

# Community Service

**Who:** All Age Levels  
**Date:** November-May  
**Location:** All Service Centers

Patches may be purchased at your local Trefoil Boutique for \$1.25 each. Please include a description of your community service project.

## Birthday in a Bag

Everyone loves to have a party, but for some the funds may not be available. In honor of Girl Scouts turning 100 in 2012, help those in need by creating a birthday in a bag. By including the following items in a bag and donating to your local food pantry or shelter you can help brighten someone's life on their special day. Possible items to include in your bag: birthday card, cake mix, streamers, cupcake holders or foil pan, hats, candles, party favors, or frosting mix or container.

Thanks to Service Areas 9 and 10 for this community service project idea!

## Girl Scouts 100th Anniversary Take Action- Forever Green Project

Girl Scouts Forever Green (GSFG), the Girl Scouts' 100th Anniversary Take Action project, is a national effort of girls leading their families, schools, and communities in improving the environment and protecting natural resources. GSFG invites girls to Take Action on three major projects.

- **February:** girls, families, and friends will learn how to reduce plastic waste.
- **March:** girls, families, and friends will replace incandescent bulbs with Energy Star or other energy efficient bulbs and will participate in Earth Hour by turning the lights out from 8:30 – 9:30 p.m. the last Saturday of March.
- **April:** girls, families, and friends will learn about, construct, and maintain rain gardens in their schools, homes, and communities.

Please go to [www.girlscouts.org/gforevergreen](http://www.girlscouts.org/gforevergreen) to find out more about the Forever Green project and how you can share the results of your project with GSUSA.

## Community Service Project Patch Order Form

Troop/Group # \_\_\_\_\_ Service Area # \_\_\_\_\_ Program Age Level \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Leader/Adult in Charge \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Day Phone # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Agency Served \_\_\_\_\_  
Please check service project:  
 Birthday in a Bag       Serving Seniors       Take Action-Forever Green Project

**On a separate sheet of paper, please include a detailed description of your service project.**

Please include the number of items collected, method of collection, who participated, how you decided which agency to serve, when the service project was completed, who benefited, and how they benefited.

**Community Service Patches are \$1.25 each.**

**Number of patches \_\_\_\_\_ x \$1.25 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (amount enclosed)**

Please attach payment and make checks payable to Girl Scouts of Central Illinois.

**Mail or fax order form with payment to  
Girl Scouts of Central Illinois, Champaign Service Center, 701 Devonshire, Suite B16, Champaign, IL 61820.**

## Serving Seniors

Do you have a neighbor who could use a hand, or do you live near a retirement home or nursing home? Here are some ideas to help you decide how you may be able to help out in your community.

- Find out what games and craft supplies a local nursing home may need and make a donation.
- Organize a yard work neighborhood beautification project and donate your help, energy, elbow grease, and expertise to local senior citizens.
- Hold a senior citizen neighborhood picnic/cookout and offer games such as horseshoes, croquet, and checkers.
- Make lap quilts or blankets and donate them to a nursing home.
- Locate your local Meals on Wheels service and learn what you can do to assist them.
- Volunteer to go grocery shopping for a senior citizen or shut-in.