

OUTDOOR FUN PATCH



Do 6 activities to earn this patch. Patches are available at the GSSNE shop. Daisy Girl Scouts will earn the BE A CAMPER Patch.

DAISY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Describe the buddy system and why you use it with any outdoor activity. What is a "Truddy"?
2. Demonstrate that you know the proper way to dress for outdoor activities in different conditions, such as: for a long hike, in the hot sun, on a rainy day and on a snowy day.
3. Learn and practice good outdoor manners with your group. How should you walk along a public road? What should you consider when hiking through a field? What are the rules when walking on a trail or a bike path?
4. Learn to tie a square knot. Then find a use for this knot.
5. Learn simple first aid to treat something that could occur at camp.
6. Take a nature hike. Do a scavenger hunt along the trail to find certain colors, shapes or things that start with all the letters of the alphabet.
7. Plan and prepare a snack for a hike.

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BROWNIE REQUIREMENTS

1. Learn at least six trail signs. Using trail signs, lay a trail for others to follow.
2. Learn to recognize: poison ivy, 3 trees, 3 flowers and 3 animals.
3. Go on a fossil hunt. Make your own "fossil" by pressing a leaf, rock, skeleton, bone or dead insect into some soft plaster of Paris and allowing it to harden.
4. Learn more about first aid and find out what goes into a first aid kit. Play "Kim's Game" with first aid items.
5. Learn to sing at least four Girl Scout camp songs. The songs can be hiking songs, action songs and/or call & repeat songs.
6. Make and use a cardboard jack knife to learn about jack knife safety. Learn how to safely open, close and pass a jack knife. Demonstrate the "Safety Circle".
7. Describe where to build an open fire and when it is appropriate. Identify and find tinder, kindling and small fuel.
8. Help prepare a one-pot meal. Learn why the outside of a pot is soaped before putting it on the fire. Learn how to check the food while it cooks and when it's ready to eat. Practice serving the food with a dash of "Grace". Learn a grace to sing in your unit.
9. Learn the outdoor dishwashing system (glean, wash, rinse and dunk). Dispose of burnables & non-burnables properly. Leave the equipment, camp kitchen and dishwater drain clean and tidy.
10. Plan and go on a short hike with your troop. Make and take a trail snack.

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JUNIOR REQUIREMENTS

1. Define an omnivore, herbivore, and carnivore and give an example of each kind of animal. Investigate how plants get their food.
2. Be able to identify at least 5 trees, 5 flowers and 5 animals that live in your area. Research what habitat they usually live in and what they need to survive. Put together a collection, scrap book, photo album or video that demonstrates what you found out. You could include things like bark rubbings, leaves, seeds, pressed flowers, paw prints and sketches.
3. Birds can be observed in every neighborhood and habitat. Find a good spot to watch birds and take some time to sit quietly and observe their behavior. What do they look like? How big are they? Is there more than one kind? What are they doing? Do they hang out with others or are they alone? Use a field guide to try to figure out the names of the birds. If possible, practice using binoculars to see the birds up close.
4. Create a craft or piece of art from items found in nature.
5. Learn the 10 essentials for outdoor hiking.
6. Identify the signs of serious weather conditions in your area. Find out what you should do to stay safe if you are caught in bad weather.
7. Identify the three different sizes of wood used in building fires. What are 2 other types of fuel used in outdoor cooking? Discover what an edible campfire is and make one if you can.
8. Demonstrate the safe and proper way to use and sharpen a pocket knife. Whittle a stick.
9. Learn how to use a saw safely and cut a piece of wood.
10. What do you have to consider when choosing a spot to pitch a tent? Practice pitching and striking a small tent.

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CADETTE/SENIOR/AMBASSADOR REQUIREMENTS

1. Get a closer look at the plants & animals in your area using two special tools such as, magnifiers, microscopes, binoculars, spotting scopes, telephoto camera lenses, etc. Describe, sketch or photograph what you observe and share with others.
2. Interview someone who has a job related to protecting the environment or educating others about the environment. Who do they work for? What does their job entail? What education and experience did they need to get the job? What is the best part of their job? Who do they cooperate or network with on a regular basis?
3. Learn a pioneer craft such as natural dyeing, basket weaving, pottery, rope making or woodworking. Make something useful with your new skill.
4. Evaluate what shelter sites and materials can be used most effectively to protect you from wind, cold, heat, lightning, and/or falling objects. Build a 1-person shelter by yourself or a 2-person shelter with a buddy. The shelter must be stable and waterproof.
5. Cook something using an outdoor method: foil cooking, solar oven, bean hole, charcoal grill, propane stove, etc.
6. Using a saw, build a wood pile suitable for one meal.
7. Do you know what to do during outdoor emergencies? Pick three emergencies and role-play what you should do in each one.
8. Plan and go on an overnight trip and prepare at least two meals.

