

State College Girl Scouts Spring Outdoor Challenge

March 1, 2021- June 15, 2021

Complete activities from the list to earn the Outdoor Challenge Patch and/or Spring rocker. Daisies should complete 15 items, Brownies/Juniors 20, Cadettes 25, and Seniors/Ambassadors 30 items.

Name _____

Troop Number _____

Level _____

Spring Fun

- Have a campfire and roast marshmallows or hot dogs
- Swing on a swing set
- Go for a Spring Hike. Look for signs of spring and post some photos.
- Go fishing
- Participate in an outdoor clean-up
- Have a Spring Picnic
- Have a backyard campout
- Watch a sunrise or sunset and draw or paint the scene
- Sing in the rain and splash in some puddles
- Play flashlight tag
- Play hopscotch
- Attend a council, service unit or troop spring event
- Go on a spring scavenger hunt
- Go horseback riding
- Fly a kite
- Read a book outside
- Ride your bike
- Walk a dog
- Hang a bird feeder
- Make a wind chime
- Start a letterboxing log book. Find a letterbox in Centre or neighboring counties and stamp-in.
- I did this cool Spring thing _____

Local/Cultural*

- Visit a State Park. Learn about the history of the park and how it was established.
- Visit a National Park. Take a selfie at a park sign.

- Visit the Arboretum at Penn State. Record the time of your visit using the Joel N. Myers Sundial.
- Celebrate a spring holiday with your family
- Visit the Litzinger Herpetarium and Aviary at Shaver's Creek. Draw a picture of one of the animals you see and list three fun facts about it.
- Attend a *Breakfast with the Birds* virtual session with Prince Gallitzin State Park. Listen for the songs you learn near a local bird feeder or while on a hike.
- Go for a hike or mountain bike ride at the new Harvest Fields Community Trails. Post a picture from your visit.

Outdoor Skills*

- Plant a garden
- Pull weeds or do other landscaping at home
- Do some outdoor work at your Girl Scout meeting place, a local camp, or other community venue.
- May is National Bike Month - learn how to take care of your bike. Set a goal for the National Bike Challenge.
- Find the Girl Scout garden at Tudek Park
- Go paddling: canoeing, kayaking, paddleboarding, rafting
- Learn the basics of fly fishing and try them out at a local stream

- Cook a dish over a fire using a Dutch oven, pie irons, or other cast iron method
- Identify some trees in your neighborhood or a local park. Which ones flower or grow leaves first? Which ones bloom later?
- I learned how to _____ this spring.

Science/Astronomy*

- 3/20/2021 is the Spring Equinox. What is an Equinox?
- View the Lyrids Meteor Shower 4/22-23
- View the Eta Aquarids Meteor Shower 5/6-7
- View the Super Moon 4/27 or 5/26
- Explain how to SAFELY view a partial solar eclipse. View the annular solar eclipse on 6/10/21.
- Stargaze. Identify some Spring Constellations or visible planets
- Keep a weather chart for a week. How does our weather compare to other areas of the country? What types of weather can cause concern in the spring and how should you prepare?
- What is the Pennsylvania state bird? Try to spot one while birdwatching.

*Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors must do at least half of their items from the Local/Cultural, Outdoor Skills, or Science/Astronomy sections and must choose at least 2 items from each section.