

## SPRING CHALLENGE

- ❑ In the rain:
  - Light a fire;
  - Set up a rain gauge to measure the rainfall and collect enough rain water to wash the dishes.
- ❑ With one sheet of plastic - a minimum of 6'x6' - 4 poles and some rope, build a shelter. It's even better if you sleep under it!
- ❑ Invite another Unit to attend camp with yours and together do two of the following:
  - Participate in a "utensil" meal.
  - Make a kite and fly it.
  - Hide a treasure, giving at least 5 compass clues to find it.
  - Sit for a meal with someone you don't know very well and then introduce them to the group.
- ❑ While on a hike, look for and record what winter has left behind (eg: nibbled twigs) and new signs of spring (eg: blossoms).
- ❑ Go on a Tadpole Hunt. Carefully collect some tadpoles to observe. Before leaving the pond, gently return the tadpoles to their natural habitat.
- ❑ Learn a song about frogs.
- ❑ Invite an unknown patrol or unit to share your campfire.
- ❑ Make a junk sculpture from found garbage. Properly dispose of it when you are done.
- ❑ Learn how to use a camp stove safely and use it to prepare a meal. Discuss the environmental impact of using stoves rather than fires for your cooking.
- ❑ Requirement - Go on a Spring Camping Adventure!

## SUMMER CHALLENGE

- ❑ Plant a Backyard Habitat - a backyard habitat is making your yard into a garden that provides essential resources for different kinds of wildlife such as birds, butterflies, small mammals and other creatures. This could entail something as simple as planting a few host plants for butterflies or as elaborate as creating a place that provides food, water, summer shade, perches, nesting sites and hiding places for all kinds of wildlife.
- ❑ Make firestarters. Use some of them at a cookout or an outdoor campfire.
- ❑ Sing a song about water.
- ❑ Alone or with a group of girls, make a larger camp gadget such as a table or chair. Or alone make a small gadget such as a shoe rack or basin holder. Sleep under the stars for one night.
- ❑ Participate in a "scavenger hunt" meal.
- ❑ Build a sundial and have it checked for accuracy. Use it frequently while at camp.
- ❑ Learn about and use a solar shower.
- ❑ Make a tent peg or recycle an object into something useful.
- ❑ Observe and record sunrise & sunset for one week. Discuss your findings.
- ❑ Requirement - Go on a Summer Camping Adventure!

## FALL CHALLENGE

- ❑ Learn how to choose a safe place to build a fire and why hair should be tied back while working near fires.
- ❑ Learn a new skill to use at future camping events such as pitching a tent, orienteering, backpacking, purifying water, or cooking in a new way.
- ❑ Find North without using a compass.
- ❑ Participate in a night hike while at camp. You could go in two separate groups and compare your observations.
- ❑ Learn one knot you don't already know and find out what it is used for.
- ❑ Learn a song about fish.
- ❑ Make or take a resource, such as a camera, notebook, tape recorder, magnifying lens, compass, star map, or nature guide, to help you find your way, make discoveries and to record what you discover while at camp.
- ❑ Participate in a "mixed-up" meal.
- ❑ Make a tent care bag. These bags should contain directions for putting up the tent along with a picture of the tent (laminated or in plastic zipper bag), sealer or wax, small piece of soap to lubricate zipper, needle and thread, sandpaper for rust removal on poles, cloth for drying poles, whisk brush for sweeping tent, and extra pegs and rope.
- ❑ Help prepare a meal that needs no fire.
- ❑ Requirement - Go on a Fall Camping Adventure!

## WINTER CHALLENGE

- ❑ Make an outdoor sculpture out of snow or ice (no snowmen please!)
- ❑ Play a compass game, lay a compass trail, or follow an orienteering course, depending on your abilities.
- ❑ Have fun while snowshoeing, skiing or outdoor skating.
- ❑ Participate in a "buddy" meal (hands tied together).
- ❑ Have a Trefoil member visit your camp or meeting to share her camping experiences. How have things changed?
- ❑ Go on a blindfold hike - a sighted partner takes you to different objects and you identify by touch, smell or hearing.
- ❑ Sing a song about snow.
- ❑ With a buddy or group participate in one or more of the following:
  - a flag ceremony
  - stargazing
  - a quiet game.
  - an environmental awareness activity
  - a Guide's Own
  - an activity to do when the weather changes your plans.
  - team building activities
- ❑ Try these challenges:
  - Make a batch of ice cream - outdoors!
  - Identify 5 trees - which are conifers and which are deciduous?
  - Build a winter bird feeder and observe who visits it.
  - Look for and identify animal tracks,.
  - Get up early and watch a sunrise.
- ❑ Requirement - Go on a Winter Camping Adventure!