



## Using Growing Up WILD to introduce Daisy and Brownie Girl Scouts to the Outdoors

Girl Scouts has emphasized the importance of getting outdoors for the past 110 years. Learning about the environment and having fun outdoors helps Girl Scouts build courage, confidence and character to make the world a better place. The Growing Up WILD curriculum provides opportunities for Daisies and Brownies to explore and learn about the environment about their meeting places.

The 27 Growing Up WILD activities also support many of the Outdoor Badges at these levels. Some activities only help with part of a badge, you are encouraged to read all sections of each activity and decide on the best fit for your troop. This document is only for guidance, an activity should be used for a single badge and not for several badges at the same time. The Growing Up WILD guide also features children’s books and other resources to enhance your troop’s outdoor program.

Growing Up WILD is available through State Wildlife Agencies. Many states offer training workshops at little or no cost. To find out more about how the materials may be available in your state visit <https://www.fishwildlife.org/projectwild> and click on Get Training.

Activity Title	Daisy Badges	Brownie Badges
<p><b><u>First Impressions</u></b> Combine movement and math to show how we think and feel about animals.</p>	<p>Outdoor Art Maker Daisy Design in Nature Respect myself and others - <i>Daisy Petal</i></p>	<p>Outdoor Art Creator Bugs</p>
<p><b><u>Ants on Parade</u></b> Go outside to observe ant behavior and learn insect characteristics.</p>	<p>Outdoor Art Maker Eco Learner</p>	<p>Outdoor Art Creator Bugs Senses Brownie Numbers in Nature</p>
<p><b><u>Spider Web Wonders</u></b> Learn about spiders and spider webs.</p>	<p>Outdoor Art Maker Daisy Shapes in Nature</p>	<p>Outdoor Art Creator Bugs Brownie Shapes in Nature</p>
<p><b><u>Looking at Leaves</u></b> Practice observation skills by comparing leaves.</p>	<p>Outdoor Art Maker Daisy Shapes in Nature</p>	<p>Outdoor Art Creator Outdoor Adventurer Senses Brownie Numbers in Nature</p>

<p><b><u>In a Grasshopper's World</u></b> Observe and study grasshoppers in their natural habitat.</p>	<p>Outdoor Art Maker Eco Learner</p>	<p>Outdoor Art Creator Bugs Eco Friend</p>
<p><b><u>Wiggling Worms</u></b> Learn about and observe earthworms.</p>	<p>Outdoor Art Maker Daisy Numbers in Nature Eco Learner</p>	<p>Outdoor Art Creator Brownie Numbers in Nature Eco Friend</p>
<p><b><u>What's Wild?</u></b> Engage in stories comparing the lives of a wild and a tame animal, then sort animals into categories.</p>	<p>Outdoor Art Maker Daisy Numbers in Nature</p>	<p>Outdoor Art Creator Pets *</p>
<p><b><u>Wildlife is Everywhere!</u></b> Make observations and discover that wildlife is all around us.</p>	<p>Outdoor Art Maker Daisy Design in Nature</p>	<p>Outdoor Art Creator Senses Brownie Shapes in Nature Snacks</p>
<p><b><u>Lunch for a Bear</u></b> Identify the kinds of foods that Black Bears eat by creating a plate of "bear food."</p>	<p>Outdoor Art Maker</p>	<p>Outdoor Art Creator Snacks</p>
<p><b><u>The Deep Blue Sea</u></b> Develop an awareness of oceans and ocean life.</p>	<p>Outdoor Art Maker Daisy Numbers in Nature</p>	<p>Outdoor Art Creator Brownie Shapes in Nature Snacks</p>
<p><b><u>Who Lives in a Tree?</u></b> Develop an awareness of trees and some of the animals that call them "home."</p>	<p>Outdoor Art Maker Daisy Design in Nature Daisy Numbers in Nature</p>	<p>Outdoor Art Creator Snacks Brownie Designs in Nature</p>
<p><b><u>Fishing Fun!</u></b> Engage in a dramatic play fishing game and learn about fish.</p>	<p>Outdoor Art Maker Daisy Shapes in Nature</p>	<p>Outdoor Art Creator Brownie Shapes in Nature Snacks</p>
<p><b><u>Hiding in Plain Sight</u></b> Play a game of hide and seek to learn about important adaptations in many wild animals.</p>	<p>Outdoor Art Maker Daisy Shapes in Nature</p>	<p>Outdoor Art Creator Snacks Brownie Designs in Nature</p>

