

Hurricane Awareness Council Patch Program

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This patch program helps girls living along the coast to prepare for a hurricane or tropical storm while offering all Girl Scouts the opportunity to increase their hurricane knowledge and provide support to their Girl Scout sisters. *This patch program was originally created by New Hanover County Girl Scout Troop #9. It has been updated to fit the GSUSA curriculum. We thank Girl Scout Troop #9 for their hard work.*

Required Activity: This activity is required for all Girl Scouts to complete the patch program.

1. Research hurricanes/tropical storms on the internet. Discuss the answers to the following questions:
 - How are hurricanes formed?
 - What is the difference between a hurricane warning and hurricane watch?
 - When is hurricane season in North Carolina?
 - What makes the different categories of hurricanes?
 - How are hurricanes named?

Activity Requirements

Girl Scout Level	Required (See Above)	Discover	Connect	Take Action	Total Activities
Daisies	1	1	1	1	4
Brownies	1	2	2	2	7
Juniors	1	2	2	2	7
Cadettes	1	3	3	3	10
Seniors	1	3	3	3	10
Ambassadors	1	3	3	3	10

Discover

1. Have a county official or police officer come in to talk to the troop or visit a county official's office and get their advice on hurricane preparedness. Also, ask what their roles and responsibilities are during storm preparation.
2. Research hurricanes/tropical storms on the Internet and write down what you need to do to be prepared for a hurricane.
3. Invite a local weatherman to your troop meeting to discuss how he/she tracks hurricanes. What is his/her responsibility to the community during a storm?
4. Learn how to read a hurricane tracking map and study the paths of at least two storms in your area. These can be found in archive files on the Internet, newspapers, or news channels. Each girl can pick two and talk about them at a meeting.
5. How many hurricanes have hit North Carolina in the past 50 years? Find someone who lived through one. Ask them the following questions:
 - How did you prepare for the hurricane?
 - How could you have been more prepared?
 - What was it like when the hurricane hit?

Connect

1. Make a First Aid kit for your family (this can be started together as a group and finished at home) including a nice list of what should be in the First Aid kit. Post the list inside your pantry, cabinet, or drawer.
2. List several ways that you and your family can help secure and protect your property during storm preparation. Be sure to think about your house, apartment, trailer, boats and campers, outside animals, plants/gardens/vegetables, and anything else that might be vulnerable a storm's wind or rain. [Learn more about how to be prepared!](#)

3. [Create an evacuation plan](#) for you and your family and include a third party contact for everyone to check in with. Also, come up with an evacuation plan for your family’s pets.
4. Draw a picture or write a story about a hurricane or tropical storm that your family experienced. Share it with your troop.
5. What other states experience hurricanes? What state experiences the most hurricanes?

Take Action

1. Make a hurricane preparedness kit for your troop or family. [Look up preparedness kits](#) on the internet to get a good idea of what you will need.
2. Make a poster for hurricane awareness and preparedness. Hang at your school or church.
3. If there was recently a hurricane in North/South Carolina, go lend a helping hand in the clean up or send donations that are needed.
4. Practice your evaluation plan with your family.
5. Help your community be prepared for a hurricane too. Donate hurricane preparedness materials to a local homeless shelter or animal shelter.

Resource Section

Activity Section/ Activity Number	Official Website
Connect- Activity 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.ready.gov/shelter
Connect- Activity 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.ready.gov/evacuating-yourself-and-your-family
Take Action- Activity 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.ready.gov/kit