DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (DEA) RED RIBBON PATCH PROGRAM



What is the DEA Red Ribbon Patch Program?

The DEA Red Ribbon Patch Program is designed to provide Scouts BSA and Girl Scouts the opportunity to earn a patch from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) by performing antidrug activities to commemorate Red Ribbon Week. The purpose of the Patch Program is to empower young people to engage in a drug-free activity and strengthen their anti-drug beliefs. This initiative seeks to empower young people to create, embrace, and strengthen their drug free beliefs.

What are the Red Ribbon Patch Program Dates?

All activities should be completed between July 1 – November 30.

Who can participate in the program?

All Scouts BSA and Girl Scouts are eligible to participate. 1 patch per scout, per program year.

How to Earn the Red Ribbon Patch:

- 1. Each scouting unit or troop must coordinate a Red Ribbon Week activity in the community or school.
- 2. Each scout must attend a drug use prevention education session.
- 3. Each scout must take the DEA Drug-Free Pledge.
- 4. The scout leader <u>must</u> submit the online 'Activity Report' to <u>www.GetSmartAbout</u> <u>Drugs.com</u> DEA's website for parents, caregivers, and educators.

For more information about the program or to obtain the Scout Leader Toolkit, please visit <u>www.GetSmartAboutDrugs.com.</u> You may also contact the Community Outreach & Prevention Support Section at 202-307-7936 or e-mail at Community.Outreach@usdoj.gov.