<p><b><u>Tracks!</u></b> Explore animal tracks, make and compare tracks of their own</p>	Outdoor Art Maker Daisy Design with Nature	Outdoor Art Creator Snacks
<p><b><u>Grow As We Go</u></b> Explore the life cycles of familiar wildlife and understand that living things grow and change.</p>	Outdoor Art Maker	Outdoor Art Creator Snacks My Best Self
<p><b><u>Backbone Bonanza</u></b> Learn about vertebrates and some characteristics that distinguish them.</p>	Outdoor Art Maker	Outdoor Art Creator Snacks
<p><b><u>Bird Beak Buffet</u></b> Learn about the special function of bird beaks.</p>	Outdoor Art Maker Daisy Design with Nature	Outdoor Art Creator Brownie Shapes in Nature Snacks
<p><b><u>Terrific Turkeys</u></b> Learn about wild turkeys.</p>	Outdoor Art Maker	Outdoor Art Creator Snacks Eco Friend
<p><b><u>Owl Pellets</u></b> Dissect an owl pellet and learn what owls eat.</p>	Outdoor Art Maker	Outdoor Art Creator Snacks
<p><b><u>Oh, Deer!</u></b> Explore the parts of deer habitat in a physical activity.</p>	Outdoor Art Maker	Outdoor Art Creator Snacks Eco Friend
<p><b><u>Seed Need</u></b> Explore seeds as food for people and animals and learn how animals spread seeds.</p>	Outdoor Art Maker Daisy Shapes in Nature	Outdoor Art Creator Snacks Brownie Designs in Nature
<p><b><u>Show Me the Energy!</u></b> Discover that all animals, including people, depend on plants as a food source, either directly or indirectly.</p>	Outdoor Art Maker	Outdoor Art Creator Snacks
<p><b><u>Aqua Charades</u></b> Explore the importance of water for people, animals and plants.</p>	Outdoor Art Maker Trail Adventure	Outdoor Art Creator Snacks Household Elf

<p><b><u>Wildlife Water Safari</u></b> Discover water sources for local wildlife and create a field notebook.</p>	<p>Outdoor Art Maker</p>	<p>Outdoor Art Creator Outdoor Adventurer Snacks</p>
<p><b><u>Field Study Fun</u></b> Investigate a field study plot to observe plant and animal interactions over time.</p>	<p>Outdoor Art Maker Daisy Numbers in Nature</p>	<p>Outdoor Art Creator Brownie Numbers in Nature Snacks</p>
<p><b><u>Wildlife as Symbols</u></b> Explore how wild animals are used as symbols for a variety of purposes.</p>	<p>Outdoor Art Maker Good Neighbor</p>	<p>Outdoor Art Creator Snacks Celebrating Community</p>
<p><b><u>Less is More</u></b> Learn that using less is a way of sharing resources.</p>	<p>Outdoor Art Maker Eco Learner Buddy Camper Make the world a better place -<i>Daisy Petal</i> Use resources widely - <i>Daisy Petal</i></p>	<p>Outdoor Art Creator Eco Friend Cabin Camper Snacks Outdoor Adventurer Household Elf</p>

If your troop is doing a Journey, turn to Growing Up WILD for additional activities as well as background information.

**Daisy Journeys:** *Think like a Citizen Scientist, Between Earth and Sky, Welcome to the Daisy Flower Garden, Daisy Outdoor, 5 Flowers 4 Stories 3 Cheers for Animals*

**Brownie Journeys:** *Think like a Citizen Scientist, Brownie Outdoor, Wow! Wonders of Water, Brownie Quest.*

Many of the Growing Up WILD activities will also add to meeting and outdoor activities beyond the badges.

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