

# Hurricane Awareness Patch Program



This patch program was designed to help Girl Scouts be better prepared in the event of a hurricane or tropical storm.

## **Requirements:**

Brownies and Juniors: complete TWO activities in each section (Discover, Connect, Take Action) and the ONE required activity

Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors: complete THREE activities in each section (Discover, Connect, Take Action) and the ONE required activity

**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.**

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# Activities

**Required Activity:** Research hurricanes/tropical storms on the Internet and write down what makes a tropical storm or hurricane.

- a. How are hurricanes formed?
- b. What is the difference between a hurricane warning and hurricane watch?
- c. When is hurricane season in North Carolina?
- d. What makes the different categories of hurricanes?
- e. How are hurricanes named?

## 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 makes a tropical storm or hurricane.
  - f. What makes the different categories of hurricanes?
  - g. What information can you find on the Internet about hurricanes or preparing 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:
  - a. How did you prepare for the hurricane?
  - b. How could you have been more prepared?
  - c. 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. Check out this link to be prepared: <http://www.ready.gov/shelter>
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. Check out this link to find out how to make a good plan: <http://www.ready.gov/evacuating-yourself-and-your-family>

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. Check out this link to get ideas for your kit: <http://www.ready.gov/kit>
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.

# HURRICANE AWARENESS PATCH PROGRAM EVALUATION

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this evaluation form. The responses given from participants are used to help plan and enhance future programs. Please complete the form by sharing your thoughts with us. Please have the girls vote and have an adult record their responses.**

**Tell Us About Your Troop (If an individual girl worked on the program, please indicate):**

**Individually Registered Girl Scout's Name and Grade Level:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Troop Number or Juliette:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Leader and Phone/Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle your Girl Scout level and indicate the number of girls and adults who worked on this patch program on each line:

Daisy\_\_\_\_\_ Brownie \_\_\_\_\_ Junior\_\_\_\_\_ Cadette\_\_\_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_\_\_ Ambassador\_\_\_\_\_ Adult\_\_\_\_\_

Please check the response that best describes what your troop thinks.

Question	Strongly agree	Agree	Uncertain	Disagree	Strongly disagree
The information and activities in this patch program were interesting to us.					
The activities in this patch program made us think about things we never thought about before.					
We are more prepared for a hurricane.					

What did your troop like best about this patch program?

What about this patch program could be improved?

Please list and comment on the activities you did for each part of the program.

REQUIRED ACTIVITY 1:

DISCOVER

CONNECT

TAKE ACTION

Other comments or ideas to improve the program?



# HURRICANE AWARENESS PATCH PROGRAM ORDER FORM

**Fill out the following information to order and receive your patches:**

Troop Leader Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Troop #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Item:	Cost per Item:	Number of Patches Ordering		Total Cost:
Hurricane Awareness Patch	\$2.00 ea.		Cost of Patches (subtotal):	\$
			Sales Tax (subtotal x 7.25%):	\$
			Total (subtotal + sales tax):	\$
			Shipping (see chart):	\$
			Total Amount Enclosed (total + shipping):	\$

Purchase Amount	Shipping Charge	Purchase Amount	Shipping Charge
Up to \$25.00	\$ 2.95	\$100.01 to \$200.00	\$ 14.95
\$25.01 to \$75.00	\$ 5.95	\$200.01 to \$300.00	\$ 20.95
\$75.01 to \$100.00	\$ 7.95	\$300.01 to \$500.00	\$ 25.95
		Over \$500.00	\$ 45.95

**Make check payable to: Girl Scout- North Carolina Coastal Pines**

**Mail order form/evaluation and checks to:**

Girl Scouts- North Carolina Coastal Pines  
 Raleigh Service Center  
 Attn: RSC Shop  
 6901 Pinecrest Rd.  
 Raleigh, NC 27613

If you have any questions about content of patch program, shipping, or anything else related to the patch program, please email [patchprogram@nccoastalpines.org](mailto:patchprogram@nccoastalpines.org).