

Girl Scouts of Central Illinois

BACKYARD CHALLENGE SUMMER EDITION



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

From June 21 - September 22, 2026

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

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