



# In-School Program Newsletter



Our in-school program may be taking a break for the summer, but there are still ways to participate in Girl Scout fun. We're excited to share what's happening—and what's coming up!



## A Message from the Community Programs Coordinator

As another incredible Community Programs year comes to a close, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you for your support, enthusiasm and participation throughout the school year. It has been a joy bringing leadership, STEM, life skills and hands-on learning experiences to girls In-School each week.

*Thanks to your support, Girl Scouts in our program sold almost 21,000 boxes of cookies!*



We would like to thank everyone who supported Girl Scout Cookie Season! Your participation helped girls build confidence, learn valuable business skills, and create memories.

While our In-School programs pause for summer break, exciting things are happening behind the scenes at Girl Scouts of Suffolk County. Planning for next year's Community Programs is already well underway, and we are working hard to make it our best year yet!

Girls can look forward to new adventures, hands-on activities, and exciting badge opportunities, including Space Science, Eco-Friendly initiatives, and many more engaging experiences designed to inspire curiosity, confidence, and leadership.

Attached, you will find our Girl Scouts of Suffolk County Summer Reading Challenge. We encourage your daughter to participate and continue learning, exploring, and growing throughout the summer months. information on some summer activities with GSSC

We can't wait to welcome everyone back this fall for another amazing year of learning, discovery, and Girl Scout fun.

If you have any questions during the summer, please feel free to reach out to me directly.

Wishing you and your family a safe, happy, and fun-filled summer!





## Summer Fun with Girl Scouts

Looking for more fun with Girl Scouts this summer?  
Try one of our challenges and unlock a new patch!



## Summer Reading Challenge



Try something new this summer with our new Summer Reading Challenge. Complete 10 of the 15 activities and unlock this special patch. Buy your patch in-store or order online at [www.gssc.us/shop](http://www.gssc.us/shop)



Scan QR code to find more info

Recommended reading per day:

• Daisy: 10 minutes • Brownie: 20 minutes • Juniors & Up: 30 minutes

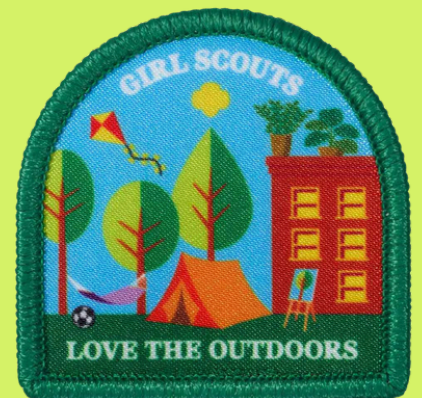
- Read in a fort/tent.
- Read a magazine.
- Read a fairy tale.
- Read a book published before 2000.
- Read a story about summer.
- Read outside with a flashlight.
- Coordinate with a friend to read the same book, then talk about it when you are done.
- Make a recipe from a cookbook.
- Listen to a mystery audiobook.
- Borrow a book from the library.
- Read in bed for 20 minutes a day for a week straight.
- Read a book that has been made into a movie.
- Re-read a book you love.
- Read a graphic novel.
- Write your own story then share it with a friend or family member.



## Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors

*Be Your Most Out There Self!*

You don't need access to a national park or the woods to enjoy the outdoors! So put yourself out there with us and participate in our Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge.



Unlock this patch by completing the activities, then purchase in our shop at Commack or online at [girlscoutshop.com](http://girlscoutshop.com)



# 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 in September 2026 (dates vary—check with your council). Use #gsoutdoors 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!

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Attend <a href="#">Girl Scouts Love State Parks</a> in September</li> <li>2. Draw a map from your home to your favorite outdoor spots</li> <li>3. Make a recipe using a fresh in-season fruit or vegetable </li> <li>4. Watch two sunrises or sunsets and compare the colors you see</li> <li>5. Find (but don't touch) three different types of insects</li> <li>6. Paint or draw the view from a window in your home</li> <li>7. Learn about pollinator gardens and help plant one, if you can</li> <li>8. Get muddy on a rainy day</li> <li>9. Search for animals outdoors and draw the ones you see</li> <li>10. Make a meal with friends or family, then enjoy it outdoors</li> <li>11. Learn about the connections between nature and the Indigenous people in your area</li> <li>12. Plan and enjoy a screen-free outdoor day with friends or family</li> <li>13. Learn to identify three different types of birds and their calls</li> <li>14. Attend an outdoor event related to a cause that's important to you</li> <li>15. Build a bat box</li> <li>16. Plant, protect, or honor a tree with friends or family as part of the <a href="#">Girl Scout Tree Promise</a> </li> <li>17. Talk to a local farmer about their work</li> <li>18. Find a new way to be active on a rainy day</li> <li>19. On a clear night, search for shooting stars or identify constellations</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20. Team up with a friend or family member and dance around your block or neighborhood</li> <li>21. Visit local outdoor art and talk about what you see</li> <li>22. Bury your feet—or a friend's—in the sand</li> <li>23. Jump rope</li> <li>24. Help someone care for their lawn, garden, or other outdoor space</li> <li>25. Take a close-up look at a tide pool</li> <li>26. Set up an indoor "campsite" with sleeping bags or blankets</li> <li>27. Draw or paint your favorite outdoor memory </li> <li>28. Learn about climate change or take on the <a href="#">Girl Scout Climate Challenge</a></li> <li>29. Listen quietly in nature and count how many different sounds you hear</li> <li>30. Share your favorite outdoor activity with a friend and talk about why you love it</li> <li>31. Swing at a playground, in a backyard, or on a tire swing</li> <li>32. Search for sidewalk cracks and make up stories about the shapes you see</li> <li>33. Draw, paint, or take pictures of clouds for a week</li> <li>34. Try citizen science with a project for <a href="#">Girl Scouts on SciStarter</a></li> <li>35. Visit an animal sanctuary</li> <li>36. Go canoeing, paddleboarding, or kayaking </li> <li>37. On a hot day, make your own ice pops</li> <li>38. Learn about and try laughter yoga</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>39. Work on a craft outdoors</li> <li>40. Read a book or sketch on a park bench </li> <li>41. Sleep in a tent, cabin, or tree house</li> <li>42. Get outdoors as you earn a <a href="#">Body Appreciation badge</a></li> <li>43. Write a story or poem starring animals that live in your area</li> <li>44. Play soccer</li> <li>45. Take turns making animal noises with friends</li> <li>46. Make s'mores while singing your favorite Girl Scout songs </li> <li>47. <b>Smell three different flowers</b></li> <li>48. Play a classic outdoor game such as <b>capture the flag or hopscotch</b></li> <li>49. Visit a community pool</li> <li>50. Attend or host an outdoor performance or movie night</li> </ol> |
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