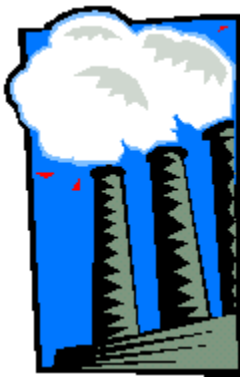
Our Future on Earth



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Greenhouse gases, ozone holes, acid rain, toxic wastes, expanding deserts, and shrinking rain forests are but a few of the concerns facing our future on earth. Help your girls understand how they can make a difference for a safer, healthier planet.

The **Our Future on Earth pledge** will help you to promote ecological awareness within your troop.

Daisy

Begin by discussing items 1,11,12 and doing #20 from the pledge. When the girls become Brownie Scouts they can complete the pledge. A good book to read to the troop is *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss. In this book, Dr. Seuss portrays the results of careless use of the environment.

Brownie

Use one or more areas of this pledge for a troop project. In addition, begin looking at the Wonders of Water Journey.

Junior

Use one area from the pledge to design a troop project. In addition work on the Energize or Investigate Award from the Get Moving Journey

Cadette/Ambassador

Use one area from the pledge for a troop project. In addition, be an advocate and (Cadettes, choose 3; Seniors / Ambassadors choose 4):

1. write companies to complain about environmentally destructive practices and waste such as pollution or excessive packaging.

2. start a community education campaign, talk to schools, youth groups etc about a safer environment.
3. learn about the continuing environmental crisis and how your actions can be part of the solution
4. round up furniture and household items no longer needed and either offer them to college students and friends, donate the items to charity, or hold a garage sale.
5. learn about pesticides and organic alternatives. Write to governmental agencies to limit the use of pesticides on food products.

Application for Our Future on Earth Patch

1.# of patches requested_____

2.Cost per patch (Call GSWP)

3.Total due from troop _____

4. Leader's Name_____
Phone_____

Address_____

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Troop #_____ Level_____

Briefly describe the project your troop did:

Briefly evaluate this program:

OUR FUTURE ON EARTH PLEDGE

1.I will not litter.

2.I will recycle all appropriate items such as newspapers, glass and metal

3.I will use both sides of my drawing paper and writing paper whenever possible.

4.I will reuse items such as plastic bags, lunch bags, wrapping paper and boxes.

I will take short showers.

6.I will limit my use of paper towels, paper napkins, and tissues.

7.I will read and learn all I can about ecology and share my information with others.

8.I will help to keep my street clean.

9.I will walk and bike places whenever appropriate.

10.I will encourage my family and friends to walk, bike and take public transportation instead of always driving in a car.

11.I will turn off the water while I'm washing or brushing my teeth.

12.I will turn off lights when not in use and close water faucets tight.

13.I will not smoke.

14.Whenever possible, I will pass on magazines, books and catalogues to

neighbors, hospitals and nursing homes.

15.I will ask my family to give outgrown clothes to friends or donate to a charity.

16.I will buy beverages in returnable containers.

17.I will buy products in reusable containers or in simple packaging.

18.I will encourage my family to purchase only biodegradable laundry and dish soaps.

19.I will avoid using Styrofoam products and I will recycle it when received in a package.

20.I have made the following craft project _____out of recycled materials.

Girl Scout_____

Troop _____

Leader's Signature_____

Parent/Guradian_____

Date_____