Get Outdoors with Your Troop 2019

Registration opens January 30 | 888.747.6945 | gsnwgl.org
This packet includes many fun activities you can do with your troop to get everyone excited about summer camp! You will find many ideas for snacks, games, songs, and taking your troop on a hike that would be perfect for a summer camp themed troop meeting. Feel free to do all the activities attached, or just a few.

Most of these activities are appropriate for Girl Scout Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors. Older Girl Scouts can be involved by helping younger troops, or even running the Camp themed meeting themselves and sharing their experiences at camp!

Check out our website www.gsnwgl.org for more information about our camps, their locations, accommodations, programs offered, and more. You can view our 2019 Rooted in Adventure Camp Guide and download it here. Our Wilderness Trip Guide for girls in grades 5-12 is also available here.

Another great way to get excited about camp is to visit one of our camps. You can reserve a camp for your troop to visit by visiting our facilities page here. This page gives all the information about our properties and how to reserve them. If you have more questions, please call Customer Care at 888.747.6945.

**Summer Camps**
Camp Birch Trials: Irma, WI (Resident and Weekend Troop Camp)
Camp Nawakwa: Cornell, WI (Weekend Troop Camp)
Camp Nesbit: Sidnaw, MI (volunteer-run)
Camp Sacajawea: Wisconsin Rapids, WI (Weekend Troop Camp)
Camp Winnecomac: Kaukauna, WI (Day and Short-Term Overnight Camp)
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Snacks

Peanut Butter and Jelly Granola Bars
Granola is a traditional snack brought on all sorts of outdoor and camping activities. Making these bars with your group is a great teambuilding activity and something tasty to eat during your meeting.

Supplies:
- 2-1/2 Cups of Oats
- 1/3 Cup of Honey
- ¼ Cup of Smooth or Chunky Peanut butter
- ¼ Cup Brown Sugar
- ½ Tsp. Vanilla
- ¼ Cup Grape Jelly
- ¼ Tsp. Salt
- ½ Cup Chopped Craisins (Optional)

Directions:
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spread oats onto a cookie sheet and toast in the oven for six minutes.
2. In a small sauce pan, combine the honey, peanut butter, brown sugar, and vanilla. Heat until just melted.
3. Combine the oats and your peanut butter mixture in a large bowl. Stir as much as you can.
4. Microwave the jelly for 15 seconds. Pour it over the oats, with the sale and mix until combined.
5. Press into an 8-inch pan with the back of a spatula.
6. Refrigerate for 4 hours.
7. Cut into squares and enjoy on your outdoor exploration!
Apple Cookies
Apples are a great healthy snack when preparing to hike or explore the wilderness around you. These apple cookies add another piece or flavor to your snack bag and are fun for each girl to make her own!

Supplies (per girl):
- 1 Apple
- ¼ Cup Peanut Butter
- ¼ Cup Almonds, sliced
- ¼ Cup Walnuts, chopped
- ¼ Cup Shredded Coconut
- ¼ Cup Chocolate Chips
- Knife or Apple Slicer
- Optional-add other ingredients your girls would like to eat with their apples and peanut butter. M & M’s, Craisins, Cheerios, Mini Marshmallows etc.

Directions:
1. Slice Apples into thin rings and remove core.
2. Spread peanut butter over one side of the ring
3. Top with almonds, walnuts, coconut, chocolate chips
4. Enjoy!
Pick the Right Gear for an Outdoor Hike

Let’s prepare for our hike by asking a few questions first. What kinds of clothing and supplies will you need to head outdoors for a hiking adventure?

*You can always visit an outdoor store, ask an experienced hiker what they would bring on their hike or check out these videos from GSUSA.

Questions to Ask:

**Clothes:** What will I need for cool days? For warm days? For weather unique to my area?

**Shoes:** What kind of shoes will be best for my hike?

**Backpack:** How do I know it fits me? How much room should it have for supplies?

**First-Aid Kit:** What should I put in it?

**Water:** What will I carry it in? How will I keep it cool?

**Other:** What should I bring with in case of an emergency?

Have a Camp Fashion Show!

