
Troop Record Only

Troop Leader _____ Troop # _____
 Service Unit _____

Girl Name	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
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Rainbow of Service 2004 - 2005
Evaluation

Please fill out for each month # who participated.

Oct	g-	a-	Nov	g-	a-	Dec	g-	a-	Jan	g-	a-
Feb	g-	a-	Mar	g-	a-	April	g-	a-	May	g-	a-
June	g-	a-	July	g-	a-	Aug	g-	a-	Sept	g-	a-

What was your favorite month?

What agency did you service in your favorite month?

Please rate the overall program.

_____ Super _____ Good _____ OK _____ So-So _____ Not to Good



Girl Scouts ~ Joshua Tree Council
 ~ Rainbow of Service ~
 Patch/Ribbon/Pot of Gold Order Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Troop # _____

Service Unit _____

Address _____ City, Zip _____

Rainbow Patch (\$1.50 ea) = Completed at least 1 service project
 Pot of Gold Patch (\$.75 ea) = Completed at least 7 of 12 service projects
 Ribbon (Free) = 100% troop participation in at least one service project

Order:

Rainbow Patches _____ (Number) x \$1.50 = \$ _____

Pot of Gold Patches _____ (Number) x \$0.75 = \$ _____

100% Troop Participation Ribbon (1 per troop) x \$0.00 = \$No Charge

Subtotal \$ _____

7.25% tax on subtotal \$ _____

Subtotal \$ _____

S/H * see below \$ _____

Total Amount Due \$ _____

Shipping and Handling Charges (S/H)

Before tax order equals: \$ 0 - \$5 = \$0.80 S/H \$30 - \$50 = \$3.50 S/H

\$ 6 - \$19 = \$1.50 S/H \$51 - \$100 = \$4.25 S/H

\$20-\$29 = \$2.85 S/H \$101-\$200 = \$6.00 S/H

\$201-\$300 = \$7.25 S/H

Payment

Check attached

Credit card - **\$10 or more orders only** (ck one) VISA ___ MasterCard ___ Discovery ___

Credit Card # _____ 3 Digit Security # _____
 (on back of card)

Name as it appears on card _____ Exp date _____

Billing Address of credit card _____

Signature _____ Phone _____

Mail order form, evaluation and payment to:

GS-JTC Shop
 1831 Brundage Lane
 Bakersfield, CA 93304