



SAVE THE DATE! SEPTEMBER 26, 2009

The last Saturday of every September is dedicated as **National Public Lands Day (NPLD)**. This event provides an opportunity for Girl Scouts of all ages to improve America's public lands. This is the sixth year that NPLD is partnering with Girl Scouts. In 2008, about 3,500 Girls Scouts from 189 troops volunteered on 144 sites across the country. NPLD enhances the Girl Scout Leadership Experience and [journeys](#) by offering opportunities for girls to:

- **Discover** – a strong sense of self, positive values and understanding of their important role in caring for wildlife, the environment and our Earth's natural resources.
- **Connect** – with one another while they care about nature, the outdoors and their local and global communities.
- **Take Action** – to identify community and environmental needs, positively impact the environment and educate and inspire others to act as stewards of wildlife and our Earth.

NPLD isn't just about one day of service on September 26th, it is also about planning year round sustainable action projects that will make a difference for the long term.

Install bird boxes
Plant flowers

Educate about low impact use
Repair stream banks

Protect wildlife habitat
Implement recycling programs



Girls can develop water related projects and work on the revised [Water Drop Patch Project](#) or earn the [Get with the Land Patch](#) by participating in NPLD activities done in collaboration with a federal or state natural resource agency. Visit www.girlscouts.org and search for "Water Drop" or "Get with the Land" for more information.



Register by Sept. 12, 2009 to receive promotional materials

Planning is easy. Register at www.publiclandsday.org and download the **Get Involved Guide**. For more information, contact National Public Lands Day at (202) 261-6479 or e-mail: npld@neefusa.org.



Seventy Girl Scouts from Troop 770 and Troop 18 planted, weeded, and helped improve the City of Lakeland Nursery/ Oak Hill Cemetery in Lakeland, Florida.

"I was happy when told we had planted 200 trees. We made a difference!"

– Girl Scout from Troop 15, Girl Scouts of Colorado

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