

# Outdoor Excellence



## Patch

**Purpose:** To encourage our membership to utilize the Council owned properties, expand their camping skills and share their skills with less experienced troops.

**Requirements:**

- Must be a Brownie, Junior, Cadette or Senior.
- Complete the starred (\*) activity(ies) and at least two additional activities under each section to earn that specific patch piece.
- Purchase the patches earned from the Council Shop.

## Dot Perry Patch

1. Visit for the day or overnight on the site. \*
2. Try something new on the site with outdoor camping skills: fishing, tent pitching, outdoor cooking, orienteering, knots, backpacking, etc.
3. Go canoeing on the Kerr Scott Reservoir while camping at this site. Reserve Council canoes and canoe rack from either Keyauwee or Seven Springs. See Camping Opportunities book for more details and procedures. Council approval is required for boating.
4. Identify on the site or in a reference book the Red Bud Flower or other flora that is unique to the site. Also look for Adder's Tongue, Hepatica, Wild Iris, Wild Ginger, Running Cedar, Popsissewa (Spotted Wintergreen), Bloodroot, May Apple, Queen Anne's Lace, Solomon Seal, Jewelweed, Chicory, and Ox Eye Daisy. Please do not pick any plants or flowers. Reference books are available from the Council or your local library.
5. Do an ecology or conservation activity on the site.
6. Develop your own activity or service project using girl/adult planning. If a service project is selected, contact the Ranger prior to arriving at the site for assistance and approval.

## Douglas Long Patch

1. Camp overnight on the site in the Fall, Winter or Spring season.\*
2. Participate in a Sports activity: boating, archery, challenge course, swimming, parachute, earthball, basketball, etc. Some equipment is on site and some programs require certified facilitators. See Ranger for location of equipment.
3. Hike on Cypress trail. Find Cypress knees and bamboo.
4. Identify on the site or in a reference book, the flower called FIRE PINK. Also look for Adder's Tongue, Hepatica, Wild Iris, Wild Ginger, Running Cedar, Pipsissewa (Spotted Wintergreen), Bloodroot, May Apple, Queen Anne's Lace, Solomon Seal, Jewelweed, Chicory, and Ox Eye Daisy. Please do not pick any plants or flowers. Reference books are available on site. See Ranger for assistance.
5. Explore the lake and look for fish nesting and/or explore the creek to discover water habitats for animals who live in or near the creek. Lifejackets must be worn when on the dock.
6. Explore the history of the camp site. Contact Ranger prior to arriving at the camp to arrange a time for a meeting. During the busy season, Ranger may not be able to meet with a troop due to other responsibilities.
7. Develop your own activity or service project using girl/adult planning. If a service project is selected, contact the Ranger prior to arriving at the site for assistance and approval.

## Keyauwee Program Center

1. Camp overnight on the site in the Fall, Winter or Spring season. \*
2. Participate in a Sports activity: boating, archery, challenge course, swimming, parachute, earthball, basketball, etc. Some equipment is on site and some programs require certified facilitators. See Ranger or program staff for location of equipment.
3. Identify on the site or in a reference book, the flower called Spiked Lobelia. Also look for Adder's Tongue, Hepatica, Wild Iris, Wild Ginger, Running Cedar, Pipsissewa (Spotted Wintergreen), Bloodroot, May Apple, Queen Anne's Lace, Solomon Seal, Jewelweed, Chicory, and Ox Eye Daisy. Please do not pick any plants or flowers. Reference books are available on site. See Ranger or Program staff for assistance.
4. Participate in one or more of the following programs: boating, swimming, archery, challenge course, high ropes, climbing wall, fishing, nature hike, night hike, horseback riding, and/or creek hike. Remember that controlled risk activities require advance Council approval and qualified facilitators.
5. Arrange to talk to the Ranger or Program Directors about the history of the camp site and special characteristics of the property and buildings. Contact staff prior to arriving at the camp to arrange a time for meeting. During the busy season, Ranger may not be able to meet with a troop due to other responsibilities.
6. Develop your own activity or service project using girl/adult planning. If a service project is selected, contact the Ranger prior to arriving at the site for assistance and approval.

