



Buckeye Trail Service Patch Program



Based on a program in the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital called Isadora Inchworm and begun in 2014, this is a patch program that will recognize and track service given by the Girl Scouts of Western Ohio.

Service to others has always been an integral part of being a Girl Scout. A scout tries to help people at all times, being friendly & helpful and considerate & caring while making the world a better place. Service is sometimes part of a requirement for a badge, patch or other award but the service itself is the giving of one's time and energy without any expectation of receiving anything in return.

In the spirit of service, scouts should understand that they do not do service to *earn* buckeye segments, but rather the segments will show how much service they have given. There are many scouts who have done hours of service and this is just a small way for them to have a visible accounting of what they have accomplished over time.

Service should represent an extension of oneself, not just the completion of normal responsibilities. Thus, doing assigned household chores is not service, but going out of your way to rake leaves for an elderly neighbor (not for pay) might be considered service. There is often a fine line between service and something that is merely a fun activity for the participants. Holiday caroling around the neighborhood followed by a troop party of cookies and cocoa would not be considered service, but going to a hospital to carol for patients might be considered.

The following **cannot** be counted as Buckeye Trail hours:

- Anything done as a money earning activity or for which you receive money or other reward.
- Activities for which you will receive a patch, pin or other reward.
- Activities done to raise money for any organization (this is against GSUSA policy)

The Buckeye Trail patches can be worn on the back of the Girl Scout uniform and will consist of a first patch that represents the first five hours of service and subsequent patches that will each represent five, ten or twenty hours of community service. You are not required to state the service projects or show proof of hours completed to purchase patches. Leaders and scouts are 'on your honor' to only purchase patches that reflect the actual number of hours of community service completed.

Contact Lara Cordeiro at GSTroop30584@gmail.com for more information.

Buckeye Trail Service Patch Order Form



_____ Service along the Buckeye Trail Patch @ \$1.25 ea = \$ _____

_____ 5 hours Buckeye Patch @ \$1.00 ea = \$ _____

_____ 10 hours Buckeye Patch @ \$1.00 ea = \$ _____

_____ 20 hours Buckeye Patch @ \$1.00 ea = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____ (checks payable to Centerville Service Unit)

Leader _____ Troop # _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Patch orders will be filled as they are received - if we do not have enough patches in stock to fill your order, new orders will be placed as needed.

To order, please send this Buckeye Trail Patch Order form, full payment, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

Lara Cordeiro - 10678 Willow Brook Road, Dayton, OH 45458

If you have any questions, contact Lara at GSTroop30584@gmail.com