Make a pile of all types of clothes and pick the best and worst ones for camping. Make another pile of all the different supplies (shoes, backpacks, first-aid kit, other supplies) you think you will need. Decide what the best items are to pack for your adventure and have a fashion show with your friends to show each other what items you choose and why they will be great for your hike.
Learn Knot Tying

Learn how to tie knots that may come in handy while on your hiking adventure.

Knots can be used to hang up gear—like your mess kit to dry after you’ve washed it or to make friendship bracelets for your friends.

What other uses can you think of for knots?

**Bowline Knot**

Used to make a loop that won’t slip

**Square Knot**

Used to join two cords of the same thickness

**Clove Hitch**

Used to fasten one end of a rope to a tree or post.

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Trailmarking

When we are out on the trail hiking on our adventure, how will people know where we are or how to find us? Many hikers use trail sings to leave messages so other people can find them. It is important when making trail signs that any wood or plant materials you use are ‘dead and down’ before using them. As Girl Scouts, we practice Leave No Trace ethics, this way we are not disturbing any habitats or harming trees or plants. Practice making your own trail through your house or yard then bring it outside with your troop while out on your hike.

Before you leave for your hike be sure to:

- Go with an adult
- Tell someone who is staying behind where you are going and when you expect to get back
- Use trails that have already been made
- Carry a trail map, compass, water bottles, first-aid kit and other supplies with you
- Practice making these signs below and make sure everyone one in your group knows what they mean.

Trail Signs

- Keep going
- Go ten steps this way
- Stop, go another way
- Split your group, half go left, half go right
- Danger
- Camp this way
- Turn around and go back
- Wait here for next direction
- End of the trail I have gone home
Nature Scavenger Hunt while you Hike

Have you made your snack? Prepared your hiking backpack with all the supplies you need? Filled your water bottle with water? Told someone where you are hiking to and are going with an adult?

Let’s Hike! While out on your hike, look for things in Nature. Have each girl also bring a piece of paper, pen and clipboard with. You can use the list below or make your own lists of things to find.

Finders Hike
- Find something you think is funny
- Find something you think is beautiful
- Find something you think is scary
- Find something you think is unbelievable
- Find something that is younger than you
- Find something that is older than you
- Find something that is taller than you
- Find something your great-great-grandparents might have seen
- Find something you would like to show a person from another country.

OR
Use your senses while on you hike

**Touch**
- Something rough
- Something smooth
- Something dull
- Something pointy
- Something soft
- Something hard
- Something bumpy
- Something squishy
- Something crumbly
- Something wet

**Hear**
- Leaves rustling
- Twigs snapping
- Birds singing
- Birds Flying
- Animals moving
- Water running
- Insects buzzing
- Wind moving things

**See**
- 10 different leaves
- Pinecones
- Rock
- Spider
- 20 different sticks
- Robin
- Deer
- Flower
- Blade of grass
- Trash—collect and bring back to throw away properly
Games and Activities

Everybody’s It

How to Play: Everyone is “It,” and everyone runs around tagging each other.
   First time you get tagged – run around with your right arm up
   Second time you get tagged – run around with your left arm up
   Third time you get tagged – run around on your knees
   Fourth time you get tagged – skip instead of run
   Fifth time you get tagged – run around like a duck

Variations: make up different things they have to do every time they get tagged

People Ladder

Set Up: Group lays on stomach, in a line, side by side. Each girl is assigned a number.

How to Play: When you yell a number, the girl who’s been assigned that number must
   stand up and run over the rest of the line (by jumping over everyone’s legs) and return to
   her spot as quickly as possible.

Turtle Tag

How to Play: Like freeze tag, but without the freezing. If you get tagged, you must lay on
   your back, with your arms and legs in the air, and wiggle them. You can get “un-turtled” if
   someone who is not “it” tags you while you’re on the ground.

