



Coastal & Inland Waterways Patch Program

Making a Difference through knowledge and understanding the importance of being a wise steward and advocate for local beaches and inland waterways.





Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast
Presents
The Coastal & Inland Waterway Cleanup Patch Program

This patch program provides girls, troops and families a fun and interesting way to be wise stewards and advocates for local beaches and inland waterways.

The patch program is for Girl Scouts of all levels and their families. The patch is for girls only.

To earn the Coastal & Waterway Cleanup Patch:

- Complete two (2) or more *Discover* program requirements
- Complete all *Connect* program requirements
- Complete two (2) or more *Take Action* requirements

Discover – Learn About Local Beach or Inland Waterway Environments

- Find out what issues may be impacting the health of local beaches and waterways.
- Learn about the kind of care everyone visiting the beach and inland waterways should exercise in order to protect marine life and oceanfront or waterway habitats.
- What common plants and marine life inhabit the local coastline or waterways.
- What are the most common birds on local beaches or waterways? What impacts them the most?
- What is the most common marine animal or reptile living on local beaches or waterways? What impacts them the most?
- What is the most common plant on local beaches or waterways? What impacts them the most?

Connect – Girl Scout Beach Hero Activities

- Select your beach or waterway.
- Schedule four (4) beach or waterway cleanups over the next year, invite family and friends to join you, collect data on beach debris using the [cleanup tally form](#) and submit tally form to GSCCC.
- Meet a local naturalist or environmentalist working on beach and waterway issues.
- Participate in a local beach or waterway eco awareness or discovery program.

Take Action – Raise Public Awareness -- Take what you have learned and educate others

- Advertise and promote beach and waterway cleanup programs.
- Hold a workshop in your community on the importance of healthy beach and waterway habitats.
- Create posters and use them to raise awareness about a beach or waterway-related issue that concerns you.
- Encourage your Girl Scout friends to use reusable shopping bags, straws and water bottles instead of single-use plastic items.
- Make a short film about your experience as a Girl Scout advocate for local beaches and inland waterways.

- Familiarize yourself with “safe” seafood choices to help sustain healthy oceans, and share this information with seafood lovers you know.
- Write a letter to an elected official urging action on an issue related to the health of beaches and inland waterways.
- Investigate whether an ocean or waterway-related issue is coming up for a vote in your community and attend the meeting and speak out!