

March for Babies

Purpose:

March for Babies is a community-based fundraising event to educate the general public on the seriousness of preterm birth; celebrate full-term and preterm babies; honor babies who passed away due to extreme prematurity or other health problems. While Girl Scouts do not have to participate in the fundraising aspect of the event, you can assist the March of Dimes by attending the activity and completing activities related to the March of Dimes mission

Resource materials are available at our local March of Dimes office. To find the local March of Dimes office, go to www.marchofdimes.com.



Requirements: All ages must complete the Take Action #1 activity plus:

Daisies: any 1 activity
Brownies: any 2 activities
Juniors: any 3 activities
Cadettes: any 4 activities
Seniors: any 5 activities
Ambassadors: any 5 activities

Discover

1. Design a poster on how to have a healthy pregnancy (examples: see your doctor, don't smoke, eat healthy, etc.). Contact your local March of Dimes to discuss displaying your poster at March for Babies event.

2. In Nevada, 1 in 7 babies born too early. Create an item, such as a blanket or collage that represents this statistics. For more statistics, go to www.marchofdimes.com/peristats.

Connect

1. Create "Get Well Soon" cards to be sent to families who have a baby in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at the hospital of your choice.
2. Pass out voter registration forms at **March for Babies**.
3. Hand out "Fight for Premies" cards at **March for Babies**.
4. Create "Thanks for Saving Babies" cards for the NICU nurses.

Take Action

1. **Attend March for Babies in your local community.** To find out when and where the event is being held, please visit www.marchforbabies.org.
2. Recruit registered voters for the March of Dimes Advocacy Network: a volunteer group that is contacted by the March of Dimes to support or oppose legislation that affects women and babies. Post cards provided by the local March of Dimes chapter.
3. Volunteer at any March of Dimes event.
4. Host a baby shower to benefit pregnant women to be used for incentive items at March of Dimes' Stork's Nest program.