

Beach and Bay the Gulf Coast Way
Patch Requirements for Brownies



To earn this patch, you will need to complete at least one activity for each of the four parts of the patch. Have Fun, Good Luck!

Sea and Shore:

With your troop, family, or friends, get together and go to a local or state beach with a visitor's center, or the National Seashore. Participate in the activities possible in the Visitor's Center.

Have you ever cooked on the beach? It's a lot of fun! Look up some different ways of cooking on the beach, like Buddy Burners, grills, and an open fire. Which foods would you cook on which fires? Now, cook some s'mores on the beach. **

Think of all the animals you see everyday. Which animals do you see at your house? Which at the beach? Which at both?

[** by safety standards, Brownies are not allowed to make a fire. May cook on one, but may not light, or make the actual fire. The leaders must make the actual fire.]

Water Works:

When you drive by the water—on the beach, on a bridge—what different types of water vehicles do you see?

Think about your toys at home. Which items are only to play with in the water? Only inside? Only outside? Compare the differences. (Ex. Pool noodle vs. dolly)

From around your house, gather a small pile of golf-ball sized objects, like magnets, or figurines. Next get two wide-mouthed containers, and fill one two-thirds of the way full with salt-water,

and one two-thirds full with regular tap-water. One at a time, test each item in both of the different waters. Do some objects float in only salt-water? Only tap? Both? Neither? [might need containers a little deep to test buoyancy]

Safety Stuff:

When you take a trip to the beach, what kinds of things do you take? What things are taken to keep you safe? Get some of these items and have a relay race where you see which team can have all of their members put everything on, and take it off again first.

Think of all the types of things made to float. Which items are made to float and keep you safe? Which items made to float are just toys? How are they different? Go to a sporting goods store, and ask an expert to show you how to correctly operate some of the different floatation devices.

Have you ever ridden on a boat? Or, any type of floating vehicle? What things on the water vehicle are there to keep you safe? Ask an expert to show you the different devices used for safety on a boat.

Clean to be Green:

The next time you go to the beach, take an HEB bag, a friend, and your imaginations, and make up a game, like a relay race, while picking up trash around your area. **

Participate in a beach clean up.**

In your troop, make a skit about why we should keep beaches clean. Present to your troop.

Make a poster with pieces of trash to show why we need to keep beaches clean.

[** Nothing unreasonable, like fish, or knives, etc.]

This patch program was created by Mary Hediger as part of her Girl Scout Silver Award project.

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