



Hurricane Awareness



Council Patch Program

Designed to help Girl Scouts be better prepared
in the event of a hurricane or tropical storm

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To earn the Patch*

Girl Scout Brownies complete four (4) activities.

Girl Scout Juniors complete six (6) activities.

Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors complete eight (8) activities.

Activities

1. **First Aid Kit:** Make a First Aid kit for your family (this can be started together as a group and finished at home) including a list of what should be in the First Aid kit. Post the list inside your pantry, cabinet, or drawer.
2. **List Safety Items:** Make a list of items that your family needs to gather when a hurricane or tropical storm is threatening. Keep this list in a safe place or maybe with your First Aid list. Items may include: cash, change of clothes, portable TV/radio with good batteries, extra batteries, food, water, medicines, etc.
3. **Police Assistance:** Have a local policeman come in and talk to your troop about what their roles and responsibilities are during preparation for a storm.
4. **County Assistance:** Have a county official 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.
5. **Tracking Map:** 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.
6. **Evacuation Plan:** 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.
7. **Property Protection:** List several ways that you and your family can help secure and protect during storm preparation. Be sure to think about your house, apartment, trailer, boats and campers, outside animals, plants/gardens, and anything else that might be vulnerable to a storm's wind or rain.
8. **Storm Research:** Research hurricanes/tropical storms on the Internet
 - A. What makes the different categories of hurricanes?
 - B. What information can you find on the Internet about hurricanes or preparing for a hurricane?
9. **Meteorology:** 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?
10. **Share Your Story:** Draw a picture or write a story about a hurricane or tropical storm that your family experienced. Share it with your troop.

**Hurricane Awareness patches may be purchased at the Council Shop*