



Organ and Tissue Donation Patch Program

Organ and tissue donors save and heal lives. We all have the power and responsibility to help others. Many people are in need of lifesaving and healing transplants. By telling more people about donation and asking people to register their decision, we can take small steps toward the goal of saving and healing more lives. By participating in the Organ and Tissue Donation Patch Program, girls will benefit from learning:

- Positive values
- Challenge seeking
- Community problem solving

Purpose: When I've earned this patch, I'll know more about organ and tissue donation.

Now that I've earned this patch, I can give service by:

- Sharing with my classmates what I've learned about organ and tissue donation
- Talking to my family about my thoughts about organ and tissue donation
- Raising awareness in the community about organ and tissue donation

Resources

Live On Nebraska: www.LiveOnNebraska.org/Girl-Scouts

Live On Nebraska Educator Resources: www.LiveOnNebraska.org/Education

Donate Life America: www.DonateLife.net



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Patch Requirements



Daisies

- ☐ With the help of an adult, use a dictionary, encyclopedia, or the internet to learn what an organ is. Once each girl finds out, have them write it down on a poster, note card, or piece of paper and then share it with the troop. See what is similar and different about each girl's answer!
- ☐ Look up each organ available for transplant and write down what they do. Lungs, heart, liver, and kidneys are a great place to start.
- ☐ Make a simple craft with blue and green colored materials (Donate Life colors) and have your troop leader talk about the symbolism. Ideas include: bracelets with beads, pom-pom art, mosaics, etc.
- ☐ Have each girl trace her hand print on blue or green paper, and make a heart shape with all the troop members' handprints.

Brownies

- ☐ Using large poster paper, draw or trace a body outline. Separately, make paper cutouts of the different organs and tissue for transplant. You will use this as a game board where girls will take the organs and put them on the body where they belong. This can be a team, pair, or individual activity as a relay or timed game.
- ☐ Make a poster board with blue and green materials, and have leaders explain a few facts about donation to the troop. Have girls pick the facts they find most important to put on the poster.
- ☐ Draw a picture with something that symbolizes what it means to Donate Life (you can suggest the girls use hearts, blue and green colors).
- ☐ Give the girls a Donate Life green bracelet to wear for an entire day and encourage them to tell others what it means. Bracelets can be requested from Live On Nebraska.

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Juniors Cadettes Seniors Ambassadors

- ☐ Watch the Make Your Mark video from Live On Nebraska and complete one of the worksheets from the Live On Nebraska Educator Resources page (LiveOnNebraska.org/Education).
- ☐ Research as a troop, partners, or individually how people on the organ transplant waiting list get matched with potential donors. What are three things doctors look for in a good match?
- ☐ Research three common myths about organ donation. Write them down, and then share why these myths are untrue with your troop or family members.
- ☐ Wear blue and green on your meeting day in honor of those on the national transplant waiting list. Encourage girls to go online to find out the latest number of people waiting for a transplant.
- ☐ Take a picture in your Girl Scout uniform with blue and green accessories to post and share inspiring messages about organ donation. Consider posting it on your troop or council's social media page.
- ☐ Ask Live On Nebraska to come talk about organ, eye and tissue donation at a troop meeting. Invite your parents to come and listen!
- ☐ Find someone in your community that has been impacted by donation and ask them to share their story at a troop meeting. Invite your parents to come and listen! (Give a 5-10 minute time limit to allow time for Q&A.)

Seniors Ambassadors

- ☐ Careers in the organ and tissue donation field are one of the most challenging, rewarding, and rapidly changing areas of medicine. Research the careers below and provide a brief description for each. As a troop, discuss what each girl finds most interesting and why.
 - Careers you can research include: Transplant Surgeon, Pharmacologist, Lab Technician, Nutritionist, Immunologist, Child Life Specialist, Social Worker.
- ☐ National Donate Life Month is celebrated every year in April. Create posters, flyers, or other resources that promote organ donation and share them in your community during this month.



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