

ENERGY DETECTIVE MONTHLY CHALLENGE

SEPTEMBER 2026

Saving energy helps protect our planet, conserve natural resources, and reduce the amount of pollution we create. Even small changes can make a big difference when we all work together! Put on your detective hat and look for ways to conserve energy!

Complete at least 3 activities below. Think about what you discover and choose at least one energy-saving habit to keep using.

☀️ LIGHT PATROL

Look around your home or meeting place. Turn off lights that aren't needed. Can you find **three ways to use less lighting**?

☀️ ENERGY HUNT

Find **five things that use electricity**. Decide which ones need to be plugged in and which could be unplugged or turned off when not in use.

☀️ SAVE ENERGY CHALLENGE

Choose one energy-saving habit and practice it for **one week**. Try turning off lights, unplugging devices, taking shorter showers, or keeping doors and windows closed when heating or cooling is running.

☀️ POWER DOWN

Choose one trip you might normally make by car. When it is safe and practical, try walking, biking, carpooling, or another lower-energy option instead.

☀️ HOME ENERGY DETECTIVE

Look for energy-saving features at home, such as LED light bulbs, energy-efficient appliances, insulation, programmable thermostats, or windows that help keep your home comfortable.

☀️ SPREAD THE WORD

Create a poster, sign, or digital graphic with one or more ideas for saving energy. Share it with your family, troop, school, or community.

After you have completed at least three of these activities, be ready to answer these questions in your Energy Detective report.

- ☀️ What was the easiest way for you to save energy?
- ☀️ What surprised you about how much energy we use?
- ☀️ What energy-saving habit will you keep doing?

Deadline to submit your Energy Detective report:

Wednesday, September 30, 2026 @ 5:00 PM MDT

Submit report at: https://bit.ly/Energy_Sept2026

You will receive your patch in 3 - 4 weeks after the end of challenge.

If you have any questions, please email info@gsdsw.org.