Evolution

Set Up: Make sure everyone understands and knows how to play rock-paper-scissors. Also, show everyone the various motions they’ll need to do for each evolutionary level - you can make up your own motions for each level listed below.

How to Play: Everyone starts as an egg. Move up the evolutionary track by playing rock-paper-scissors with someone who is at the same level as you. If you win, you become a chicken, then a hawk, then a disco dancer, then superman. If you lose, you go back a level.

Variations: Change the levels to anything else
Camp Songs

**Baby Shark**
Baby shark do-do, do-do-do
Baby shark do-do, do-do-do
Baby shark do-do, do-do-do
Baby shark (bring thumb and fingers together)

Mama shark (bring two hands together)
Daddy shark (bring two arms together)
Killer shark (bring arm and leg together)
Grandpa shark (bring two fists together)
I went swimming (move arms as if swimming)
Saw a shark (wave arms side to side)
I swam faster (faster swimming motions)
Shark attacked (move hands side to side)
Lost an arm (one arm swimming motions)
Lost a leg (one arm swimming & hop)
9-1-1 (hold up correct # of fingers)
C-P-R (link fingers & hit chest)
Was too late (show #2 on one hand & hit other arm)
Went to heaven (flying motions with arms)
 Came back as a... (Baby shark etc.)

**Penguins Attention**
Penguins attention, penguins begin
Have you ever see a penguin drinking tea?
Take a look at me, a penguin you will see.

Penguins attention, penguins begin
Right arm... *(repeat verse)*
Right arm, left arm...
Right arm, left arm, right foot...
Right arm, left arm, right foot, left foot...
Right arm, left arm, right foot left foot, turn around...
Right arm, left arm, right foot, left foot, turn around, stick out your tongue...
Penguin’s attention, penguins stop!
Outdoor Badges by Age Level

There are many different activities and badges that each grade level can accomplish in the Outdoors. In the next few pages you will find a list by level that can start your troop on a new adventure! Some of these badges the girls can also earn while attending summer camp. Want more detail? Flip through your Girls' Guide binder or look up the badge in the Volunteer Toolkit. Check our website for Outdoor Journey Jumpstart dates for help in earning some of these badges.

Daisy

Buddy Camper

Camping is an adventure! You play in nature, eat outside, and sleep under the stars with your family or buddies - your buddies could be the girls in your troop, or other friends. Are you ready to go camping?

1. Help plan a camping trip
2. Help pack for your trip
3. Go camping

When I've earned this badge, I'll know how to go camping—at a campsite or in a back yard—with my family or friends.

Outdoor Art Maker

From a blue sky to a bird’s song, nature can give you lots of ideas for art! Get ready to explore the outdoors and use what you see and hear to make different kinds of art projects.

1. See the colors of nature
2. Hear the sounds of nature
3. Share your outdoor art

When I've earned this badge, I'll know how to look at nature like an artist and make my own outdoor art.
Outdoor Badges by Age Level

Brownie

Cabin Camper
There’s nothing quite like camping—it’s a chance to spend time in nature and have fun with your friends or family. Every camping trip is a new adventure. Get ready to plan a camping adventure with your Girl Scout friends or family members!

1. Help plan your camping trip
2. Learn about camping gear
3. Prepare a camp meal
4. Learn a new camping skill
5. Go camping!

When I’ve earned this badge, I will know how to plan a camping trip and stay overnight in a cabin* with my friends or family.

*If you don’t have a cabin to use, that’s ok! You can sleep in a tent instead.

Outdoor Adventurer
What happens when you invite a friend to climb the tallest hill you can find, or buddy up to take a walk around your neighborhood at night? What do you see? What do you hear? There are so many amazing adventures waiting for you. So hang on, jump in, and get ready to explore the great outdoors!

