

## Girl Scouts of Connecticut 100,000 Hours of Service Patch Program



For the past 100 years, *service to the community* has been a large part of the Girl Scout program. In this centennial year, we challenge each member to continue service to their community, recording the number of service hours between March 12, 2011 and March 12, 2012. Together Girl Scouts of Connecticut will provide 100,000 hours (or more) of service!

### How do we get started?

- o Discuss the options with your troop, Service Unit and community.
- o Create a list of service opportunities and contacts in your town or Service Unit. Consider asking a Senior, Ambassador, or adult member to oversee this list. This will make finding service opportunities easier.
- o Plan ongoing troop or service Unit Service opportunities, or short term service-related events.

### When and how do we begin?

- o Remember, you have the fall and winter to plan... the countdown to 100,000 hours begins March 12, 2011!
- o Use the time log provided – remember, this is a collaborative effort; together we'll accumulate 100,000 hours (or more). Each Service Unit is asked to combine member's service hours onto one record sheet.
- o Each person's contribution counts. For example, if the project is cleaning and reorganizing the food pantry shelves, and the three people working on the project work for 8 hours, that would be a total of 24 hours (8 hours per person). Record time in ½ hour increments.

### When do we end and celebrate?

- o As Girl Scouts, service to the community will never stop, but we'll stop counting on March 12<sup>th</sup> 2012 – our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!
- o Participation patches will be available for purchase through the council shops.
- o On March 12, 2012, Promise Circles will take place around the state. This would be a fantastic time to recognize everyone for their efforts.
- o Promise Circle Event materials will be distributed to service units in spring of 2011. This will help members plan and promote their local Promise Circle.

Together we can make a difference in every  
Connecticut community!

