



# Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge 2026

Celebrate summer! Earn the Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge patch by finding new ways to enjoy the great outdoors—while building your confidence, creativity, and teamwork skills. You don't need to travel far! Complete activities in your neighborhood, at a local park, or at home using your imagination. The challenge begins on June 1 and ends with the [Girl Scouts Love State Parks](#) weekend, September 12 and 13, 2026 (dates vary at some councils—check with yours). Use #gsgoutdoors on social media to share your adventures with family and friends.

**Complete at least 25 activities from the list below to earn your patch.** You decide what you want to try—go for anything on the list that seems like fun!

1. Attend [Girl Scouts Love State Parks](#) on September 12 and/or 13

2. Draw a map from your home to your favorite outdoor spots

3. Make a recipe using a fresh in-season fruit or vegetable



4. Watch two sunrises or sunsets and compare the colors you see

5. Find (but don't touch) three different types of insects

6. Paint or draw the view from a window in your home

7. Learn about pollinator gardens and help plant one, if you can

8. Get muddy on a rainy day

9. Search for animals outdoors and draw the ones you see

10. Make a meal with friends or family, then enjoy it outdoors

11. Learn about the connections between nature and the Indigenous people in your area

12. Plan and enjoy a screen-free outdoor day with friends or family

13. Learn to identify three different types of birds and their calls

14. Attend an outdoor event related to a cause that's important to you

15. Build a bat box

16. Plant, protect, or honor a tree with friends or family as part of the [Girl Scout Tree Promise](#)



17. Talk to a local farmer about their work

18. Find a new way to be active on a rainy day

19. On a clear night, search for shooting stars or identify constellations

20. Team up with a friend or family member and dance around your block or neighborhood

21. Visit local outdoor art and talk about what you see

22. Bury your feet—or a friend's—in the sand

23. Jump rope

24. Help someone care for their lawn, garden, or other outdoor space

25. Take a close-up look at a tide pool

26. Set up an indoor "campsite" with sleeping bags or blankets

27. Draw or paint your favorite outdoor memory



28. Learn about climate change or take on the [Girl Scout Climate Challenge](#)

29. Listen quietly in nature and count how many different sounds you hear

30. Share your favorite outdoor activity with a friend and talk about why you love it

31. Swing at a playground, in a backyard, or on a tire swing

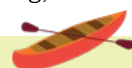
32. Search for sidewalk cracks and make up stories about the shapes you see

33. Draw, paint, or take pictures of clouds for a week

34. Try citizen science with a project for [Girl Scouts on SciStarter](#)

35. Visit an animal sanctuary

36. Go canoeing, paddleboarding, or kayaking



37. On a hot day, make your own ice pops

38. Learn about and try laughter yoga

39. Work on a craft outdoors

40. Read a book or sketch on a park bench



41. Sleep in a tent, cabin, or tree house

42. Get outdoors as you earn a [Body Appreciation badge](#)

43. Write a story or poem starring animals that live in your area

44. Play soccer

45. Take turns making animal noises with friends

46. Make s'mores while singing your favorite Girl Scout songs



47. Smell three different flowers

48. Play a classic outdoor game such as capture the flag or hopscotch

49. Visit a community pool

50. Attend or host an outdoor performance or movie night

Completed your 25 activities?

**Get the patch!**

