



# Climate Awareness and Action Patch & Segments

## Council's Own Patches

Girl Scouts has a patch for just about anything, but they are not all GSUSA-sponsored badges and patches. There are 111 regional councils in the United States, many of which offer "Council's Own Patches and Badges." One patch we thought would be nice to work on is the Climate Awareness and Action with Segments from Girl Scouts of Southern New England – Rhode Island.



Kathy, who is a Master Naturalist, has been watching for and coordinating activities that will provide the educational experiences needed to earn each of the segments. She has also been looking for environmental activities that apply to the environment as a whole for girls to earn the larger circular patch.

## Note for Bridging Juniors

The Climate Awareness and Action Patch and segments are for Brownies only. Once you are officially a Junior in October you will be unable to earn any missing segments.

Instead, in October Juniors will start to work on a new Council's Own Patch with segments, while the Brownies work on completing the Climate Awareness and Action Patch and segments. We are excited to reveal what our new troop project will be!

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### Activities Done So Far

Please be aware that scouts need to earn the circular Environmental Patch first, and then they can add segments. We are keeping track of earned segments, but are not awarding them until the patch has been earned.

- *Masonville Cove Urban Wildlife Conservation Day 2025 Celebration* - Girls who attended this event earned the Environmental Patch (girls visited and learned about Environmental Organizations in our area) and the Birds, Conservation, and Habitats segments.
- *Water Quality/Climate Change Science at Masonville Cove* - Girls who attended this event earned the Clean Water Segment. Prior to the Water Segment, the instructor explained the History of Masonville Cove, its partners, and its mission. Girls earned the Environmental Patch (if they hadn't already) for listening.
- *Make Your Own Hiking Stick Program at Oregon Ridge Nature Center (ORNC)* - Girls who attended this event earned the Birds, Conservation, and Habitats segments (if they hadn't earned them already). Girls also completed one of the requirements of the Bugs badge (observing pinned insects), and completed a hike that will count toward either the Hiker or Trail Adventure badges.
- *International BioBlitz on iNaturalist at ORNC* - Girls who attended this earned the Environmental Patch
- *World Turtle Day at the Natural History Society of Maryland* - Girls who attended earned the Pets Segment. Only girls who attended the indoor portion and spoke to the people we arranged to speak with the girls will earn the segment. They explained about releasing or taking turtles from the wild, turtle conservation on the bay, turtle eggs and temperature, sea turtles, and other environmental concerns.
- *National Aquarium in Baltimore Aquarium visit and Animal Care and Rescue Tour* - Girls who attended earned the Sea Life & Endangered Segments.

### Upcoming Plans

We have not offered activities for the following segments yet: Recycling, Clean Earth, and Clean Air. If anyone has any ideas, please let Kathy know.

Kathy is watching for any opportunities over the summer. Keep an ear out!