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## Girl Scouts make the world a better place

Each year, Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys serves nearly 45,000 girls in 49 counties. With the support of approximately 18,000 volunteers, we help girls discover new abilities, connect with each other and take action to improve their communities.

Did you know:

- Girl Scouts is the largest girl-serving organization in the country?
- Girl Scouts are in every U.S. ZIP code and in 90 countries overseas?
- There are 59 million Girl Scout alumnae nationwide?

### Join

Girl Scouts is an opportunity for girls in grades K–12 to build relationships and develop important life skills. Through engaging programs, activities and camps, Girl Scouts River Valleys helps today's girls become tomorrow's leaders.

### Volunteer

Girl Scouts relies on dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers who make a difference in the lives of girls through leading troops, helping at camp and facilitating events.

Whether for a few hours here and there or on a long-term basis, donate your time and talents to ensure Girl Scouting is available in your community.

### Reconnect

Once a Girl Scout, always a Girl Scout! Whether you were a Girl Scout Brownie for one year, a member for five years or a volunteer for 20 years, you're forever a part of this rich, vibrant movement. Reconnect today.



Visit [GirlScoutsRV.org](https://www.GirlScoutsRV.org) to learn more.

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**Centennial Day of Service:  
2012 Take Action Project  
October 13, 2012**

Forty percent of Minnesota's lakes, rivers, ponds and streams have been degraded by runoff and other pollutants caused by leaves and debris. The statistics in Iowa and Wisconsin are very similar. Girl Scouts River Valleys is making a change.

***Today, Girl Scouts in your community took action. They:***

**Cleaned up public spaces**

Girl Scouts raked, swept, bagged and removed loose dirt and leaves from sewer grates, boat launches, parks, parking lots and other public spaces where leaves accumulate.

**Informed residents**

This door hanger was distributed to you and your neighbors so you can join the effort and help Girl Scouts make the world a better place.

**Marked storm drains**

Storm drain inlets now have messages warning against dumping pollutants like chemicals and leaves into them.

**Do your part. It's easy!**

**How:** Rake/sweep decaying leaves, branches and dirt from the curbs, streets and boulevards in front of your home.

**When:** Immediately after the spring melt, before the street sweeper comes and before rain washes it into waterways.

**Why:** Leaves and other organic materials contain phosphorus that causes excessive algae growth and oxygen depletion. By bagging debris instead of dumping it, you can reduce the phosphorus pollution in our water.

**What to do:** Bag it and take it to the compost site.

**Report it:** To show your impact, please report the number of bags you cleaned up and composted. Visit [freshwater.org/WorkForWater/report.php](http://freshwater.org/WorkForWater/report.php) and click on "Community Group" to enter your data.

**On behalf of Girl Scouts, thank you.**

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