1. Play outdoors in a new way
2. Explore nature
3. Buddy up and play outdoor games
4. Learn a camp skill
5. Care for the outdoors

When I’ve earned this badge, I’ll have tried a lot of new things outdoors and learned which activities I want to do again.

Letterboxer
Letterboxing is an amazing adventure game played by people all over the world. Use your curiosity and join in. To play, you follow clues to find a hidden box with special items inside. In North America, there are thousands of letterboxes. Maybe there’s one hidden near you right now!

1. Get started with letterboxing
2. Find your own stamp
3. Practice solving clues
4. Search for a letterbox
5. Make a letterbox

When I’ve earned this badge, I’ll know how to have fun adventures by finding and hiding letterboxes.

This badge comes in a packet that includes the Letterboxer, Pets, Making Games, Inventor, and Making Friends badges.

Outdoor Art Creator
As an artist, you can walk outside and see colors, shapes, and ideas for things you want to create. Find out how you can make your own art outdoors and have fun doing it!

1. Find art ideas outdoors
2. Make something!
3. Dance or make music outdoors
4. Be a nature photographer
5. Design with nature

When I’ve earned this badge, I’ll know how to do different kinds of fun art projects outdoors.

Hiker
Girl Scouts love to sing hiking songs, pack fun and tasty snacks, and hunt for sounds of animals and birds. Here’s what you need to know to become a Brownie hiker—get ready for adventure!

1. Decide where to go
2. Try out a hiking skill
3. Pick the right gear
4. Pack a snack for energy
5. Go on your hike!

When I’ve earned this badge, I’ll know how to hit the trail for a hike.

Bugs
Bugs help us in lots of cool ways. Explore the world of bugs and learn more about these little creatures that do so much.

• Draw a bug poster
• Try a bug craft
• See bugs in action
• Explore bug homes
• Take a bug field trip

When I’ve earned this badge, I’ll know all about bugs.

This badge comes in a packet that includes the Potter, Household Elf, Senses, Hiker, and My Great Day badges.
Outdoor Badges by Age Level

Junior

Animal Habitats

Imagine meeting a monkey or kicking up dust with a kangaroo. These animals live in the wild, so we don't get to spend time with them in their natural homes—their habitats. But that doesn't mean we can't find out more about where they live, how they play, and how we can help them!

1. Find out about wild animals
2. Investigate an animal habitat
3. Create an animal house
4. Explore endangered habitats
5. Help protect animal habitats

When I've earned this badge, I will know more about wild animals and how to protect their homes.

This badge comes in a packet that includes the Geocacher, Animal Habitats, Playing the Past, Product Designer, and Social Butterfly badges.

Camper

An overnight trip in the great outdoors brings you closer to nature—and to your Girl Scout sisters. In this badge, plan a camping adventure! You might watch a sky full of stars, cook a meal on a stick, or share silly stories around the campfire. And you'll definitely learn some new outdoor skills as you take part in this favorite Girl Scout tradition.

1. Start planning your adventure
2. Gain a new camping skill
3. Find your inner camp chef
4. Try a new activity

Head out on your trip—and have some nighttime fun!

When I've earned this badge, I'll know how to have a great overnight camping trip at a campground or cabin.

This badge comes in a packet that includes the Jeweler, Gardener, Detective, Camper, and Independence badges.

Flowers

Flowers are so beautiful, we bring them from the outside, into our homes to add cheer to a room. But there's more to flowers than just good looks. Without them, plants could not make seeds, and scientists think the world would be much drier (and a lot less pretty). Dig up more flower secrets in this badge.

1. Uncover the science of one flower
2. Look under the petals
3. Find out how flowers help people
4. Have fun with flowers
5. Send a message in flower code

When I've earned this badge, I'll know all that's wonderful about flowers.

Eco Camper

Whenever you step outdoors, you are a guest in nature's home. This is especially true when it comes to camping. Whether or not you've been camping before, you will earn this badge by learning how to protect the environment on your trip. It will shape the way you camp forever!

