

Senior Outdoor Art Expert

Pillar: Outdoors

Outcomes: Strong sense of self and positive values

Seniors will earn their badge by:

- 1) Explore art outdoors
 - a) Research at least three or more local public artworks outdoors. Think about outdoor art that people enjoy—it could be statues, sculptures, murals, plaques, billboards, a fountain, landscaped gardens, or unusually designed buildings. Take a journal and write about or sketch the art.
- 2) Make something!
 - a) Find five things that do not belong in nature and create a collage or eco-art sculpture. Take a hike on an empty trail, by a lake, or around your neighborhood to pick up trash—from candy wrappers and soda cans to discarded tires and plastic toys—and then create something. (Safety note: Always wear gloves when collecting items, and avoid anything sharp, like needles, or toxic, like paint cans.) You can plaster your findings into a sculpture, or glue them to canvas with pictures, drawings, and writing for a multimedia project. Name your art piece and include a brief description for what you want to say about preserving the environment, then display it or share with family about your piece.
- 3) Create or share music inspired by nature
 - a) Learn three camp songs about nature and record them to teach to younger girls. Help keep the Girl Scout singing tradition alive for younger girls by recording and sharing three nature songs. You can find a song about nature or take a traditional Girl Scout song and change the lyrics to reflect nature. Make sure to include movements and animal sounds when you share the songs— it makes it easier to remember the lyrics, and who doesn't like to move to music?
- 4) Be a nature photographer
 - a) Create a time-lapse project of a scene outdoors. Take pictures of an object outdoors in a single frame at a time over a period of time—a day, week, or month. It might be clouds in the sky or plants and flowers growing. Then load the images on a computer or use an app to make a time-lapse video. Or print out three of your images and put them together side-by-side to create a triptych.
- 5) Design with nature
 - a) Design an outdoor maze or labyrinth. A puzzle maze has multiple paths, including wrong turns and dead ends, but only one way to get from entrance to goal. No matter how complicated, a labyrinth has a single winding path without choices. Pick one to design, and draw up your sketch. Then use pieces of rope sidewalk chalk, or stones to replicate your design outdoors— maybe in your backyard or at a park. Invite family to walk through it.

Share your work on the GSKSMO Virtual Art Show - https://www.gsksmo.org/en/events/virtual art show.html

When you're finished: Congratulations, you have earned your badge! You can purchase by emailing shopdept@gsksmo.org or at https://www.girlscoutshop.com/SENIOR-OUTDOOR-ART-EXPORT-BADGE

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