

THE TRACY AND THELMA LOYD CONSERVATION AWARD



The Tracy and Thelma Loyd Conservation Award is designed to give recognition to Girl Scout troops, groups, service units, and individual Girl Scouts who have given outstanding service in the field of conservation.

Categories of action projects considered for the Tracy and Thelma Loyd Conservation Award are:

- ❖ Environmental Action – Any activity aimed at reducing litter and wasteful use of natural resources (recycling, cleanup of littered areas, etc.).
- ❖ Environmental Education – Any activity aimed at increasing public awareness of the natural environment and/or current conservation issues (construction of a self-guided nature trail, conservation-related displays in public schools, etc.).
- ❖ Forestry – Any activity that encourages or enhances the growth of forests (reforestation, fire suppression, sericulture practices, etc.).
- ❖ Improving the Urban Environment – Any activity that improves or enhances the natural environment in an urban area (planting shade trees, upgrading city parks, etc.).
- ❖ Soil Conservation – Any activity aimed at controlling soil erosion or enhancing fertility of abused land (fertilizing areas with poor soil, plantings and structures in eroded areas, etc.).
- ❖ Wildlife Conservation – Any activity that enhances or upgrades wildlife habitat (construction of nest boxes for birds, planting trees and/or shrubs for food and cover, etc.).

CRITERIA:

1. Troops/groups/service units and individual Girl Scouts working toward the award must be currently registered members of Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline Council.
2. The conservation action project(s) must take place within the proposed timeframe:
 - a) The project must have been carried out within two years of the “date submitted” on the application.
 - b) The project must be completed before the application is accepted.
3. A minimum of one project must be completed in one of the categories or a combination of categories.
4. The service for which the Tracy and Thelma Loyd Conservation Award is recommended must have been outstanding and beyond the requirements of the normal troop or individual Girl Scout activities.
5. The conservation action projects developed and carried out must benefit Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline Council and/or the community (city/town/county, another non-profit, etc).
6. Individual members of troops undertaking a conservation action project must consult an appropriate agency or professional for technical assistance.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

- When the conservation action project has been completed, the individual member or troop/group/service unit must make formal application for the award using form #4057A. This form, along with two additional letters in support of the application, must be sent to:

Council Recognitions Committee
Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline Council

E-mail to: adultrecognitions@gsvsc.org

- The award application form and supporting letters must arrive by **October 31**.
- One of the letters supporting the award application must be from a non-Girl Scout resource person involved in the project.
- The council recognitions committee would find before and after photographs and/or newspaper articles relating to the project helpful in reaching their decision. Individual members or troops/groups/service units are encouraged to include these documents when submitting the application and supporting letters.
- All applications will be reviewed by the council recognitions committee. Their recommendations will be presented to the board of directors. The council recognitions committee will notify the person(s) signing the application of the action taken by the committee and the board.

PRESENTATION OF THE AWARD:

- The Tracy and Thelma Loyd Conservation Award will be given during a special presentation at the Annual Meeting.
- The Tracy and Thelma Loyd Conservation Award recipients will have their name, troop/group number, or service unit name engraved on a plaque that hangs in the council headquarters. Each registered girl and adult participating in the project will also receive a special patch.

APPLICATION

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Directions: Complete the appropriate applicant information section and all of the following questions. Attach additional pages if necessary. This form should be completed with as much girl input as possible for the given age level.

APPLICANT INFORMATION								
Troop/Group								
Troop/group number:	Age level:	Service unit:						
Troop leader:								
Address:								
City:	State:	Zip:						
Day phone number: - -	Evening phone number: - -							
E-mail address:								
Service Unit								
Name:								
Troops involved in project (numbers and age levels):								
Event facilitator:								
Address:								
City:	State:	Zip:						
Day phone number: - -	Evening phone number: - -							
E-mail address:								
Individual								
Name:								
Age level:	Currently registered Girl Scout until (date): ____ / ____ / ____							
Address:								
City:	State:	Zip:						
Day phone number: - -	Evening phone number: - -							
E-mail address:								
The project was conducted in the area of: <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Action</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Improving the Urban Environment</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Education</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Soil Conservation</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Forestry</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Conservation</td> </tr> </table>			<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Improving the Urban Environment	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Soil Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Conservation
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Describe why you or your troop/group/service unit became involved in conservation/ecology/preservation.								
Describe the specific activities in which you or your troop/group/service unit had the opportunity to study and learn about conservation/ecology/preservation.								

Describe the field trips taken that directly relate to your project or the research for your project.	
Describe the specific project developed and carried out by you or your troop/group/service unit in relation to conservation/ecology/preservation and the amount of time it took to complete each segment.	
What resource people outside of Girl Scouting assisted with the project and specifically how did they help?	
Who benefited from the project and how?	
Number of registered individuals who actively participated in the project: Girls: ____ Adults: ____	
Letters of support are needed from two additional adults who are familiar with the project. Please use form #4057B (Tracy and Thelma Loyd Conservation Award Letter of Support). When completed, attach them to this application. List below the names of persons asked to provide letters of support:	
Name:	Position:
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Signature of applicant:	Date submitted:

Email to: adultrecognitions@gsvsc.org

Deadline is October 31.

This award requires the approval of the GSVSC Board of Directors.

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Recognition Committee decision: <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/> Pending, more information required
Date of Recognition Committee meeting:
If pending, please describe the information required:

Council Board approval: <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/> Pending, more information required
Date of Board meeting:
If pending, please describe the information required: