

The Great Outdoors

Challenge Summer 2025



Each girl working on the Great Outdoors Summer Challenge should select a wide range of activities that are age appropriate and challenge her to try new things. Remember to follow Leave No Trace Principles when exploring the outdoors. Fill a whole row up, down or diagonal... or cover-up the whole board for an extra challenge!

Hunt for gemstones & minerals on your adventures. Learn more about Maine gemstones and minerals by visiting a gemstone and mineral museum or event.	Learn to whistle with a blade of grass or an acorn cap.	Visit a farm. Maine Open Farm Day is July 27, 2025.	Create your own windmill. Get inspired here .	Camp at a campground or in your backyard.
Check out one of Maine's 25 historical forts.	Visit a Maine state park. Celebrate them by attending Girl Scouts Love State Parks September 13 & 14, 2025.	Find or make a jump rope and play some jump rope games .	Visit one of Maine's Rail Trails. Find one and learn more about the Rails to Trails Conservancy here .	Go canoeing, kayaking, or stand up paddleboarding.
Make your own dye with natural materials, then use it for a piece (or item) of clothing or an art project.	Create a bug hotel.	Make a boat out of recycled materials & test it out.	Explore a tidal pool.	Create your own frisbee. Test it out with friends and family!
Help with yard or trail work within your community.	Create your own bicycle obstacle course and test it out.	Attend a Maine summer festival.	Go surfing or boogie board in the ocean.	Plan a night hike with your troop or family.
Cook a snack with the sun. What observations did you make with this cooking method compared to others?	Have a picnic with a friend.	Go fishing. Go for free on Maine's Fishing Weekend May 31-June 1, 2025.	Make your own popsicles and/or ice cream with fruit and veggies. Bonus if you picked the ingredients yourself.	Celebrate Summer Solstice June 20, 2025. Learn about ways it is celebrated across the globe.

Do the activities above between 6/1/25 and 9/30/25. When you get a whole row complete, please complete the evaluation questions, upload a photo of the Girl Scout doing one of the activities (action photo preferred, min 1 photo), and purchase your patch (\$2) <https://form.jotform.com/GirlScoutsofMaine/GSME-SummerChallenge>.

Like this challenge? Be sure to check out the [Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge](#)

Don't forget to check out the [list of community resources](#) while exploring this summer.

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