

Green 2 Troops – Eco Learner Badge

Goal: Learn how to care for nature and protect the Earth *by creating zero waste and making small changes that matter!*

Girl Scout Mission Connection: Girl Scouts are leaders who take care of the Earth. This badge helps Daisies understand how they can make a difference *right now*, with simple actions that protect nature and reduce trash.

What You'll Need (Minimal & Reused Materials)

1. Recycled paper or cardboard (for signs or notes)
2. A reusable bag
3. A container with a lid (to collect compostable scraps or recyclables)
4. Markers or crayons you already have
5. Nature guide, app, or printed pages (reuse from library handouts or park brochures)
6. Curiosity and kindness 

Step-by-Step Activities

Step 1: Watch and Wonder

Badge Step: *Find out what makes you say “wow!” about nature*

Go outside to your yard, school, or local park. Use your eyes, ears, and nose. What do you notice? A bird call? A flower shape? The wind in the trees?

Girl-Led Prompt:

What's something small in nature that you think is amazing?

Step 2: Learn About Nature's Helpers

Badge Step: *Learn how animals, plants, and bugs help Earth*

Choose one creature—like bees, worms, or trees—and learn how it helps the planet. Use a library book, family knowledge, or a reused printout. Then draw or write a thank-you message on scrap paper.

Green² Twist:

Tape your thank-you card to your fridge, compost bin, or garden area to remind others to be eco-friendly too.

Step 3: Make a Green Choice

Badge Step: *Do something helpful for nature*

Pick *one* and do it with your adult:

- Sort recycling at home
- Pick up trash on your walk
- Bring reusable bags to the store
- Turn off lights when you leave the room
- Use a cloth napkin instead of paper

Reflection Prompt:

What green thing did you do today that made the Earth smile?

Step 4: Teach Someone

Badge Step: *Share what you learned*

Create a “How I Help the Earth” poster using reused paper or cereal box cardboard. Share it with your family or troop—or take a photo to share on your council’s site!

Badge Complete When:

- You explored nature and found a personal “wow” moment
 - You learned how an animal or plant helps the Earth
 - You made one Earth-friendly change at home
 - You shared what you learned—like a real Girl Scout leader!
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Optional Bonus Challenge:

Start a family **Green Jar**: every time someone makes a green choice (recycles, turns off lights, uses reusable gear), add a bead or token. Set a reward for reaching 25!
