

### Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast

# **Tooth Fairy Patch Program**

## Everyone must complete the following requirements:

#### Discover!

*Pick three (3) of the following Discover activities:* 

- Research dental disease. Design a poster on how to prevent dental disease. Include all
  the components of a prevention: brushing and flossing, eating a balanced diet, dental
  checks, etc. Present at troop meeting, at health fair or in the community.
- Learn parts of the tooth and draw a poster.
- Interview three (3) people about their own daily dental hygiene practices. Document in a short report what you learned.
- It is important to brush and floss every day. Make a brushing and flossing chart. Keep a record of the time you brush and floss each day for two weeks. Share this information.
- Learn about mouth protectors for sports and share this information with others. Include information about the sports that need mouth protection.

#### Connect!

Pick two (2) of the following Connect activities:

- Conduct a water demonstration in your community highlighting the benefits of water for dental health & wellness/ Flavor the water naturally with fresh fruit & herbs.
- Visit a dental office for a lesson on the procedures dentists & dental hygienist do to ensure their patients have healthy teeth & gums.
- Conduct a healthy food demonstration in your community highlighting the impact of healthy food choices on dental health & wellness. Choose fresh fruit & vegetables for your demonstration.
- Research your community's water & whether or not it is fluoridated. Document in a report or poster presentation what you learned about the issues surrounding fluoridated water and its benefits to dental health.
- Interview a physical education teacher, athletic director, coach, and/or dentist about
  the best ways to prevent dental injuries while playing sports and what action to take if
  someone's tooth is injured.

#### Take Action!

Pick one (1) of the following Take Action activities:

- Host a health fair in your community promoting dental health awareness.
- Create a model of a tooth & toothbrush using household items & use them in a demonstration of proper dental care.
- Host a Smile Drive to raise dental health awareness & collect dental care products for children, adults and families in need.

- Create a tooth brushing program for a younger scout troop and show the proper way to brush teeth.
- Work with a local dental clinic/dentist office to create a children's oral health awareness advocacy event/day.
- Prepare an article on mouth protectors and sports for the school or local paper. Include information on types of sports that require protective equipment, possible sports injuries to teeth, etc.
- Develop guidelines on how people can go about finding a dentist if they move to a new community or need assistance in finding a new dentist. Distribute