

Special Recycling Patch Program for Girl Scouts

Available to Girl Scouts that live within one of CVWMA's 13 member jurisdictions.



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

The Reduce, Reuse, Recycle special patch program is designed to teach Girl Scouts the importance of being a “recycling steward” in their community.

It's important to understand that everyone needs to limit the amount of trash one throws away and how recycling reduces the need for landfills and saves precious natural resources.

The CVWMA Special Patch Program encourages Girl Scouts to take actions that better take care of their neighborhood and their environment.

Check out these **SAMPLE PROJECTS** troops have used to earn badges:

“The girl scouts asked their church congregation for pop-tops from cans and made bracelets and barrettes from them. They had a good time making the items and used them on a display. They did research online for directions on how to make the barrettes from pop-tops.

The girls presented the Trifold display on recycling to the congregation one Sunday. They were very proud of their display and their knowledge and wanted to share it with church members. They loved making the display and enjoyed making items out of the collected pop-tops. They see how they can take used items and give them a new life.”

“Our troop was involved with the “James River Cleanup”, “Swift Creek Reservoir cleanup in Wood Lake” and twice we had a “Cosby Road Cleanup” where the troop cleans up the roads around the

Cosby High School area and recycles what we can.

When the troop is involved in a number of the “bike trail bridge rebuilding” in Pocahontas State Park, we try to reuse any lumber or fasteners that are in good condition. We also will use downed trees for camp gear such as tables and benches.

Our troop has a recycling policy at all of our troop camp outs and day trips... with such a large troop we can make a big mess.”

“The girl scouts collected previously used paper and old shoe boxes and put pictures on them of glue sticks and glue bottles. They distributed the boxes at their school to collect old used glue sticks and glue bottles. We made arrangements with TerraCycle so that the glue bottles could be sent off and made into benches and other materials.”

Everything you need to earn this patch can be found online:

cvwma.com/cvwma-education/special-scout-patch-program/

- Patch requirements
- Suggestions for activities/projects to meet requirements
- Patch Requirement Sheet (*submit online*)



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Presentations are available.

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CVWMA is the regional recycling authority in Central Virginia. We offer educational programs that provide information on curbside recycling to create waste awareness, motivation and encouragement to enhance recycling efforts in our localities.