



*July Patch of the Month*

# Ripple Effects: Water Wise

This month's patch is focused on exploring water by inviting Girl Scouts to capture images of what water means to them. What is most beautiful about water in our community? What water-related problems do we need to address? How do we use and interact with water?

## **How to earn your Ripple Effects: Water Wise patch**

1. Complete the number of activities below listed for your age level.
2. Order your patch online or buy it at the GSK shop!

**Number of activities required to get the patch:**

Daisy (3) • Brownie (4) • Junior (6) • Cadette (8) • Senior (10) • Ambassador (12)



# About Patch of the Month

Looking for some additional fun activities for your troop or just to do on your own? Each month, girls can discover, connect, and Take Action in a specific subject area. Hands-on activities are available for all Girl Scout levels and can be done at meetings, as a pre-meeting activity, or as an at-home project.

Patch of the Month programs provide Girl Scouts an opportunity to enjoy a variety of activities while earning a fun patch. Patch programs are available to Girl Scouts of all grade levels. Completing patch programs can help complete a Journey and may satisfy requirements for certain badges. It's not necessary to complete the patch programs in the months specified—they can be completed at any time! All fun patches are placed on the back of the vest or sash.

## Patch of the Month Evaluation

Once you have completed the program activities, please be sure to fill out the [Patch of the Month Evaluation](#).

## How to Order Patches

Visit the GSK Shop in-person or use the GSK Shop Order Form by clicking [here](#) to purchase your patch for \$2.00 each!



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### Discover

- Think about what makes water special and unique to you as a Girl Scout. Write 5 activities that you like to do that require access to water.
- Identify 5 places you visit that provide water access for recreation.
- Consider these questions about how wildlife uses water to help them survive in nature.
  - What types of animals live only in water?
  - What time of day do you see animals visit water?
  - When it rains, how do animal behave?
  - How do plants change when there is not a lot of water in the area?
  - Which plants are able to live in water?
- Observe how water moves through areas with green slopes vs. how water moves through areas with concrete slopes.
- Find your favorite place to "observe" flowing water, and sit quietly for 15 minutes "observing".

### Connect

- Spend some time with a friend to explore areas with natural water access.
- Ask a troop leader to share a water activity that they have experienced. Focus on the senses: See, Smell, Taste, Hear, and Touch.
- Discuss the different types of waters your family has come across in their life. Focus on their senses: Sight, Smell, Taste, Sound, and Touch.
- Find a water expert in the community and think about the ways we can preserve quality water sources.
- With a troop leader, teacher, community leader, or parent look up water filtration activities or draw a map of your local stream and how it is connected to the Ohio River.



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### Act

- Use a natural water source to help create a watercolor painting.
- Make a poem about how birds use water.
- Impromptu Water Day! Grab a friend and visit a pool or have a sprinkler play session.
- Plan a water day activity (kayaking, creek walking, creek study, etc.)
- Take a photo of the way water is used in your area.
- Visit [www.lfpl.org/rippleeffectscontest](http://www.lfpl.org/rippleeffectscontest) to learn about the annual Ripple Effects Photo Contest. 2026 photo contest entry details will be available in early 2026.
- Visit [www.lfpl.org/photocontest](http://www.lfpl.org/photocontest) to review the photos submitted for 2025 and pick out two that you like and describe why.



Lena C: GSK 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)  
2025 Ripple Effects Photography Contest

