**GSWNY 2024**

**Earth Day Challenge!**

Our Girl Scout Laws asks us to **make the world a better place**. During the month of April, try to make our world safer and cleaner. Earn the [Earth Day](https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/kids-club/cool-kids/general-kids-club/earth-day/) patch by trying at least one activity from each section below:

**✹Climate Change:**

* Explore & learn on the [NASA Climate Kids](https://climatekids.nasa.gov/menu/weather-and-climate/) website
* Ride a bike or take a walk instead of riding in the car
* Make a meatless meal one day a week

**✹ Cleaner Air:**

* Grow a house plant to improve indoor air quality
* Plant trees or shrubs outside to boost air quality
* Stop unnecessary outdoor fires such as burning garbage

**✹ Reduce Solid Waste:**

* Buy less. The fewer things we buy; the less trash we create. When you shop think: Do you really need it? And do you have something like it at home already?
* Use a soap bar: try buying soap in bars instead of bottles, so you won’t have to throw away the bottle
* Reuse jars and containers for storing leftovers or organizing your stuff
* Pack your lunch in a reusable container instead of one use plastics

**✹Recycle:**

* Recycle cans, plastic, glass and paper
* Donate outgrown clothes, toys, and books to a thrift shop or sale
* Composting is a good way to get rid of food scraps while making a good fertilizer for your plants. Add a mixture of green (e.g. cut grass, fruit &vegetable peel) and brown (e.g. leaves, shredded paper) waste into a bin. When broken down it can be added to your garden soil to help your plants grow

**✹ Attend a GSWNY Outdoor Program:**

* Celebrate Earth Day! Earn a badge, an Earth Day patch, take a hike, and have lunch and snacks too!
  + Sunday, April 20th [Celebrate Earth Day at Camp Piperwood](https://mygs.girlscouts.org/event-detail?id=192-04202024-MBS-od3) from 10 AM -3 PM
  + Sunday, April 21st [Celebrate Earth Day at Camp Windy Meadows](https://mygs.girlscouts.org/event-detail?id=192-04212024-MBS-od1) from 10 AM – 3 PM

**✹**The patch will be available for purchase in our GSWNY Council Shops. Visit [gswny.org/shop](https://www.girlscoutshop.com/WESTERN-NEW-YORK-COUNCIL) to see locations and hours, or use the contact info below to reach out directly.

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