

Tree Planting Content

Planning Your Event

- Six Months Out
 - Do research on trees and tree planting
 - What kind of trees are native to the area?
 - Where are you allowed to plant trees?
 - How do you plant a tree?
 - Who do you want at your event?
 - Parents & guardians? Families? The community? Will you choose to partner with another troop, or invite local Juliettes to help out?
 - Think about inviting local press or media to generate support for your event.
- Five Months Out
 - Find a location to plant trees
 - Find trees to plant. Here are some organizations to get in contact with:
 - Local Tree-Planting Groups
 - Conservation District
 - PA State Forester
 - Local Nurseries (see our resources page)
 - Research necessary materials and supplies and develop your shopping list! Here are some examples:
 - Shovels
 - Gloves
 - Tubes
 - Stakes
 - Mallets
 - Netting
- Four Months Out
 - Plan for funding your event.
 - Ask for donations
 - Host a fundraiser
 - Contact potential sponsors
- Three Months Out
 - Determine Necessary Tree Maintenance- Who will care for the planted trees?
 - The tree care plan should include:
 - Decluttering
 - Watering
 - Weeding
 - Mulching
 - Pruning
 - Fertilizing

- Two Months Out
 - Come up with an agenda for the day
 - What roles will your Girl Scouts play in the planting?
 - Who will be attending, and how large will the event be?
 - Order trees
 - Start gathering supplies
- One Month Out
 - Submit your event information to the council to be reviewed and approved by March 15th.
 - Promote your event
 - Consult Safety Activity Checkpoints
- Day Of the Event
 - Enjoy your event!
 - Prepare snacks and plenty of drinking water
 - Make sure all supplies are present at the site
 - Take pictures to provide to the GSHPA council
- After the Event
 - Record your planted trees:
 - [This site](#) helps GSHPA track how many trees we've planted towards our national, and council goals.
 - Share your [Mission Moment](#) and upload your photos!
 - Get your patch!
 - Girl Scouts can receive TWO fun patches for participating in a Tree Planting event!
 - [Girl Scout Tree Promise patch](#)
 - [Clean Water Grows on Trees patch](#)
 - Debrief with your troop:
 - What was your favorite part of the event?
 - Least favorite part?
 - What did you learn?

Getting Your Girls Involved

There are lots of age-appropriate ways for your Girl Scouts to help out! Here are some suggestions based on level:

- Daisies
 - Daisies can help out by packing in dirt after the tree has been placed in the ground!
 - With adult or older girl supervision, daisies can also be allowed to water the sapling after it has been planted!
 - Daisies can help pick out the sort of trees your troop ends up choosing to plant.

- Brownies
 - Brownies can help pack in dirt after the tree has been placed.
 - Brownies can help prepare supply lists, pick out trees to plant, etc.
 - Brownies can water the saplings after they've been planted.
 - Brownies can vote for the snacks you'll have at your event!
 - Brownies can work together to carry and lower small trees into the ground.
- Juniors
 - Juniors can, with a little supervision, develop your troop's supply list for this activity
 - Juniors can choose what kinds of trees to plant
 - Juniors can help place the tree in the ground once the hole has been dug
 - Juniors can help mulch and dig holes for the saplings to be placed in
- Cadettes
 - Cadettes can be trusted to independently lower trees into the ground, mulch, and dig
 - Cadettes can help plan the agenda for the day
 - Cadettes can help organize fundraisers and make plans surrounding how to get funding and support for your event
- Seniors
 - Seniors can lead fundraiser efforts and plan for how to get funding for the event
 - Seniors can work in independent teams to dig, mulch, and plant trees without adult supervision
 - Seniors can gather supplies for the event
 - Seniors can work to gain community/media support for the event
- Ambassadors
 - Ambassadors can lead fundraiser efforts and plan for how to get funding for the event
 - They can also work as treasurers for all funds received through their efforts
 - Ambassadors can work in independent teams to dig, mulch, and plant trees without adult supervision
 - Ambassadors can gather supplies for the event
 - Ambassadors can work to gain community/media support for the event
 - Ambassadors can work as the event's primary planners and take responsibility for sticking to the established timeline

Links and Resources

There are lots of age-appropriate ways for your Girl Scouts to help out! Here are some suggestions based on level:

- GSHPA Links and Resources
 - GSHPA Tree Promise Official Site
 - Coming December 1
- [GSUSA Toolkit](#)