



Earth Hour 2021

Patch Program



The Whooping Crane is the tallest bird in North America and one of the most awe-inspiring, with its snowy white plumage, crimson cap, bugling call and graceful courtship dance. It is also among our rarest birds with roughly 600 alive today.

The Whooping Crane is just one of the many migratory birds on the Federal Endangered Species list and also the State Endangered Lists of North & South Dakota. GSDH is committed to making a difference by taking part in the worldwide Earth Hour movement to reduce energy use. During this patch program, girls learn about the Whooping Crane and how conservation efforts have increased population of this species and other threatened and endangered migratory birds worldwide.

Steps to earn your fun patch:

- Complete the all steps below. Activities in **green** are linked to online resources.
- **Order your patch** (available while supplies last)!

Watch the **Earth Hour Official Video which will be posted on **March 27, 2021**.** New this year is an option to participate virtually by sharing this video on social media.

Watch the following **videos about **Whooping Cranes/Migratory Birds** and tell **someone three things you learned**:**

- **Flight to Survive - Saving Whooping Cranes**
- **Fun Facts about Whooping Cranes**
- **The Incredible Journey of Migratory Birds**

Participate in the hour of darkness. Select at least one option:

- Switch off your lights for an hour.
- Dinner in the Dark.
- Glow in the dark games such as bowling and Twister.
- “Heads Up” game using cards printed with nature or wildlife related words.
- Anything by candlelight like yoga, book reading or working on a craft.
- Take a walk with only a flashlight.
- Camp in your living room.
- Have a silent disco party.
- Create your own activity/game.

Make your Earth Hour Pledge which might go something like this:

Together we can challenge the threats to nature, and help ensure its ability to provide-for the sake of every living thing, including ourselves! To do my part, I pledge to

Choose two activities to complete:

- Prepare a zero waste meal or snack
- Make an inventory of the sources of light pollution in your neighborhood.
- Draw or paint pictures of your favorite animals.
- Learn popular bird calls and try them out on a nature hike.
- Make a birdseed holder using a recycled item.
- Use a guidebook to locate birds in your community, city or state.

