

# COMMUNITY SERVICE

## Please help us!

The United Ways would like us to keep a record of the number of volunteer hours donated by adults and girls each year. Girls may purchase the *Take Action* part of the "Event Patch" by turning in this form.

### WHEN:

Aug. 1, 2009 to June 25, 2010.  
Mail, fax or drop off the form below by June 25, 2010.

**NOTES:** *Do not include Bronze, Silver or Gold hours on this form. They will be added from final report forms.*



### What is Community Service?

*"Giving children clothes and food is one thing but it's much more important to teach them that other people besides themselves are important, and that the best thing they can do with their lives is to use them in the service of other people." - Dolores Huerta*

This simply means that if a person does a good or kind act with the expectation of receiving recognition, whether it be verbally or visually and/or payment for this service, it is not community service. Later when someone chooses to recognize the girls for community service verbally or visually, it is acceptable. The girls did not perform a community service act expecting to be recognized.

### Examples of what IS NOT COMMUNITY SERVICE:

- Performing in school band
- Attending church services
- Practicing & performing in theatrical performances
- Cleaning your room or your house

### Examples of what IS COMMUNITY SERVICE:

- Raking leaves for the elderly
- Cleaning house for elderly or someone that is sick outside of your home
- Visiting and making things for the nursing home residents
- Preparing boxes of goodies for military members or needy.



## COUNCIL-WIDE SERVICE Aug. 1, 2009 to June 25, 2010

**SUBMIT BY JUNE 25 TO:**

Girl Scouts

P.O. Box 15969 (1936 Dayton Blvd.) • Chattanooga, TN 37415 • Fax 423-877-5587

Troop # \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Service Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Leader \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Hours \_\_\_\_\_ per person # Girls \_\_\_\_\_ # Adults \_\_\_\_\_

Short description of volunteer activities \_\_\_\_\_

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# COMMUNITY SERVICE IDEAS

## August - Focus on Children

- Collect juice boxes or snacks for children who are victims of domestic violence, poverty or homelessness.
- Collect school items such as pencils and notebook paper for underprivileged children.

## September - Focus on the Elderly

- Go visit your local nursing home or retirement center and participate in activities with the residents.
- Make cards or put on a play for the elderly in your community.

## October - Focus on Environment

- Help with the Tennessee River Rescue or help clean up your local park.
- Bring light bulbs to Camp Adahi to help it go green.

## November - Focus on Homelessness

- Collect clothing or jackets for the homeless.
- Serve a meal at your local mission or shelter.

## December - Focus on Cancer Patients

- Collect juice boxes or snacks for T.C. Thompson's Pediatric Cancer Center.
- Make hats for cancer patients.

## January - Focus on Families

- Collect personal hygiene products, toiletries or clothing for the Partnership for Children, Families, and Adults or your local family agency.

## February - Focus on Hunger

- Collect canned goods or nonperishable food items for your local food bank or Salvation Army.

## March - Focus on Armed Forces

- Sell cookies to send overseas to help our armed forces.

## April - Focus on Earth Day

- Collect aluminum cans to recycle.
- Help spruce up your meeting place by picking up trash or planting flowers.

## May - Focus on Honoring Veterans

- Attend a Memorial Day event and place flags on graves of veterans.
- Volunteer at a community center that supports veterans.

----- **TOTAL HOURS**



## SCOUT DAY AT THE NATIONAL CEMETERY - May 29

Honor the veterans who served our country by joining together with Boy Scouts to place individual flags on graves. There will be opening ceremonies, brief comments by local officials, patriotic music, and a gun salute. After flag placement, participants will receive refreshments and a patch. Troop leaders who have participated in the past tell us it is one of the more memorable events their troop did during the year.

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 29, 2010 *(Help is also needed to remove the flags on the following Tues. thru Fri. Work must end by 4pm each day. Flags must be bundled in groups of ten.)*

**TIME:** Flag Ceremony begins at 8am w/flag placement afterwards (lasts approx. 2 hrs.)

**WHERE:** Chattanooga National Cemetery, Holtzclaw Ave., Chattanooga

**FEE:** No charge. Refreshments & patch provided.

**WEAR:** Uniform, sash, vest. or Girl Scout t-shirt if available.

**REGISTER:** Call 877-2688 or 800-447-2472 by May 20, 2010 and give approximate number attending.

# INCHWORM OF SERVICE PATCH

The Girl Scout slogan "Do a good turn daily" in its simplest translation means that each girl will do something to help someone else every day. However, the slogan holds much more significance for each girl who becomes a Girl Scout. Encompassed in that slogan is the value of service; the belief that there is merit in giving of yourself to others. It is not until girls have the opportunity to experience the excitement that comes when they give of themselves that the real meaning of service is learned.