## Seven Springs Patch

1. Camp overnight on the site in the Fall, Winter or Spring season. \*
2. Hike on the Warbler trail. Seek and find animal tracks or other evidence of wildlife on the trail.
3. Identify on the site or in a reference book, the flower called Trumpet Creeper flower. Also look for Adder's Tongue, Hepatica, Wild Iris, Wild Ginger, Running Cedar, Pipsissewa (Spotted Wintergreen), Bloodroot, May Apple, Queen Anne's Lace, Solomon Seal, Jewelweed, Chicory, and Ox Eye Daisy. Please do not pick any plants or flowers. Reference books are available on site. See Ranger for assistance.
4. Discover a new cooking method (charcoal, pie irons, foil packs, etc.) or try a new camp recipe.
5. Participate in a Sports activity: boating, archery, challenge course, swimming, parachute, earthball, basketball, etc. Some equipment is on site and some programs require certified facilitators. See Ranger for location of equipment.
6. Explore the history of the camp site. Contact Ranger prior to arriving at the camp to arrange a time for a meeting. During the busy season, Ranger may not be able to meet with a troop due to other responsibilities.
7. Develop your own activity or service project using girl/adult planning. If a service project is selected, contact the Ranger prior to arriving at the site for assistance and approval.

## Troop Choice/Non-Council operated camp site

1. Select appropriate site for training level of outdoor trained adult and girl readiness. Get Council approval for site use. Form may be found in "Going Places" or on Council web site. \*
2. Camp overnight on selected site. \*
3. Utilize the camp location or facilities to enjoy a program activity not available by camping on a Council operated site.
4. Practice a new outdoor skill. Examples - pitching tents, setting up tarps, food cache, backpacking, minimum impact camping, new cooking style, etc.
5. Develop your own activity or service project using girl/adult planning. If a service project is selected, contact the site manager prior to arriving at the site for assistance and approval.

## Winter Camping Patch

1. Prior to the camping trip, learn about necessary skills, equipment and supplies which you might need during winter camping (hypothermia, proper clothing, etc.).\*
2. Camp at a Council owned site during the winter months (December, January, or February).\*
3. Take a nature hike and look for signs of animals. Using references from home or the library, research what animals might be seen in the winter. Discover where the other animals go during winter months.
4. Make a craft that can be used as a gift and/or service project. Ex. Holiday cards for nursing home, picture frames for parents, etc.
5. Work on a specific badge, patch or interest project that the troop selects.
6. Arrange to talk to the Ranger about the history of the camp site and special characteristics of the property and buildings. Contact Ranger prior to arriving at the camp to arrange a time for meeting. During the busy season, Ranger may not be able to meet with a troop due to other responsibilities.
7. Develop your own activity or service project using girl/adult planning. If a service project is selected, contact the Ranger prior to arriving at the site for assistance and approval.

## Adopt-a-Troop Patch

All four items are required to earn patch.  
“Parent” Troop must be experienced campers.

1. Invite a troop that has not camped before to join your troop (“Parent” troop) on a trip. Your troop will be responsible for ensuring ratios and necessary trained adults are present. \*
2. Meet with the adopted troop to assist with planning and teach them what they need to know about going camping.\*
3. Along with the adopted troop, plan the activities and meals for the trip.\*
4. Go on the camping trip.\*

## Girl Scout Campus Patch

1. Visit the Girl Scout Campus. \*
2. Identify the trees, plants and/or animals on the site. \*
3. Participate in one of the activities available on the site (sports in the gym, hike the trails, use the computer room or other program rooms, etc.).
4. Visit the different displays in the building and discuss them as a troop.
5. Develop your own activity or service project using girl/adult planning. If a service project is selected, contact the Outdoor Program & Property Director at the Council prior to arriving at the site for assistance and approval.