



Girl Scouts Rock the Mall Green Checklist

As Girl Scouts celebrates being 100 this year, we are challenging all Girl Scouts to be Forever Green in their actions. Girl Scouts Rock the Mall is no exception! In order to “Be Prepared” for the event, use this checklist to help you reduce your environmental impact when you come to Girl Scouts Rock the Mall at our Nation’s Capital in June. Together we can reduce our impact on the environment and help make this centennial celebration greener than ever!

Here are our suggestions to keep you and your troop “Forever Green” for the event:

Use Public Transportation

- » Be prepared to walk and use the Metro whenever possible. Plan ahead to reduce your time spent travelling. Our [transportation website](#) has useful tips about riding the metro with your troop. Watch their [YouTube video](#) on how to ride the metro safely and efficiently. Use this helpful [farecard guide](#) to buy Metro farecards in advance for your troop. This will save your troop time from waiting in crowded lines to purchase farecards, so you can just go through the gates to the Metro cars.
- » Coming from a distance? Study our [Metrorail guide](#) to figure out which outlying Metro stop is nearest to you. Plan on parking there and taking the Metro into the city; this will save you time and money versus searching for a parking spot close to the National Mall.
- » Be aware that the trains will be crowded. Be prepared if any of your girls become separated from the group. Provide each girl with an identification card. [Sample cards](#) are available online.
- » Washington, DC is known for being a walkable city so pack accordingly. Bring comfortable walking shoes and be prepared to walk around. Plus you will see the sights better on foot!

Use Reusable Instead of Disposable Items

From reusable water bottles to reusable shopping bags, you can reduce your impact by making sure the items that you bring to the event do not need to be thrown away after one use.

- » *Bring reusable water bottles instead of plastic water bottles.* We will be providing water stations where you can refill your water bottles. Need a water bottle? We are still selling aluminum or BPA free plastic reusable water bottles. Buy them on our [registration page](#)!
- » *Carry your food in a reusable bag and cooler instead of a plastic bag.* Not only will you be greener, but you will avoid runaway plastic bags which could clog local waterways and harm local animals. Be aware that Washington DC and Maryland charge for plastic bags, so if you can bring a reusable bag you save money!
- » Check our [What to Bring checklist](#) to make sure you know what is permitted and prohibited on the National Mall. Challenge your girls to bring a “trash free” lunch where none of the items have wrappers or parts that need to be thrown away.
- » *Bring a bandana.* A bandana can provide two basic benefits – 1) A towel to help dry off your hands after washing your hands. No need to use paper towels or handwipes. 2) Soak it in some cool water and it can help cool you down.

Recycle

If you must bring items that are disposable, bring items that can be recycled. There will be recycling stations located throughout the event. **Swap Challenge: Create swaps out of recycled materials to be a greener Girl Scout.*

Do not forget...

Take the Girl Scouts Forever Green Pledge

...and encourage others to do the same! Look up the pledge on GSUSA’s [Forever Green website](#) or check out our Forever Green tent during the event to learn more.