



The Great Outdoors

Challenge Winter 2021



Each girl working on the Great Outdoors Winter Challenge should select a wide range of activities that are age appropriate and challenge her to try new things.

GIRLS SHOULD COMPLETE AT LEAST THE FOLLOWING NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES FOR THEIR LEVEL:

Daisy - 25 | Brownie - 30 | Junior - 35 | Cadette - 40 | Senior/Ambassador - 45

<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Try skiing or snowboarding	<input type="checkbox"/> 20. Play sled bowling	<input type="checkbox"/> 39. Watch a sun dog	<input type="checkbox"/> 58. Make s'mores
<input type="checkbox"/> 2. Make a snow sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/> 21. Catch snowflakes on your tongue	<input type="checkbox"/> 40. Learn about different winter celebrations around the world	<input type="checkbox"/> 59. Learn about Maine's Ice Harvesting History
<input type="checkbox"/> 3. Build a fort or igloo	<input type="checkbox"/> 22. Play in the snow	<input type="checkbox"/> 41. Go winter camping	<input type="checkbox"/> 60. Make hot chocolate from scratch
<input type="checkbox"/> 4. Make a snow cone	<input type="checkbox"/> 23. Try curling	<input type="checkbox"/> 42. Roast chestnuts outside	<input type="checkbox"/> 61. Go tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> 5. Celebrate Free Fishing Weekend in Maine February 13-14, 2021 by going ice fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> 24. Learn about hibernation. What are some animals that hibernate in Maine and generally for how long?	<input type="checkbox"/> 43. Play in the snow with a pet and learn how to keep your pet safe outside in the winter	<input type="checkbox"/> 62. Create a guide to help you remember how to identify different kinds of trees without their leaves
<input type="checkbox"/> 6. Ride on a dog sled, watch a dog-sled race, or meet a sled dog and learn how they are used	<input type="checkbox"/> 25. Watch winter wildlife. What may be different about their behavior in winter than other seasons?	<input type="checkbox"/> 44. Put two inches of snow in a glass jar and let it melt. Measure how much water is left in the jar	<input type="checkbox"/> 63. Visit a frozen lake or pond and learn about the animals that live in the water and what they do in the winter
<input type="checkbox"/> 7. Go cross-country skiing	<input type="checkbox"/> 26. Find wildlife tracks	<input type="checkbox"/> 45. Adapt your favorite sport for winter weather	<input type="checkbox"/> 64. Measure snowfall for one week
<input type="checkbox"/> 8. Go snowshoeing	<input type="checkbox"/> 27. Learn about frostbite risks	<input type="checkbox"/> 46. Watch a sunrise or sunset - paint a picture of what you saw	<input type="checkbox"/> 65. Girl's choice activity
<input type="checkbox"/> 9. Shovel a driveway for someone else	<input type="checkbox"/> 28. Create a winter scavenger hunt to share with your family/friends	<input type="checkbox"/> 47. Visit a favorite summer spot in the winter and note the differences in landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> 66. Make obleck & make a snowman out of it
<input type="checkbox"/> 10. Warm up outside with a hot drink	<input type="checkbox"/> 29. Make some midwinter tree garland for the birds	<input type="checkbox"/> 48. Plan an outdoor winter play	<input type="checkbox"/> 67. Make your own icicles
<input type="checkbox"/> 11. Participate in a polar plunge	<input type="checkbox"/> 30. Earn an outdoor badge for your Girl Scout level	<input type="checkbox"/> 49. Learn how to boil/filter snow to use for drinking/cooking water	<input type="checkbox"/> 68. Play a summer game in the snow
<input type="checkbox"/> 12. Learn about Snowflake Bentley and take your own photos of snow or ice	<input type="checkbox"/> 31. Break ice over puddles. Want more of a challenge? Record it and make a song with your recordings	<input type="checkbox"/> 50. Go stargazing and compare the winter night sky to the summer night sky	<input type="checkbox"/> 69. Celebrate Maine Maple weekend, the weekend of March 28th. Learn about the process of making maple syrup and its history.
<input type="checkbox"/> 13. Make your own sled and use it	<input type="checkbox"/> 32. Learn how to make snow candles	<input type="checkbox"/> 51. Complete 3 activities for your level of the GSME Outdoor Skills patch	<input type="checkbox"/> 70. Break out the binoculars & go from tree to tree and see what you can find
<input type="checkbox"/> 14. Make frozen bubbles	<input type="checkbox"/> 33. Make your own winter gloves or hat	<input type="checkbox"/> 52. Create a winter survival kit	<input type="checkbox"/> 71. Create a snowy obstacle course
<input type="checkbox"/> 15. Make your own Sugar on Snow	<input type="checkbox"/> 34. Visit a winter farmers market	<input type="checkbox"/> 53. Learn how to dress for the winter weather	<input type="checkbox"/> 72. Make winter slime
<input type="checkbox"/> 16. Go ice skating	<input type="checkbox"/> 35. Warm up at an outdoor fire	<input type="checkbox"/> 54. Learn how to make a hypothermia wrap	<input type="checkbox"/> 73. Try Fat Tire Biking
<input type="checkbox"/> 17. Test out your innovator skills and see if you can create your own snow shoes	<input type="checkbox"/> 36. Experiment with different kitchen items like salt & sugar to see which ones melt ice the best	<input type="checkbox"/> 55. Learn to identify the evergreen trees that grow in your neighborhood or town	<input type="checkbox"/> 74. Make a snowball launcher
<input type="checkbox"/> 18. Spot an animal that changes its look for winter	<input type="checkbox"/> 37. Learn about sustainability at a tree farm	<input type="checkbox"/> 56. Create your own snow dance	<input type="checkbox"/> 75. Watch a skijoring event
<input type="checkbox"/> 19. "Paint" the snow	<input type="checkbox"/> 38. Make a soup from scratch	<input type="checkbox"/> 57. Celebrate National Snow Day January 17 th by making sure to get outside	

Do all of the activities above between 12/15/20 and 3/31/21. Then when all the activities are completed, please:

1. Bring or send the completed checklist to one of our retail shops to purchase the GSME Great Outdoors Challenge Winter patch (patches are \$2 each). Remember to complete the evaluation questions on the back of this checklist.
2. Submit photos of the girl doing one of the activities (action shot preferred, min 1 photo) to customercare@gsmaine.org

Evaluation Questions

1 What was your favorite activity and why?

2 What was something new you tried that you have never done before?

3 What is something you learned in completing the Great Outdoors Winter Challenge?

4 What did you learn about yourself while completing the Great Outdoors Winter Challenge?