

BROWNIE CABIN CAMPER BADGE – MEETING 2

Badge Purpose: When girls have earned this badge, they'll know how to plan a camping trip and stay overnight in a cabin with their friends or family.

Activity Plan Length: 1 hour (not including camping time)

Time	Activity	Materials Needed
15 minutes	Getting Started <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls recite the Girl Scout Promise + Law 	<input type="checkbox"/> (Optional) Girl Scout Promise and Law poster
20 minutes	Teepee Fire <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls will learn how to build a teepee fire. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Rocks <input type="checkbox"/> Firewood
20 minutes	Show Me the Way <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls will practice their trail marking skills. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail markers handout <input type="checkbox"/> Sticks, rocks, or pebbles <input type="checkbox"/> Bandana
Varies	Let's Go Camping! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls head out on their camping trip. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Camping gear (varies, depending on troop needs)
15 minutes	Wrapping Up	<input type="checkbox"/> (Optional) Make New Friends lyrics poster

Note to Adults/Leaders

This is a mostly outdoor activity. Find a local park, trail, or field to meet with your troop. Girls will need to go camping (either in a cabin or in a tent) in order to earn this badge. Make proper arrangements, and be sure to follow all Safety-Wise guidelines and Safety Activity Checkpoints when camping with your troop.

Getting Started

Time: 15 minutes

Materials Needed: (Optional) Girl Scout Promise and Law poster

Welcome everyone to the meeting, recite the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

Activity #1: Teepee Fire

Time: 20 minutes

Badge Connection: Step 4 – Learn a new camping skill



Materials Needed: Rocks; firewood

1. Say, "When I say, 'camp,' what word pops into your head?" Campfires!
2. Ask girls if any of them have helped build a fire before. Today, they're going to practice their fire building skills. Break girls off into three groups. Explain that each group will be in charge of collecting different materials for the fire.
 - Team Tinder: Tinder burns as soon as it is lit with a match. Tinder can be small dry twigs, dry leaves, or wood shavings. You should gather enough tinder to fill a circle made with your hands.
 - Team Kindling: Kindling is placed around the tinder. Kindling should be small dry sticks that are about as thick as your thumb (no thicker) and about as long as your arm. You should gather enough kindle to fill a circle made with your arms.
 - Team Fuel: Fuel is the thicker pieces of dry wood that keeps the fire going. Fuel should be thick dry wood that is about as thick as your wrist and about the length of your arm. You should gather enough fuel to make a stack as high as your knee.
3. Remind girls to follow Leave No Trace principles when gathering fire wood (don't snap branches or sticks off of trees. Only gather what they can find on the ground.)
4. After girls have returned with fire building materials, review how to build a teepee fire:
 - If you will be lighting the fire, keep a bucket of water nearby to extinguish the fire. Otherwise, girls can just practice building the fire without necessarily lighting it.
 - Clear the area of debris and potentially flammable material. Make a ring of rocks to help contain the fire or use an existing fire ring.
 - Place a large handful of tinder in the middle of the ring. Place the kindling around the tinder and lean them on each other so they form a teepee shape. Make another circle around the kindling with the fuel. Remember to leave a small space on the side that faces the wind. Use this small opening the light the tinder.

Activity #2: Show Me the Way

Time: 20 minutes

Badge Connection: Step 4 – Learn a new camping skill

Materials Needed: Trail markers handout; sticks, rocks, or pebbles; bandana

Prep Needed:

- Print out copies of the Trail Markers handout.
 - If you didn't light the teepee fires from the previous activities, girls can reuse the kindling they collected in this activity.
1. Ask if girls have gone hiking before. Ask if they've seen trail markers while hiking. Ask for a volunteer to explain what trail markers look like. Tell girls that trail markers are markings that show you which direction to go when you're walking on a trail. Review the trail markers handout with your girls.
 2. Then, divide girls into two equal groups: trail markers and trail followers. Designate a starting line. Have the trail markers hide a bandana somewhere (they can practice on the ground, tie to a bush/tree, etc.). The trail markers group should then return to the starting line and create trail markers to direct the trail followers group to the bandana.
 3. Once the trail markers have finished marking the trail, allow the trail followers group to find the bandana.
 4. If time allows, switch roles so each group can practice making and following trail markers.

Activity #3: Let's Go Camping!

Time: Varies

Badge Connection: Step 5 – Go camping

Materials Needed: Camping gear (varies, depending on troop needs)



1. Now the part you've all been waiting for—camping time! Pack up your gear and head out on your camping adventure!

Wrapping Up

Time: 15 minutes

Materials Needed: (Optional) Make New Friends song lyrics poster
















Close the meeting by singing Make New Friends and doing a friendship circle.

More to Explore

- Field Trip Ideas:
 - Visit a camping or outdoor gear store and compare the different types of gear you can get at different price ranges.
 - Take a hike at a local or regional park and practice your trail marking skills.
- Speaker Ideas:
 - Invite your service unit's Outdoor Champion to a troop meeting to teach girls some outdoor skills.
 - Invite an older Girl Scout to your meeting to talk about the different styles of building a campfire.



Trail Markers

	Rocks	Pebbles	Sticks	Long Grass
Straight ahead				
Turn right				
Turn left				
Do not go this way				

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