1. Learn the Leave No Trace Seven Principles
2. Plan meals with the environment in mind
3. Prepare a minimal impact campsite
4. Have fun with Leave No Trace
5. Take a conservation hike

When I've earned this badge, I'll have learned skills for minimal impact camping and know how to protect the environment when I go outdoors.
Outdoor Badges by Age Level

Junior

Gardener
Creating a bright bouquet of fresh flowers, making a dish with garden-fresh herbs, growing a little green cheer inside with houseplants—these are all things a gardener gets to do. In this badge, dig your hands into the earth and spend time with soil, water, and sunlight to find out how to help life grow from a tiny seed. You can make your own garden—no matter where you live.

1. Visit a garden
2. Explore garden design
3. Learn how to choose garden plants
4. Experiment with seeds
5. Grow your own garden

When I've earned this badge, I'll know how to help plants and flowers grow.

This badge comes in a packet that includes the Jeweler, Gardener, Detective, Camper, and Independence badges.

Geocacher
Geocaching is your chance to be part global explorer, part detective. You'll search for treasure chests, called "geocaches," using a device called a GPS receiver to find each chest's secret hiding place. Get ready for a thrilling adventure!

1. Prepare for your adventure
2. Learn to use a GPS receiver
3. Make a trade item
4. Go on a geocaching adventure
5. Take part in a bug's travels!

When I've earned this badge, I'll know how to have a geocaching adventure.

This badge comes in a packet that includes the Geocacher, Animal Habitats, Playing the Past, Product Designer, and Social Butterfly badges.

Horseback Riding
Riding a horse is one of the most exciting things you can do. But ask any good horseback rider her secret to success and she'll say that understanding a horse is as important as learning to ride one. Get clued in to horses, and get ready to ride!

1. Know the basics of horseback riding
2. Take care of a horse and learn about safety
3. Prepare for your ride
4. Practice your ride
5. Go for a ride

When I've earned this badge, I'll know what it takes to be a good rider—from understanding horse body language to controlling the horse's speed while I'm riding.

Outdoor Art Explorer
From murals on buildings to oil paintings of landscapes, art and the outdoors go hand in hand. Let nature be your inspiration as you explore, create, and design different kinds of art.

1. Explore outdoor art
2. Make something!
3. Find music in nature
4. Be a nature photographer
5. Design with nature

When I've earned this badge, I will know how to find the art in nature and create my own outdoor artwork.
Outdoor Badges by Age Level

Cadette

Animal Helpers
Animals have always provided clothing and transportation, but today they're also trained to help people with disabilities, find people who are lost, and even discover tumors. And, of course, animals offer us companionship, love, and sheer joy. In this badge, look at how animals help humans. (Researchers say the love of an animal can improve our emotional health!)

1. Explore the connection between humans and animals
2. Find out how animals help keep people safe
3. Know how animals help people emotionally
4. Check out how animals help people with disabilities
5. Look at how animals might help us in the future

When I've earned this badge, I'll know how animals help humans, and how to help them keep it up.

This badge comes in a packet that includes the Night Owl, Animal Helpers, Field Day, Entrepreneur, and Netiquette badges.

Archery
Picture this: You nock (or place) an arrow onto a bow, hook your fingers around the string, draw it back, eye your target, and release! Bull's-eye! Archery is an exciting sport that takes strength, focus, good form, and practice. Get ready to challenge yourself as you build your archery skills and learn how to shoot on a range.

1. Get to know archery equipment
2. Learn about archery safety
3. Practice archery before you go on a range
4. Shoot on an archery range
5. Create an archery challenge

When I've earned this badge, I'll know how to take aim outdoors with my archery skills. Made possible by a generous grant from the Elliott Wildlife Values Project.

Night Owl
Night has captured the imagination since the dawn of time. But with modern-day electricity, it's easy to overlook the mysteries and beauty of the world after the sun goes down. So grow your imagination and expand what you know (or think you know!). Turn out the lights, tune in your senses, and step out in to the night.

1. Take a field trip to explore the night
2. Tour your world after dark
3. Meet people who work night hours
4. Explore nature at night
5. Host an Extreme Nighttime Party

When I've earned this badge, I'll have uncovered the mysteries of the world after dark. This badge comes in a packet that includes the Night Owl, Animal Helpers, Field Day, Entrepreneur, and Netiquette badges.

Outdoor Art Apprentice
Being outside in nature is a great way to spark your creativity. Some of our greatest works of art are inspired by nature—from early on, cave people drew pictures of sunsets, the sky, animals, and trees. Get ready to observe and collect things outdoors that will drive your art and creativity—from colors and patterns to landscapes and wildlife.

1. Explore art outdoors
2. Make something!
3. Get to know—and create—sounds of nature
4. Be a nature photographer
5. Design with nature.

Purpose When I've earned this badge, I will have been inspired outdoors and created nature-themed art.
Outdoor Badges by Age Level

Cadette

Primitive Camper

Primitive camping can be a challenge, even for experienced campers. Get ready to step up your outdoor skills, get out into nature, and make extra-special memories on a primitive camping trip.

1. Plan a primitive camping trip
2. Prepare your gear
3. Make a camp meal
4. Learn a new primitive camping skill
5. Go camping

When I've earned this badge, I'll have planned and gone on a primitive camping trip with a group of Girl Scouts or family members.

Trailblazing

Join in a favorite Girl Scout adventure! Head for the backcountry, where you'll explore nature and challenge your body on a trailblazing trek. In this badge, you'll stay at least one night at a backwoods or primitive site, so get ready to learn some new outdoor skills while you share fresh-air fun and games with your Girl Scout sisters.

1. Start planning your adventure
2. Get your body and your teamwork skills ready
3. Create your menu
4. Gain some trailblazing know-how
5. Head out on the trail

When I've earned this badge, I'll know how to take a safe and fun overnight backpacking trip.

This badge comes in a packet that includes the Book Artist, Woodworker, Special Agent, Trailblazing, and Babysitter badges.

Trees

Grab your naturalist hat and get ready to get to know trees—from the shade to the science, the fruit to the forest, and the legends to the lumber. To know trees is to love them.

1. Try some tree fun
2. Dig into the amazing science of trees
3. Make a creative project starring trees
4. Explore the connection between people and trees
5. Help trees thrive

When I've earned this badge, I'll have gone to the root of what trees are all about -- and branched out as a naturalist.
Outdoor Badges by Age Level

Senior

**Adventure Camper**

When you plan an adventure, like kayaking, mountain biking or rock climbing, you can combine it with overnight camping to make the most of your outdoor experience. Adventure camping requires minimal equipment and gear because you'll be active during the day and possibly moving campsites. Some adventure campers bring nothing but a sleeping bag, lightweight stove, some food, and a backpack. Whatever spills adventure for you, start by listing the things you want to do—then make your camping trip happen!

1. Plan your adventure camping trip
2. Gather your camping gear
3. Plan and prepare your trip meals
4. Use a camping skill on your trip
5. Go adventure camping

When I've earned this badge, I'll have planned and gone on a camping trip with a group of Girl Scouts or family members that includes adventure activities.

**Adventurer**

What kind of adventure speaks to you? In this badge, you'll go on a multiday high-adventure challenge. You could go rock climbing, spelunking, ice caving, skiing, canoeing, kayaking, biking, rafting—or a combination! Put your outdoor skills to the test—and gain some new ones—as you become a Girl Scout Senior Adventurer.

1. Enhance your adventure
2. Get in the team spirit -- and refine your teamwork
3. Know your gear
4. Plan your service to the great outdoors
5. Capture the adventure

When I've earned this badge, I'll know how to go on a multiday outdoor adventure trip with friends and Girl Scout sisters.

This badge comes in a packet that includes the Textile Artist, Room Makeover, Truth Seeker, Adventurer, and Car Care badges.

