



Green² Troop Senior Behind the Ballot Badge

Purpose: Learn how voting works, explore the election process, and discover how you can be an active citizen—while keeping your learning and activities low-waste and environmentally mindful.

Overall Green² Strategies

- Materials: Go fully digital—research online, take notes on devices, and store info in shared docs.
- Meetings: Use existing community resources instead of creating new materials (guest speakers, library meeting rooms).
- Campaign Simulations: Reuse supplies from other troop activities for signs, props, or displays.
- Promotion: Share event details or mock election results via email or social media instead of printing flyers.

Step 1 – Find Out About Voting in Your Area

Goal: Understand how elections work at the local, state, and national level.

- Use official websites (state election board, local government) instead of printed guides.
- Watch free online videos from civic education groups.
- Take a virtual tour of your local election office if available.

Step 2 – Investigate the Issues

Goal: Explore issues that matter to you and your community.

- Host a troop discussion where each girl brings 1–2 digital articles to share.
- Create a shared online document for listing key issues and sources.
- Use a digital whiteboard tool to map out pros, cons, and possible solutions.

Step 3 – Become a Campaign Manager

Goal: Learn what it takes to run a campaign.

- Design campaign posters digitally (Canva, Google Slides) rather than printing.
- Use reusable props from troop storage to create a mock rally or debate setting.
- Hold speeches and debates live or via video call to save travel emissions.

Step 4 – Plan a Voter Event

Goal: Organize an event that encourages voting or civic engagement.

- Hold your event at a library, community center, or park—spaces that already have needed equipment.
 - Share invitations and reminders digitally.
 - Provide snacks in reusable containers with compostable or no-waste serving options.
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Step 5 – Host Your Election

Goal: Conduct your mock election and reflect on what you learned.

- Use online voting tools (like Google Forms or PollEverywhere) instead of paper ballots.
- Display results digitally on a projector or shared screen.
- Save all materials in a troop cloud folder for future use by younger Girl Scouts.

At-Home & Family Connection

- Discuss local issues with your family and learn about their voting experiences.
- Research candidates for an upcoming election together, using only official digital sources.
- If family members are eligible, encourage them to make a voting plan and share it with others.

Waste-Free Wrap-Up

- Reflect as a troop: How did using fewer materials impact your project?
- Create a digital “Civic Action Tips” handout to share with other troops.
- Pass along any reusable props or materials to another troop doing civic engagement work.