



## How to get started!

- 1) Visit [www.nps.gov/gettinginvolved/youthprograms/girlscouts](http://www.nps.gov/gettinginvolved/youthprograms/girlscouts) to find out more information about the program and to see frequently asked questions.
- 2) Visit [www.nps.gov/findapark](http://www.nps.gov/findapark) to select a national park site in your area and find out information about the park.
- 3) Think about activities your troop would be interested in and determine your available time frame for completion.
- 4) Contact the park you are interested in conducting the activities at and discuss possible options for educational programs, volunteer service and/or action projects.
- 5) Work together with the park to plan the program or project.



Girl Scouts remove invasive species at Kenilworth Park and Aquatic Garden in Washington, D.C.

*Spark* girls' curiosity and interest in conserving and protecting our natural, cultural, and historic resources.

*Encourage* diverse Girl Scout visitation to national park sites.

*Promote* exploration of environmental science and conservation careers.

*Empower* girls to protect our national park sites through sustainable volunteer service or action.

## For more information:

Visit: [www.nps.gov/gettinginvolved/youthprograms/girlscouts](http://www.nps.gov/gettinginvolved/youthprograms/girlscouts)

or contact the National Park Service at:

**NPS Youth Programs Office:**  
(202) 513-7146 or  
[npsyouthprograms@nps.gov](mailto:npsyouthprograms@nps.gov)



## Resource Stewardship Girl Scout Ranger Program



A Girl Scout troop celebrates "Girl Scout day at the Capital" at Lincoln Home National Historic Site in Springfield, IL.



Girl Scouts learn about the Battle of Palo Alto from a living historian at Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site in Brownsville, TX.

The *Resource Stewardship Girl Scout Ranger* program invites Girl Scouts to participate in projects at national park sites to spark their awareness of the national parks and Girl Scouting; to provide them with the opportunity to learn more about protecting our natural and cultural resources; and to promote their exploration of environmental science and conservation careers. Girl Scouts can earn certificates and/or patches for participating in the projects. Girl Scout Ranger is a cooperative effort between the National Park Service (NPS) and the Girl Scouts of the United States of America (GSUSA). This program is a component of the GSUSA's Elliott Wildlife Values Project Linking Girls to the Land program.

*Spark*  
Curiosity

*Encourage*  
Visitation

*Promote*  
Conservation

*Empower*  
Girls



Girl Scouts examine a tree while on a hike with a park ranger at Colorado National Monument, CO.

## How to earn a Girl Scout Ranger certificate or patch

### Certificate

Girl Scouts can earn a certificate by participating in:

- *organized educational programs*
- *volunteer service or action projects.*

Girl Scouts must participate in programs/projects for a minimum of **five** hours at one or more national park sites.

After completing the program, a downloadable certificate is available on the Girl Scout Ranger website at [www.nps.gov/gettinginvolved/youthprograms/girlscouts](http://www.nps.gov/gettinginvolved/youthprograms/girlscouts).

### Patch

Girl Scouts can earn the patch by participating in:

- *organized educational programs*
- *volunteer service or action projects.*

Girl Scouts must participate in programs/projects for a minimum of **ten** hours at one or more national park sites.

Girl Scouts will be awarded a patch upon verbally reporting their completion of the program requirements to an NPS employee at a park unit.

### Qualifying organized educational programs:

- Park ranger guided interpretive tours
- Junior Ranger programs
- Environmental education programs
- Girl Scout journey program conducted at national park.

### Qualifying volunteer service or action projects:

Any sustainable organized project identified by the NPS and GSUSA as an appropriate service or action opportunity that helps to protect and preserve park resources.