



OUR PLANET

# April Family Fun & Service: Girl Scout Tree Promise

It's in our Girl Scout DNA to make the world a better place. To help combat the effects of climate change and habitat loss, Girl Scouts are partnering with the Elliott Wildlife Values Project and American Forests to launch a bold tree planting and conservation initiative. Our **Girl Scout Tree Promise** program, launching nationally this month, aims to plant five million trees across the country in the next five years, and to protect and honor new and existing trees. That's two trees per Girl Scout member over the next five years.

This is an ongoing initiative, but April is a great month to get started and make a plan to plant trees at a troop or family activity. There are lots of ways to participate.



In addition to our GSKSMO Girl Scout Virtual Program and counting toward our Service Star patch (see below), the Girl Scout Tree Promise is a national patch program.

### To earn the patch, each girl will:

- Take the Girl Scout Tree Promise and plant, protect, or honor trees!
- Record the trees you plant in the online tree tracker.

Visit the Girl Scout Tree Promise to get started and help GSUSA track your tree planting efforts.

<https://www.girlscouts.org/treepromise>

Download a complete toolkit with information about this initiative, patch activities, ways to connect GSTP with other Girl Scout badges, Journeys, Take Action Projects and highest awards, FAQs, and information on tree-planting and maintenance. [https://www.girlscouts.org/content/dam/girlscouts-gsusa/forms-and-documents/at\\_home/tree-promise/GSUSA\\_EWVP\\_TreePromise\\_ProgramToolkit-Resources.pdf](https://www.girlscouts.org/content/dam/girlscouts-gsusa/forms-and-documents/at_home/tree-promise/GSUSA_EWVP_TreePromise_ProgramToolkit-Resources.pdf)

Visit the SciStarter Girl Scout Tree Promise Page for ways you can help scientist around the world protect and honor trees. <https://scistarter.org/girlscouts-trees>

Attend an Earth Day Girl Scout Tree Promise launch event, featuring Girl Scout Alum and TV personality Danni Washington. This free, virtual, all-ages event will enable girls to celebrate the environment and learn about the power of trees to keep communities healthy and strong.

**Plant the Future with the Tree Promise** – Thursday, April 22, 6:30 p.m. CST

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/awesome-girls-planting-the-future-with-the-girl-scout-tree-promise-registration-144213252721?aff=virtualeventcalendar>



Buy the Girl Scout Tree Promise Patch here: <https://www.girlscoutshop.com/girl-scout-tree-promise-patch>





Don't forget to log your service hours now:

<https://gsksmo.wufoo.com/forms/xys2u3z0rp0pad/>

Remember, if your Girl Scout(s) complete at least 6 of the 9 months of service projects, she/they will receive the GS Service Star patch for FREE. She must be a registered GSKSMO Girl Scout to receive for FREE. Girls can go back and do service projects from past months as well!

