



We Care

A patch program designed by Girl Scouts of NE Kansas & NW Missouri

Program Age Level:

Brownie – Senior Girl Scouts

Purpose:

To increase your awareness of one or more of the following topics: hunger, literacy, cultural heritage, natural resources, or health care on a personal, community and national/international level.

Requirements:

Earn the “We Care” patch by researching an issue of concern from one of the following: hunger, literacy, cultural heritage, natural resources, or health care and then completing a project.

After deciding on a topic, you should make a commitment to plan and carry out a project related to the issue. The troop will determine when the project has been successfully completed.

The activities should be age appropriate and more than just a service project, as girls do not receive recognition in Girl Scouting for giving service since it is inherent in the Girl Scout program. (Safety-Wise, Girl Scout Program Standard #5 page 65.) This patch is related to educating yourself and the community about your chosen issue.

The Design:

A project can be developed in a number of ways depending upon your interest, resources available in your community, your age level and experience. However, a “We Care” project is to include activities that show how topics relate to:

1. You personally
2. Your community – what are local related needs and local efforts to meet those needs?
3. Your world – what are international related needs and worldwide efforts to meet those needs?

Brainstorm together to gain ideas, research your topic then develop an action plan on how to carry out your project.



Here are some examples of what you and/or your troop might come up with for the hunger issue:

Personal Awareness:

Research the food pyramid and requirements for a healthy diet. Keep a food diary for yourself and your family for a period of two weeks. Keep track of the type and the amount of food eaten. At the end of this time, share your diary with your troop and compare your diary to the healthy diet requirements. Make an effort to make changes in your diet based on your findings.



Community Awareness:

Monitor food waste at your schools for a period of time. Based on your observations, have your troop prepare an info sheet to post on a school bulletin board, share with your class, or post the information to a troop web site. Use several forms of communication to conduct a food awareness campaign.

National/International Awareness:

Contact local organizations involved in providing assistance abroad. Using the information you and other troop members have gathered on the issue of hunger, discuss ways to educate your community about hunger around the world and possibly send food.

Program Length:

Patch project length will vary depending upon the age of your troop.

**** Please note that the patch will say Mid-Continent Council.***

