



Ideas for Summer

Girl Scout Traditions: Campfire Lighting Ceremony

Girl 1—I want to build the fire of my life but don't know where to start.

Girl 2—(Puts 3 sticks together to form an A frame) Honesty, cleanliness and cheerfulness working together are the foundations of the fire.

Each if the next girls add a small amount of tinder in turn.

Girl 3—I add loyalty. Success comes when we work together.

Girl 4—I add service. Sharing what we have makes us worthy of having it.

Girl 5— I add friendship. Friendships spread happiness.

Girl 6—I add courtesy. Putting ourselves in other's shoes makes us more understanding.

Girl 7—I add kindness. Everyone needs a little kindness.

Girl 8—I add obedience. Learning to follow will teach us to lead.

Girl 9—I add thriftiness. Using resources wisely will help the earth.

Girl 10—I add the spirit of Girl Scouting, whose law stands for all of these things.

Girl 11— (Adds fire starter) I bind them together with preparedness. Doing small things well will prepare us for bigger things.

Girl 12—(holds a lit candle) Only by weaving these together will we make our fires burn. (She lights the fire) Let our light shine so others may follow.



Girl Scout Traditions: Pack Your Bag for Camp

This game is for Juniors and up. Get girls thinking about packing for camp with a game. You will need a pile of things to pack, a duffle bag, suitcase or backpack to pack in, paper and pencil. In the pile of stuff to pack, be sure to have a few things that will not fit in the bag as is and more things than will actually fit in the bag. Also include a bottle of shampoo with slime on the sides and an empty plastic bag. Split the girls into two teams. Tell each group that you need help packing for camp. They have to write a plan for packing without actually ever packing anything themselves. The trick is to see if they can communicated well enough that you can follow the instructions and pack from what they have written.



Holiday Fun: 4th of July Fireworks

You will need: black or dark blue paper tempera paint yarn
muffin pan or egg carton



Perhaps a project for outside. Cover your work space and yourself. This will be messy.

Pour a different color paint into each section of pan or carton. Cut 8 inch pieces of yarn (one per color). Dip yarn in paint making sure to hold onto one end. Stand back and splatter paper with paint. Add colors as desired. Soon fireworks will light up you dark sky.

Coming in the Summer

Day and Resident Camp Begins in June

Congressional Aide and Wider Op Programs throughout summer months

Service Unit Managers and Trainers Kick Off—August

Training Blitzes—July and August

Swap: Ladybug Locket

You will need: 2 milk jug caps or bottle caps
black felt
tacky glue
red nail polish
black permanent marker
pin for back

Polish outside of caps with nail polish and let dry. Cut a small strip of felt 1/4 inch by 1 inch. Glue an end of this strip into each of the insides of the caps. Trace and cut 2 circles that fit inside the caps. Glue to cover strip. Use the marker to draw a line down the center back and to add dots on outside. Glue pin to back.



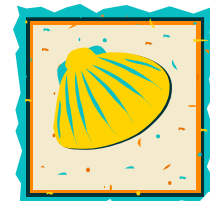
Seasonal Fun: Miniature Sandcastles that Last

With adult help, each girl will need to mix 1 cup of sand with 1/2 cup corn starch. Add 3/4 cup water and mix. Cook over medium heat until mixture forms a clay. Cool and knead before using to design their castle.

Seasonal Fun: Ocean in a Bag

You will need: 2 Sandwich size Ziploc bags per girl
small pearl beads
blue shampoo or hair gel
small fish and shell shaped beads

Fill bag 3/4 full with shampoo. Add some beads. Close and put in second bag. Close tightly. Squeeze bag to make waves. Girls of all ages get addicted to playing with this. It's a great stress toy.



Seasonal Fun: Land Water Games



You will need: 4 buckets
dozen splash balls
2 buckets with holes drill all around
2 round laundry baskets
plenty of plastic cups
2 large sponges

Watering the Horses: Line up one cup half full of water per girl across a table. Girls line up some distance away shoulder to shoulder with their hands behind their backs. On go, they gallop to the watering hole, pick up the cup only using their mouths and drink the water. They have to replace the cup in a standing position, get on all fours and crawl back the starting line.

Sponge Relay: Girls divide into 2 teams and they form a line. A bucket of water is placed in front of the first person in the line. An empty bucket is placed behind the last person in the line. On go, the first person dips the sponge in the water and the girls have to pass it over their heads to the last person who wrings it into the empty bucket. She runs to the front of the line, everyone takes one step back and she dips the sponge and the game continues until everyone on 1 team has had a turn. The other team must stop and they compare water levels in the buckets.

Buckets of Holes: One bucket of water per team is placed several yards from a bucket with holes. One girl on the team becomes the runner and needs a plastic cup. On go, she runs back and forth bringing cups of water to the bucket with holes. The rest of her team has to gather around the bucket and work together to keep the water from escaping.

Basket Toss: Two lines are drawn. Two girls with baskets stand behind one. The rest of the teams stand behind the other. Girls toss soaked splash balls and the girls with the baskets try to catch as many as possible.

Seasonal Fun: Mystery Picnic

Expect the unexpected. You can have great fun with this. Once you read a few suggestions you will be able to think of many of your own.

