

***Meth Destroys* Patch Program Age Levels: Junior Requirements J S2B**

Meth Destroys is a methamphetamine education campaign organized by the Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference and funded by a grant from the governor's office. It includes outreach efforts by the district attorneys in Tennessee's 95 counties to schools, businesses, and community and state organizations. For more information visit www.MethFreeTN.org.



General Awareness: Complete three activities from this category.

- 1 Invite your local district attorney to a troop meeting to discuss the ***Meth Destroys*** campaign and the negative effects of meth. Compile a list of five questions to ask during the visit and take photos at the event to use in a scrapbook.
- 2 Submit a 150-word essay about the importance of joining the fight against meth to the ***Meth Destroys*** Web site, www.MethFreeTN.org. In order to submit your essay, go to the "Tennessee Girl Scouts Against Meth" button on the home page of the Web site. Once you've submitted your essay you will receive a confirmation page to pass on to your troop leader.
- 3 Visit a local law enforcement agency, interview officers specifically responsible for controlling meth use, and give a two- to three-minute presentation to your troop based on the information gathered from the interview.
- 4 Plan a Girl Scout community service activity that allows fellow troops completing the program to spread the message about meth. Take photos of the event to use in a scrapbook.
- 5 Write and send a letter to your local newspaper about the ***Meth Destroys*** campaign and the statewide fight against meth, explaining why it is important to join the fight.

Meth destroys lives, families and communities. Do three activities – one from each category – to learn about the effects of meth.

A. Learn how meth destroys lives.

Visit the ***Meth Destroys*** Web site, and learn how meth destroys the body. Go to www.MethFreeTN.org, and click "Learn More" within the "Meth Destroys Your Body" section. Click the arrow to take you to the body diagram, and download and complete the worksheet.

Read the ***Meth Destroys*** youth brochure. Write down five points you learned and submit them to your troop leader.

B. Learn how meth destroys families.

Visit the ***Meth Destroys*** Web site, www.MethFreeTN.org, and view the television PSAs. Write a paragraph about what had the biggest impact on you. Submit your ideas to your troop leader.

Go to the “News” section of the *Meth Destroys* Web site, www.MethFreeTN.org, to find three recent news articles regarding meth. Write a paragraph discussing what you learned. Submit the paragraph to your troop leader.

C. Learn how meth destroys communities.

Visit the *Meth Destroys* Web site and join the Anti-Meth Task Force. As a member, you will receive an Anti-Meth Task Force window decal and immediately begin receiving e-mail updates about the campaign’s fight against meth.

Visit the *Meth Destroys* Web site, www.MethFreeTN.org, click on “Meth 101,” and read about how meth destroys the community and the environment. Write a paragraph about what you learned and submit it to your troop leader.

***Meth Destroys* Patch Program Information for Leaders**

Purpose

The purpose of the patch program is to raise girls’ awareness of the effects of meth use and present the *Meth Destroys* campaign as a tool for joining the fight against meth.

Goals

- 1 To develop awareness of the effects of meth use
- 2 To increase the awareness of the *Meth Destroys* campaign to scouts and troop leaders across the state
- 3 To develop activities that allow the scouts to show commitment to the fight against meth
- 4 To provide a learning experience for scouts that provides a strong knowledge base for teaching others about the negative effects of meth

To the Leader

The *Meth Destroys* campaign aims to develop scout awareness and prevent increases of meth use in Tennessee through the Girl Scouts patch program. Gov. Phil Bredesen and the Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference have joined together in the fight against meth, and we urge you to take an active role by supervising the scouts as they complete the patch program. The patch program has been designed to broaden the scouts’ knowledge of the dangers of meth and promote awareness to all ages.

The program activities allow the scouts to learn about meth use and teach their peers in a creative way. Please make the scouts aware that the troop serves as a support system. Positive reinforcement from the troop and troop leader will enhance the learning experience for the scout, and promote more creativity and a better learning environment.

After completing the program, troops will be awarded the *Meth Destroys* patch. The patch will be mailed to the home of each scout, along with a congratulatory letter from her district attorney.

Scouts and scout leaders can request a patch online at www.MethFreeTN.org. Click on the “Tennessee Girl Scouts Against Meth” button on the home page to make the request. The attached form can also be completed and mailed to the following address:

Meth Destroys

Care of: Angela Gasser

226 Capitol Blvd., Suite 800

Nashville, TN 37243

Thank you for your commitment to the fight against meth use in Tennessee. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Angela Gasser at (615) 253-6973.

Meth Destroys Patch Request



Scout's Name: _____

Scout's Address: _____

Girl Scout Troop Number: _____

List of Activities Completed:

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____

Scout Signature: _____

Troop Leader Signature: _____

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