**Collage Artist**

No matter what you do with your college, there won't be another just like it in the world. Everything—from the materials you choose to how it's assembled—is up to you. Get ready to see the creative possibility in everyday objects: This badge is an opportunity to make art as unique as you are.

1. Explore collage
2. Focus on composition
3. Create with color
4. Use found objects
5. Share a message

When I've earned this badge, I'll know how to create colleges using different materials and color themes.

**Outdoor Art Expert**

Get ready to become an outdoor artist as you connect with nature and create something helpful to the environment. You'll learn how to see nature with an artist's eye and find ways to express yourself—from photography and painting to music, jewelry design, and architecture. Go outside to find art—it doesn't just exist within the four walls of a museum.

1. Explore art outdoors
2. Make something!
3. Create or share music inspired by nature
4. Capture nature digitally
5. Design outdoors

When I've earned this badge, I will have learned how to create art outdoors with a focus on the environment.
Outdoor Badges by Age Level

Senior

Paddling

Paddling takes a mix of knowledge and skills, and a dash of daring. It also delivers one of the most unforgettable experiences you'll ever have on water. In this badge, there are three paddling activities to choose from: canceling, kayaking, and stand up paddleboarding (SUP). Pick one and jump in!

1. Explore the three paddling sports
2. Learn paddling safety
3. Practice paddling techniques
4. Go on a short paddling adventure
5. Take your paddling skills to the next level

When I've earned this badge, I'll have paddling skills and know how to be safe—and have fun—on the water.

Sky

The sky is a masterpiece. Every day it graces us with living art, whether through a glorious sunset, shifting cloud formations, or the stunning display of night stars. No wonder we take every opportunity to spend time outdoors. Our world is a stage, and the sky performs with beauty, wonder, and mystery.

1. Watch the skies
2. Investigate the science of the skies
3. Explore the connection between people and flight
4. Help clear sky pollution
5. Create sky art

When I've earned this badge, I'll understand the sky -- from science to stars to stories.

Voice for Animals

As consumers of beauty products, clothing, and chicken nuggets, and as pet owners, horseback riders, or circus spectators, our relationships with animals play a big role in our lives. What are the specifics of the complex relationship between animals and humans? If you want to know more so that you can make informed choices—and help others make them, too, this badge is for you.

1. Find out about domestic animals
2. Investigate animals used for science
3. Explore animals in husbandry
4. Take a look at animals used for sports and entertainment
5. Look into an animal issue

When I've earned this badge, I'll better understand animal issues worldwide and know what I can do to help.

This badge comes in a packet that includes the Traveler, Voice for Animals, Game Visionary, Social Innovator, and Business Etiquette badges.
Outdoor Badges by Age Level

Ambassador

Outdoor Art Master

Whether you’re new to Girl Scouts or have been in it forever, you’ve probably spent a lot of time exploring the outdoors and a lot of time making art. This is your chance to bring art and the outdoors together—to get inspired by the beauty in nature and use that inspiration to get creative. Roll up your sleeves and dive in!

1. Explore outdoor art
2. Make something!
3. Find music in nature
4. Be a nature photographer
5. Design with nature

When I’ve earned this badge, I will have explored nature and created several different kinds of outdoor-themed art.

Survival Camper

If you’ve ever imagined going off the grid and going back to the land, this is your chance! Survival camping is the ultimate camping adventure. Are you ready to test your skills with limited supplies—and have an unforgettable experience with your camping crew? Let’s go!

1. Plan a survival camping trip
2. Gather your gear
3. Plan and prepare your trip meals
4. Learn a survival camp skill
5. Go camping

When I’ve earned this badge, I’ll have planned and gone on a survival camping trip with a group of Girl Scouts or family members.

