



Brownie Outdoor Adventurer

Pillar: Outdoors

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

Get outside and explore with your family or your troop to earn this Brownie badge!

For ideas and resources, visit our Brownie Outdoor Adventurer Pinterest Board.

<https://www.pinterest.com/gprograms/brownie-resources/badge-outdoor-adventurer/>



Brownies will follow these steps to earn their badge:

1. Play outdoors in a new way (Discover, Connect)
 - Assemble a collection of sporting equipment or household materials—balls, buckets, jump ropes, hula hoops, etc.—and have girls create a challenge course for themselves and their Brownie friends or family. Let girls set up the course, create some rules, test the course, make any revisions, explain it to others, and then have fun watching the competition!
 - If you're doing this as a troop activity, split your troop into smaller groups to create a challenge for everyone else.
2. Explore nature (Discover, Connect)
 - Take a hike with your troop or family. Notice any signs of the season, like trees blossoming in springtime, cloud patterns, smells you encounter, how much water is in streams you encounter and how fast the water is running – if it is running at all. You also might count how many animals you see – focus on one type of animal or make a list of everything.
 - Record your findings through photographs or in your nature journal. Any notebook will do or create your own journal from paper and cardstock. Share something you observed with a Brownie friend or family member.
3. Buddy up and play outdoor games (Discover, Connect)
 - Play a classic outdoor game with your Brownie troop or family. You could choose active games like tag, jump rope or capture the flag or something that requires equipment or supplies, like hopscotch or parachute games. See our Pinterest board for ideas.
 - Play a few rounds of the game and then mix up the rules to make the game more adventurous. Which version do you like better?
4. Learn a camp skill (Discover, Connect)
 - Camping is a great way to get outdoors, but there are some basic skills that girls should master. Choose a few to learn about and perfect with practice.
 - Learn to tie a few useful knots (Some of these knots you can also learn as you earn the Friendship Bracelet Patch) <https://www.gsksmo.org/content/dam/girlscouts-gsksmo/OtherDocuments/at-home/Friendship-Bracelets.pdf>
 - Learn how to handle a pocket knife
 - Learn the Leave No Trace Principles and how to practice them
 - Learn what to pack and what to leave at home.
 - Learn basic first aid skills
 - Learn to strike a match and use it to light a campfire.



- Learn how to cook over a fire.
 - All of the skills above tie to parts of our GSKSMO Outdoor Challenge Patch Program. <https://www.gsksmo.org/en/events/virtual.html>
 1. Leave No Trace: <https://www.gsksmo.org/content/dam/girlscouts-gsksmo/OtherDocuments/at-home/Leave-No-Trace1.pdf>
 2. First Aid + Packing: <https://www.gsksmo.org/content/dam/girlscouts-gsksmo/OtherDocuments/at-home/First-Aid-Packing1.pdf>
 3. Knots + Knives: <https://www.gsksmo.org/content/dam/girlscouts-gsksmo/OtherDocuments/at-home/Knots-Knives1.pdf>
 4. Fire + Cooking: <https://www.gsksmo.org/content/dam/girlscouts-gsksmo/OtherDocuments/at-home/Fires-Cooking1.pdf>
5. Care for the outdoors (Discover, Connect, Take Action)
- Is there a special outdoor place you love to visit? It could be a local park, a Girl Scout camp, or your own back yard. As a troop or with your family, brainstorm ways you could make the area better, buy taking care of animals (maybe making a bat or bird house), mulching a trail, or planting a tree. Talk to whoever is in charge of your favorite spot (like the camp ranger or your city's Parks & Rec department) about your ideas, and then make them happen!
 - Girl Scout Tree Promise is a service project that aims for Girl Scouts to plant 5 million trees in the next five years, for more information about the program, see our April Family Fun/Service information. <https://www.gsksmo.org/content/dam/girlscouts-gsksmo/OtherDocuments/virtual/April-Family-Fun-and-Service-Tree-Promise.pdf>

When you're finished: Congratulations, you have earned your badge! You can purchase online at <https://www.girlscoutshop.com/BROWNIE-OUTDOOR-ADVENTURER-BADGE>

You can purchase your Girl Scout Virtual main patch and bars at [gsksmo.org/orderpatches](https://www.gsksmo.org/orderpatches).

