

Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge

Summer is the perfect time to get outside and have some fun under the sun! There are so many ways to put yourself out there, whether it's from your window, at the playground, near a campsite, or on an open trail.

From June 1 to September 10, head outside and take the outdoor challenge. Enjoy fun activities that will help you feel happier, relaxed, and in touch with nature. Be sure to check how many you should do based on your grade level. Share your adventures and encourage others to get outside by using #gsoutdoors. Happy trails!

Number of Activities Required to Earn the Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge Patch



Activities per grade level:

K-1 (Daisies)	20
2-3 (Brownies)	25
4-5 (Juniors)	30
6-8 (Cadettes)	35
9-12 (Seniors & Ambassadors)	40

Get the patch!

- 1. Sing a song with a friend about nature
- 2. Visit animals at your local zoo, farm, or animal sanctuary
- 3. Attend Girl Scout summer camp
- Organize a tree planting event with your friends using the <u>Girl Scout</u> <u>Tree Promise</u>
- 5. Identify three plant types: a tree, a shrub, and ground cover
- 6. Imagine you are a flying insect what type are you and what will you explore?
- 7. Perform a dance about the wind

- 8. Gather your friends for a fun game of hopscotch
- 9. Make a nature-inspired gift for someone special
- 10. Learn the difference between weather and climate with the **Climate Challenge**
- 11. Enjoy s'mores with friends under the stars
- 12. Observe and record the changing phases of the moon
- 13. Complete a high ropes course
- 14. Visit a state park virtually on www.girlscouts.org/stateparks
- 15. Paint a scene set from the top of a mountain or tall building
- 16. Dress for a weather event common in your climate
- 17. Go bouldering or rock climbing
- 18. Squish mud between your fingers
- Partner with your best friend(s) to identify the different types of clouds—have fun spotting familiar shapes, too!
- 20. Go on a night sky scavenger hunt: identify stars, constellations, or planets with the <u>Resilient. Ready.</u> <u>Strong. Challenge</u>
- 21. Write a poem about water
- 22. Create a nature journal and sketch a plant
- Practice your observation skills in the school yard or local playground as a <u>citizen scientist</u>
- 24. Take a photo of three examples of nature in an unusual place
- 25. Observe the Perseids (July 14 September 1) meteor showers
- 26. Draw, paint, or photograph the life cycle of a moth or butterfly
- 27. Camp outdoors overnight
- 28. Find a flower and write a poem about it

- 29. Identify 5 constellations
- 30. Take a **<u>closer look at bugs</u>** in action
- Practice Leaving No Trace in celebration of <u>Girl Scouts Love State</u> Parks Weekend September 9 & 10
- 32. Take a selfie connecting with nature at a local, state, or national park
- 33. Draw a map of your neighborhood and mark where there are trees
- 34. Practice yoga outside for twenty minutes
- 35. Find someone who loves the ocean and ask them to share why
- 36. Count the number of trees in your yard, street, or block
- 37. Learn a new swim stroke
- 38. Tie a square knot
- 39. Sit silently for two minutes in nature. Name three sounds you hear
- 40. Teach a friend an outdoor survival skill such as water purification
- 41. Practice the <u>Check, Call, Care</u> first aid steps
- 42. Write a haiku about the rain
- 43. Interview an outdoor leader to learn about their career
- 44. Identify three <u>birds native</u> to your community
- 45. Gather your troop to protect the planet by organizing a "clean-up" event in your community
- 46. Safely observe storm clouds and describe their movement to a family member
- 47. Learn how the original **Indigenous** stewards of the land where you live grew or gathered food
- 48. Meditate for five minutes in nature
- 49. Teach a friend how to use a compass
- 50. Learn about to protect trees from invasive species using the <u>Tree</u> <u>Promise Toolkit</u>

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