

Boy Scout Pins and Badges

Thurston County Solid Waste can help Boy Scouts earn badges and pins. Our staff can visit your group with fun presentations and activities. We also offer our own Reduce Reuse Recycle (RRR) patch. Learn how our RRR patch  and presentations and activities  can help your group earn points toward the badges and pins listed below.

Cub Scout



Academics Pin for Citizenship

Requirement 9:

List ways you can recycle various materials and conserve and protect the environment.  

Boy Scout



Environmental Science Merit Badge

Requirement 3:

Pollution Prevention, Resource Recovery, and Conservation.

Determine 10 ways to conserve resources or use resources more efficiently in your home, at school, or at camp. Practice at least two of these methods for seven days and discuss with your counselor what you have learned.  



Pulp and Paper Merit Badge

Requirement 4: Describe how paper is made. Discuss how paper is recycled. Make a sheet of paper by hand.  



Sustainability Merit Badge

Requirement 2:

Food. Develop and implement a plan that attempts to reduce your household food waste. Establish a baseline and then track and record your results for two weeks. Report your results to your family and counselor. 

Stuff. Plan a project that involves the participation of your family to identify the “stuff” your family no longer needs. Complete your project by donating, repurposing, or recycling these items. 

Requirement 4:

Plastic waste. Discuss the impact plastic waste has on the environment (land, water, air). Learn about the number system for plastic recyclables, and determine which plastics are more commonly recycled. Find out what the trash vortex is and how it was formed.  

Food waste. Learn about the value of composting and how to start a compost pile. Start a compost pile appropriate for your living situation. Tell what can be done with the compost when it is ready for use.  

► To learn more, contact Colleen Minion at (360) 867-2280 or minionc@co.thurston.wa.us. Find instructions for the RRR patch at www.ThurstonSolidWaste.org/Youth.

Please note: This sheet only lists the requirements that Solid Waste can assist you with. Please consult your manual for a full list of badge and pin requirements.