

Get-Out-the-Vote Campaign 2012 **It's Your World, Change It!**

Take Action by educating and inspiring others to vote.

To earn a Get-Out-the-Vote Certificate from Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains and be recognized on your District page on the GSGWM website, complete one (or more) Discover activity, one (or more) Connect activity and one (or more) Take Action activity. You can work to complete these activities during the Primary Election; your 2012 local elections; or the November 6, 2012 Presidential Election (or during all three).

DEADLINES:

- Primary Election Evaluation due by March 1, 2012
- Local Town Election Evaluation due by June 1, 2012
- Presidential Election Evaluation due by December 1, 2012
- If you choose to complete one activity for each election, please send your completed Evaluation Form to our office by December 1st, 2012.

Remember: Girl Scouts, in their Girl Scout capacities, may not participate directly or indirectly in any political campaigns or participate in partisan efforts on behalf or in opposition to a candidate for public office. You can, however, participate in a number of different ways that encourage citizens to vote.

GSGWM contact for the 2012 Get-Out-the-Vote Campaign:
Kathy Grywalski 888.474.9686 x154 or kgrywalski@girlscoutsgwm.org

Discover Activities (complete one or more):

1. Research voter eligibility in the United States. Who is qualified to vote? Find out how to become an American citizen and share your information.
2. Research how and where a voter can register to vote in your community. Make posters with this information and put them in public places. Brainstorm where the posters should go to be visible. Ask permission before putting your poster up.
3. Discuss the concept of democracy and the importance of voting within it. Find out about the differences among local, state and national elections. Telephone 3 or more adult relatives and friends and remind them to vote. Explain the purpose of voting and why their vote is important.
4. When did women get the right to vote? Why is it important for women to exercise their right on Election Day? Tell 3 or more women what you have learned and urge them to vote. Try surfnetkids.com/suffrage.htm for links to a number of sites about women's voting rights.
5. Read a book about voting, campaigns or elections (or have someone read a book to you). Pick a book from the Book List included in this packet or choose another book. Share what you learn with someone else.

Connect Activities (complete one or more):

1. Offer to make signs "This Way to Vote," "VOTE HERE," etc. and hang where needed in your community.

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2. Make up a "goodie basket" for people working at the polls. You could include bottles of water, snacks, etc.
3. Offer to set up/clean up the polls or to present the flag ceremony at your local town meeting. Contact your selectmen or other town officials to see what you may do to help.
4. Make posters encouraging high school students who have turned 18 to register and to vote. Provide information about where and how to register and where and when to vote. Get permission to hang the posters in your local high school.
5. Create a flyer that says "Get Out and Vote." Use your artistic abilities to make it colorful so it will be noticed and read. Let people know the time and place to vote in your area. Hand out your flyer in a public place (library, grocery store, school meetings, etc).

Take Action Activities (complete one or more):

1. Help organize and participate in your school's mock election or participate in one online.
2. Get permission and set up a "Thank You for Voting" station at your local poll on Election Day. You could provide free coffee for voters; create and pass out Thank You cards at your local election place; or make bookmarks to give away that say "Thank you for voting today!"
3. Write a letter to the editor(s) of your hometown paper urging people to vote. Explain why this is a very important civic duty for every American citizen.
4. Develop your sewing talents and make new curtains for the voting booths in your town. Contact your selectmen or other town officials to see if there is a need for this first.
5. Make a pledge sheet for adults to sign promising they will vote on Election Day. List reasons why people should vote and why every vote counts on your pledge sheet. How many signatures can you collect? Be sure to include your parents, relatives and teachers. Give people who sign your pledge sheet an "I Promised a Girl Scout I Would Vote!" button or sticker. Contact Kathy at 888-474-9686 x154 to request 5 free "I Promised a Girl Scout I Would Vote" buttons per girl (while supplies last).

Book List

Ages 4-8

Election Day (Rookie Read-About Holidays)
Patricia J. Murphy (2002)

The Day Gogo Went to Vote
Elinor Batezat Sisulu (1999)

Voting and Elections (Let's See Library – Our Nation Series)
Patricia J. Murphy (2002)

Granddaddy's Gift
Margaree King Mitchell (2004)

Book List (continued)



Voting in Elections (First Facts – Our Government)
Terri Degezelle (2005)

Why Are Elections Important?
Jacqueline Laks Gorman (2008)

Ages 9-12

Vote
Eileen Christelow (2004)

Elections in the United States
David Heath (2006)

Presidential Elections: And Other Cool Facts
Sylvan A. Sobel (2001)

What Are Elections?
Nancy Harris (2007)

Voting (True Books: Civics)
Sarah De Capua (2002)

Elections: Choosing Our Leaders
Paul Bamaton (2009)

Women’s Right to Vote (Cornerstones of Freedom)
Elaine Landau (2007)

Voting in an Election
John C. Hamilton (2004)

Elizabeth Leads the Way: Elizabeth Cady Stanton and the Right to Vote
Tanya Lee Stone (2008)

Ages 10 and Up

Elections! Elections! Elections!
Carole Marsh (2007)

Candidates, Campaigns & Elections
Linda Scher (2004)

The Susan B. Anthony Women’s Voting Rights Trial: A Headline Court Case
Judy Monroe (2002)

Websites

Secretary of State – New Hampshire
sos.nh.gov/vote.htm

The White House Project
thewhitehouseproject.org

Vermont Elections
Vermont-elections.org

National Women’s History Museum
nmwh.org

Public Broadcasting System
pbs.org/democracy

American Suffragist Timeline
suffragist.com/timeline.htm

Youth Vote
youthvote.org

League of Women Voters
lww.org

When you have completed at least three activities in the Get-Out-the-Vote Campaign packet for the 2012 Primary



Get-Out-the-Vote Evaluation

elections, local elections and/or the Presidential election, complete this evaluation and bring or mail it (with pictures, if possible, for publication on Facebook and/or your District page on the GSGWM website) to the address at the bottom of this sheet.

You will receive a certificate and recognition on your District page on the GSGWM website.

Leader's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Troop #: _____ E-Mail: _____

Record the number of girls completing the Get-Out-the-Vote Campaign:

_____ Daisy # _____ Brownie # _____ Junior # _____ Cadette # _____ Senior # _____ Ambassador

Please give a brief description of the activities you completed for the Get-Out-the-Vote Campaign. Tell why you chose the activities and what you learned from completing the activities. Include a photo if possible for display on Facebook and/or your District page on the GSGWM website. The girls themselves are encouraged to complete this part of the form. Please use the back of this form if additional space is needed.

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