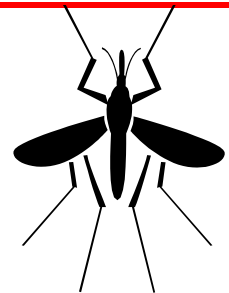
- 1) Cold lemonade served from a coffee pot. Kool-aid makes a mystery brand where the color doesn't match the flavor.
- 2) Watermelon rind filled with cantaloupe and vice versa.
- 3) Different types of sandwiches wrapped in pretty paper so no one knows what they will get.
- 4) Carefully unwrap, switch and rewrap two types of candy bars such as Nestle Crunch and Hershey Bars.
- 5) **Mystery Object:** As girls arrive pull them aside and carefully pin a strange object (jingle bell, key, button, bow, feather) to them someplace not obvious which can be clearly seen (on a shoe lace, a shirt sleeve, hair barrette) After everyone is there, they are given a list of objects to be found.
- 6) **Who am I?** An ice breaker game. Pin the name of a famous person or character to the back of each girl. She has to ask yes or no questions to the rest of the group throughout the picnic until she guesses who she is. Sample questions: Am I male? Am I a cartoon character? Am I purple?
- 7) **Jigsaw Hunt:** You need a jigsaw puzzle of 25 pieces or less for each team. Color code the back of each piece such as red for puzzle one and blue for two. Hide pieces throughout your picnic area before girls arrive. Send teams out to find all the pieces to their puzzle only. The first team with a completed puzzle wins.
- 8) **Minute Mysteries:** Girls sit in small groups or teams and try to solve simple mind twisters. You can find minute mysteries at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Acres/6690/mystery.htm> .



Swap: Mosquito

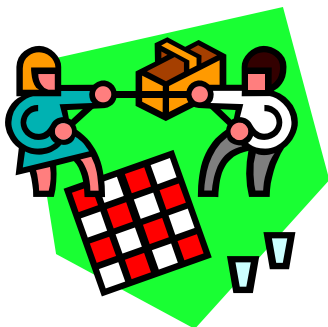
You will need: plastic eye dropper brown chenille stem tacky glue
3 bobby pins dryer sheet tiny wiggle eyes
pin

Wrap chenille stem around eye dropper to cover . Glue in place. Open bobby pins and shape legs around eye dropper and glue in place. Glue on eyes. Cut two wings from dryer sheet and glue on top. Glue pin to belly. Your mosquito (eye dropper) will really suck.



Holiday Fun: 4th of July Picnic Kit

Put together a picnic kit in a large duffle bag or Rubber maid box. Things you might include are:



softballs	mitts	a bat or two	volleyball
dozen beanbags	badminton set	soccer ball	whistle
kick ball	chalk	plastic horseshoe set	squirt guns
plastic buckets	sponges	cones	rope
playing cards	Frisbees	stop watch	2 bandannas
game book that includes rainy day options			
piñata with wrapped candy			
2 old sheets for parachute games			

Program Suggestions

Do the girls in your troop like science? Weather? Geology? Go to <http://www.gscnc.org/program/btg.php> to request a **Bridging the Gap** tub for great activities to try.

When it is hot, everyone thinks of water. Try working on the Water, Water Everywhere Try-it Or Water Wonders Badge

Check out this site:

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Acres/6690/index.htm#Resources>

Service Projects

All Levels: Collect personal items for homeless shelters – Collect bars of soap, shampoo, new washcloths, toothpaste and new toothbrushes. Put each set in a small bag. Hotel sized items work well.

Trash pickups – Pick up trash at your local park or school. Be sure to review the safety information in *Safety-Wise* on page 43 before you start.



Girl Scout Traditions: Smores



Campfire Smores: **You will need** 1 graham cracker broke in half, 1 marshmallow and 1/2 Hershey Bar. Cook marshmallow over campfire, grill or in fire place, put on to cracker, then add chocolate to marshmallow.

Peanut Butter Cup Smores: **Substitute peanut butter cup for chocolate bar above.**

Striped Smores: Substitute Fudge Striped Shortbread Cookies for the graham crackers and chocolate above.

Indoor Smores

Oven Chip Smores: You will need graham crackers, peanuts, miniature marshmallows, chocolate chips, 3/4 cup brown sugar, 3/4 cup butter and 1 Tbsp. vanilla. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Line bottom of cookie sheet with graham crackers and pour as much peanuts, miniature marshmallows and chocolate chips as desired. In a medium saucepan, combine remaining ingredients. Cook until brown sugar is dissolved. Pour over crackers and bake at 350° F. (180° C) for 12 minutes. When cool, cut into 2-inch squares.

Microwave Smores: You will need 1 graham cracker broke in half, a marshmallow and 1/4 of a milk chocolate bar. Place 1 graham cracker on a paper napkin to keep cracker crisp. Top with a chocolate and a marshmallow; microwave on High until marshmallow puffs, about 15 to 25 seconds. Top with other cracker square; let stand for 1 minute, so heat from marshmallow can melt chocolate. Be careful. Some spots stay very hot.

Broiler M&M Smores: You will need peanut butter, graham crackers that are broken into squares, miniature marshmallows and M&M's plain chocolate candies. Preheat the broiler. Spread peanut butter lightly over each graham cracker; arrange the crackers in rows on a cookie sheet. Add the marshmallows and then the candies over all. Place the pan 6-inches below the broiler and cook until the marshmallows are lightly browned and softened, 1 to 3 minutes. Lightly press the candies into the melted marshmallows. Also works well without the peanut butter. Serve immediately.