**Who can earn the Inchworm Patch?**

Inchworm hours can be earned as a troop or by an individual girl. They cannot be earned for doing chores which are the regular contribution of the girl to her family life.

**What is not counted as service hours?**

Attending troop meetings or troop events; selling cookies; participating in the fall product sale; services for which you receive payment; or other personal benefits.

**What is counted as service?**

True service is given without reward— it is given for the "good feelings in your heart." Examples of service: plant a garden for a Senior Citizen, rake leaves at your meeting site, help out at the Girl Scout Service Center, collect food for the emergency shelters, etc.

**Did you know?** By turning in this form, girls complete the Take Action part of the new "Event Patch."

**How are hours counted?**

Inchworm hours are cumulative from project to project, from year to year, from program level to program level.

**How many hours does it take to earn this patch?**

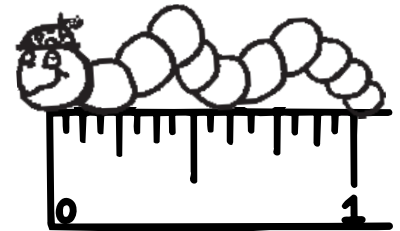
A girl must earn the Head of the Inchworm by completing the following number of Service Hours:

- K-1 ..... Daisy ..... 5 hours
- 2-3 ..... Brownie ..... 10 hours
- 4-5 ..... Junior ..... 15 hours
- 6-8 ..... Cadette ..... 20 hours
- 9-10 ..... Senior ..... 25 hours
- 11-12 ... Ambassador .... 30 hours

A body part may be added for each additional five hours of service.

**Where can I purchase the patch?**

Purchase the Inchworm of Service patch components at the Girl Scout Service Center (Southern Region).



## INCHWORM OF SERVICE PROJECT

**SUBMIT TO COUNCIL SHOP WHEN PURCHASING PATCHES**

**Girl Scouts, PO Box 15969, Chattanooga, TN 37415**

Troop # \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_ Service Unit \_\_\_\_\_  
 Troop Leader's Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (W) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of service hours \_\_\_\_\_ Date Completed \_\_\_\_\_

The troop's best service project \_\_\_\_\_  
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**No. of Girls who earned the Inchworm Patch:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Worm Heads @ \$1.09 ea. (includes tax) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ Body Parts @ \$.55 ea. (includes tax) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Add TN sales tax (9.25%, if applicable) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

Cash (Do not send cash through the mail)  
 Check/M.O. (Made payable to Girl Scouts)  
 Credit Card (Minimum of \$5 to charge payment by credit card)  
 Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_  Visa  MC  Discover  
 Card # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Office Use Only:**  Cash  Check/MO  Credit  
 Card  
 Amt. Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt # \_\_\_\_\_



# ***Suggested*** **SERVICE PROJECTS** **for Troops**

## **Hospital**

- Make tray favors
- Make get well cards
- Collect toys and books for children's wing
- Trim a Christmas tree or donate presents for children

## **Girl Scouts and Family**

- Help serve at banquets
- Teen women help younger troops
- Make litterbags for cars
- Provide baby-sitting—(parent's night out)  
(a babysitting course is offered from Red Cross)
- Collect and recycle uniform pieces

## **Faith Organization**

- Help baby-sit in nursery
- Help collect/pack clothes for needy
- Serve coffee and cookies before or after service

## **Community and School**

- Storytelling programs
- Programs at senior/retirement homes
- Collect clothing/food for needy
- Make rhythm instruments for primary grades
- Present flag ceremonies for community meetings
- Rake lawns
- Conduct recycling campaign (make containers)
- Repair books at library
- Make hand puppets
- Baby-sit during Election Day
- Plant trees, create gardens for city parks

