Girl Scouts of Central Illinois

BACKYARD CHALLENGE SUMMER EDITION

Earn your backyard challenge patch and rocker by completing the activities below!

From June 20 - September 22, 2025

A new list of activities will come out for summer, fall and winter.

❑	1	Find a double rainbow.	q	26	Visit a local botanical garden
❑	2	Hike a new trail.	q	27	Learn the 4 Ws for setting up a campsite.
❑	3	Create your own summer games! Have family & friends compete for medals.	q	28	Attend an outdoor theater, or put on a play outside for friends & family
❑	4	Earn a Girl Scout outdoor badge.	q	29	Create and play in a pool noodle obstacle course
❑	5	Go stargazing	q	30	Fly a kite
❑	6	Read a book outside.	q	31	Try a new sport
❑	7	Talk to an experienced hiker. How much water do they carry with them? How much do you need to walk to school?	q	32	Rig a camera trap in the backyard to view urban wildlife.
❑	8	Learn how to purify water.	q	33	Create a squirt gun painting
❑	9	Draw or paint your favorite summer memory.	q	34	Learn shear & cross lashing.
❑	10	Go down a water slide	q	35	Create a popsicle stick catapult.
❑	11	Design an outdoor maze.	q	36	Whittle using knife safety.
❑	12	Make a dish in a dutch oven.	q	37	Visit your local library
❑	13	Talk to a Girl Scout who has earned a high award.	q	38	Draw a map of the major streets near your house. Make sure the top of the page is north
❑	14	Have a no device day	q	39	Research and plan an outdoor dream trip.
❑	15	Learn how to handle, care for, & store knives & axes while camping.	q	40	Learn about the life cycle of worms - they can survive underwater.
❑	16	Visit a local farm	q	41	Make ice cream in a bag
❑	17	Learn an outdoor game and teach it to others.	q	42	Create a craft using only recycled items.
❑	18	Learn how to tie a fishing knot to attach to a hook to your line.	q	43	Visit a local nature conservancy or nature preserve.
❑	19	Do an outdoor workout	q	44	Make a DIY bird feeder out of orange rinds
❑	20	Get creative with tie dye!	q	45	Go berry picking at a local farm
❑	21	Try pickle ball	q	46	Make paper airplanes and see what designs fly best.
❑	22	Learn how to make minimal impact on a trek.	q	47	Build a cardboard boat and test it on the water.
❑	23	Run through a water sprinkler!	q	48	Learn a new summer camp song.
❑	24	Visit a new to you state park	q	49	Go Canoeing/Kayaking/Paddle Boarding (safely)
❑	25	Go camping!	q	50	Do something NEW to you outside!

Take a selfie doing your backyard activity and share on our Facebook Page. Use #gscibackyardchallenge

Number of Activities Required per Grade Level

Level	Daisy	Brownie	Junior	Cadette	Senior	Ambassador	Volunteer
# of activities	20	25	30	35	40	40	40