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Youth Programs Division

Resource Stewardship Girl Scout Ranger Program

The Resource Stewardship Girl Scout Ranger program invites Girl Scouts to participate in projects at national parks sites to spark their awareness of the national parks and Girl Scouting; to provide them with the opportunity to learn more about protecting our natural and cultural resources; and to promote their exploration of natural and cultural resources, environmental science and conservation careers. Girl Scouts can earn certificates and/or patches for participating in the program.

How to earn a certificate or patch

Girl Scouts can earn a certificate or patch by participating in:

- *organized educational programs*
- *volunteer service or action projects.*

To earn a certificate, Girl Scouts must participate for a minimum of **five** hours at one or more national park sites.

To earn a patch, Girl Scouts must participate for a minimum of **ten** hours at one or more national park sites.

Qualifying organized educational programs

- Park ranger guided interpretive tours
- Junior Ranger programs
- Environmental education programs
- Girl Scout Journey program conducted at a national park

Qualifying volunteer service/action projects

Any sustainable organized project identified by the National Park Service and the Girl Scouts of the United States of America as an appropriate service or action opportunity that helps to protect and preserve park resources.

How to get started!

1) Visit the Girl Scout Ranger website www.nps.gov/gettinginvolved/youthprograms/girlscoutrangerprogram.htm for more information about the program.

2) Visit www.nps.gov/findapark/index.htm to find a national park site in your area.

3) Think about activities your troop would be interested in and determine your time frame for completing the program.

4) If you would like to provide volunteer service or if you intend to participate in an activity that is not part of a regularly scheduled interpretive program to fulfill the program requirements, contact the park to discuss the possible activities.

Top: Girl Scouts examine a tree while on a hike with a park ranger at Colorado National Monument, CO.

Bottom: Girl Scouts learn from a living historian about the Battle of Palo Alto at Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site, TX.

For more information visit: www.nps.gov/gettinginvolved/youthprograms/girlscoutrangerprogram.htm or contact the NPS at 202-513-7146, npsyouthprograms@nps.gov