Ultimate Recreation Challenge

You’re at the peak of your exciting Girl Scouting career and ready to do something big. You’re no stranger to the outdoors—you’ve been camping, hiking, canoeing—but the Ultimate Recreation Challenge is a chance to deepen your experiences. You’ll go on five adventures where you can step up your outdoor skills and do awe-inspiring things you’ve never done. You decide what you’ll do, where you’ll go, and what your goals will be. And there’s no race to earn this badge! Take time to savor each adventure—and to create the stories you’ll be telling for a lifetime.

1. Experience an ultimate adventure on a trail
2. Take the ultimate camping trip
3. Dive into an ultimate water adventure
4. Go on the ultimate offbeat adventure
5. Do an ultimate recreation challenge unique to your area

When I’ve earned this badge, I’ll have planned and taken five adventures that transformed and challenged me.

Water

Water surrounds us, sometimes in such quantities that we forget how precious it is. Water is familiar and it’s mysterious. It exists as a liquid, solid, or gas. It falls from the sky and exists deep within the earth. Water can nourish us and challenge us. In this badge, experience the bliss of a clear liquid solution known scientifically as H2O.

1. Have fun reflecting on your relationship with water
2. Celebrate water art -- and create your own
3. Find out about water issues
4. Explore water solutions
5. Educate and inspire

When I've earned this badge, I'll have dived deep into water -- from its scientific origins to the joy of splashing around
Camp FAQ’s

Q. What are some of the activities the girls will be doing?
A. Activities will depend on which camp a girl attends, but typical camp activities include swimming, canoeing, hiking, archery, low ropes course, nature activities, arts and crafts, outdoor cooking and much more.

Q. Will my camper earn a badge?
A. All camp sessions work on skills that can be tied to a badge. Watch for a badge sheet sent home at the end of the camp session.

Q. All programs at camp include girl planning. What is girl planning?
A. Input from girls will help determine what activities will be done at camp. Helping to decide what happens at camp gives each girl an opportunity to Discover a stronger sense of self by identifying her interests and strengths, to Connect with other girls by engaging in cooperation and team-building, and to Take Action as a resourceful problem-solver in deciding how to reach everyone’s goals.

Q. How do I register for camp?
A. Online, by mail or call our Customer Service team who can help you over the phone. *Pre-registration is required at all camps.

Q. Where can I find more information about camps?
A. Please check out our Parent Information tab on our website for more answers to common questions.

More about each camp:

Camp Birch Trails – Located north of Merrill, WI. Resident camp for girls in grades K-12. Programs range in price from $220-385 for weeklong sessions, $300-740 for two and three-week long sessions. Features short week overnight and weeklong in camp programs as well as a wilderness tripping program for girls in grades 5-12 and a leadership program for girls in grades 10-12. We also offer four Troop Weekend programs, bring your whole troop or just come up to camp with your favorite adult and spend the weekend.

Camp Nawakwa – Located in Cornell, WI. Features a ‘Weekend in the Woods’ for Troops to attend together. This is also a great opportunity for a parent or favorite adult to head to camp with their camper for the weekend. Weekend price includes all meals and activities for $70 per person.

Camp Sacajawea – Located in Wisconsin Rapids, WI. Features a ‘Adventure in the Woods’ for Troops to attend together. This is also a great opportunity for a parent or favorite adult to head to camp with their camper for the weekend. Weekend price includes all meals and activities for $70 per person.

Camp Winnecomac – Located in Kaukauna, WI. Day camp for girls in grades K-7. Programs range in price from $200-260/girl. Features programs that offer girls a day and short-term overnight camp experience and one and three day only options.

Volunteer Run Camps

Camp Nesbit - Located in Sidnaw, MI. Resident camp for girls in grades 1-12. Programs range in price from $240-260 for week long programs and $250 for two-week leadership programs. Features a high ropes course opportunity and a leadership program for girls in grades 10-12.
Camp Brainstorming

As a troop, look through the camp planner and have each girl pick out one camp session they would like to attend. Encourage all girls to take that information home and share with parents/guardians.

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What program most interests you?
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