



Community Service in the Outdoors

For all Girl Scout Grade Levels

Girl Scout love to give back! Partner up with you family, troop, or a Girl Scout community partner to make the outdoors a better place.

Girl Scouts always leave a place better than they found it! This month we challenge you to clean up your local park, neighborhood, or waterway!

Ideas to get you started:

- Talk with an adult about nearby areas where you've noticed litter – it could be a local park, your school playground, an area parking lot, or a town trail. Make a plan to safely collect litter from the area with thought given to environmental challenges, traffic, and personal equipment you might need (safety vest/gloves/trash bags). Then buddy up with an adult or a friend to tackle the problem.
- Creeks and waterways are particularly susceptible to collecting litter, especially after a big rain. Consider a stream clean up as part of your service project. What additional equipment or supplies might you need, and what protective footwear should you consider?

GSKSMO Community Partners:

- Your troop can connect with the [City of Lee's Summit](#)'s Environmental Specialist for environmental activities, including stream clean up and storm drain stenciling.
- Learn about stormwater runoff, water pollution, and waste water through [KC Water](#)'s educational programs or participate in a Litter Pickup Project.
- Learn about invasive species, native plants and why wetlands are so important at [Heartland Conservation Alliance](#) and then help with some wetland restoration!

Other ideas:

- Watch our [Hashtag Trash Tag video](#) and show us how you cleaned up you environment by tagging GSKSMO and #trashtag on social media.
- Use this service opportunity to earn your [Leave No Trace Segment](#) on the Outdoor Challenge Patch.
- Log your September community service hours spent cleaning up your park, neighborhood or waterway: <https://gsksmo.wufoo.com/forms/p137ojhe0jbca2y/>
- Share all about your service by sending us a message on our FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/gsksmo/>, on our Instagram page @gsksmo or by sending an email to prdept@gsksmo.org





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