



FOREVER GREEN: CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF GIRL SCOUTING TAKE ACTION PROJECT

Girl Scouts Forever Green, the Girl Scouts' 100th Anniversary Take Action Project, is a national effort of girls leading their families and communities in improving the environment and protecting natural resources through sustainable projects. All participants are invited to take an [Online Pledge](#) stating their yearlong commitment to Girl Scouts Forever Green efforts, and a year of taking daily actions to protect our earth and natural resources.

Girl Scouts of Eastern Mass will celebrate the year of service completed by our girls with a Party for the Planet at Franklin Park Zoo on April 22nd – make sure you [register](#)! During this kick-off party girls and their families will have full access to the zoo, live performances, and special Earth Day exhibits. Girl Scouts will be able to participate in hands-on environmental activities like making reusable bags from t-shirts, fashioning jewelry from plastic bags, and conducting energy use experiments! Girl Scouts will also have the opportunity to participate in a three-part speaker series focused on the three major Take Action projects of Forever Green! Learn and have fun!

If you can't make the kick-off party, don't worry! All Girl Scouts are invited to participate in Forever Green!

Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts invites our members to Take Action on three major sustainable projects:

REDUCE PLASTIC WASTE

Goal: To reduce the number of single-use plastic bottles and bags

When: Begin Fall 2011 and complete in February 2012

How: Participants use reusable water bottles and bags in their projects

EARTH HOUR

Goal: To encourage sustainable behavior change, lower CO2 footprints, and save energy and money

When: Begin Fall 2011 and complete in March 2012

How: Participants will install ENERGY STAR® qualified, or equivalent, light bulbs and participate in Earth Hour

RAIN GARDENS

Goal: To increase green space and wildlife habitat, and improve water quality by reducing water-borne pollutants running into streams, rivers, and other water supplies

When: Begin Fall 2011 and complete in April 2012

How: Participants will plant and maintain rain gardens at home or in their community

Participation in Girl Scouts Forever Green will be recorded, and the environmental impact will be measured. Participants will be asked to enter specific data on the Girl Scouts Forever Green website.

How you can Take Action now!

APRIL 16, 2011



Attend the [Forever Green Party for the Planet at Franklin Park Zoo!](#)

Learn about Girl Scouts Forever Green projects while celebrating Earth Day with hundreds of other Girl Scouts, families, and zoo animals!

SPRING & SUMMER 2011

Take the online [Girl Scout Forever Green Pledge!](#)

Build your skills and knowledge! Participate in an It's Your Planet Love It! Journeys and DISCOVER how you can support the earth and our environment. The *It's Your Planet—Love It!* Journey is integrated into Girl Scouts Forever Green. The project is the perfect way for girls at all grade levels to discover what is meaningful to them and realize their own values related to the environment and what they can do to protect it.

Participate in [Plans for the Planet patch programs!](#)

Attend [Girl Scout Summer Camp](#), get to know your environment better and participate in some environmentally friendly programs!

FALL 2011

Check out the new Ultimate Guide to Programs and participate in Girl Scouts of Eastern MA Forever Green themed programs and CONNECT with other girls as you improve the environment!

Choose the Forever Green project area that most interests you, and begin to plan your own impactful Girl Scout Forever Green TAKE ACTION Project! Girl Scouts of the USA plans to release complete information to local councils in late summer 2011, and we'll make that information available on our site immediately so our girls can begin to TAKE ACTION!

FEBRUARY 2012

Girl Scouts across the country who choose to participate in a Reducing Plastic Waste project will report on their projects that utilize reusable bags and water bottles.

MARCH 2012

Girl Scouts who choose to participate in an Earth Hour project will report on their projects that replace incandescent bulbs with ENERGY STAR® qualified, or other energy-efficient light bulbs.

On March 31, 2012 Girl Scouts will participate in [Earth Hour](#) by turning lights out from 8:30p – 9:30p!

APRIL 22, 2012

Girl Scouts who choose to participate in a Rain Garden project will report on their projects this month!

Join the Girl Scouts of Eastern MA for a Forever Green Party for the Planet event at Franklin Park Zoo! Hundreds will gather where we originally kicked off our yearlong Forever Green projects to celebrate the planet and our collective success at improving it!