
Gone Fishing

Girl Scout Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors

To complete this patch program, please complete the following:

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- Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors, & Ambassadors five *Discover*, five *Connect*, and two *Take Action*

Discover

Identify the differences between fish that live in saltwater and those that live in freshwater.

Learn about a fish's habitat. How does the quality of water affect a fish's life cycle and habitat?

Learn about the different types of fishing: fly fishing, bait fishing, commercial fishing, and ocean fishing.

Identify and learn about equipment that is used for fishing. Learn about the different types of fishing rods and their uses.

Learn about the parts of a fish. Identify its fins, tail, eyes, scales, skin, and mouth.

Learn how to knot a hook on your fishing line and how to bait your hook. You can start with rubber worms to practice.

Learn about the basic artificial lures and natural baits.

Learn the best way to keep fishing lures and equipment.

Learn about the fishing laws in your area. Do you need a license to fish?

Learn about the fish that inhabit Pennsylvania's waters by visiting the Pennsylvania's Fish and Boat Commission's website.

Connect

Practice casting your line safely. Using your pole and a weighted line, practice casting your line toward a target on the ground. Be sure to practice without a hook.

Talk to an expert; anyone who has enjoyed fishing for a few years. Why do they fish? What clothing do they wear? What equipment do they use? Where do they fish? What's the biggest fish they ever caught?

Swim like a fish! In a pool, lake, or designated swimming area have a lifeguard show you how to blow bubbles out of your nose. Participate in a water relay race!

Go fishing with an adult. Before you go, review the safety rules you should follow while fishing and while being near water.

Create a fish using art. You should name your fish and describe its habitat.

Visit a fish hatchery or farm and learn about what they do.

Help an adult clean or cook a fish. While cleaning the fish observe the different parts. Can you identify the mouth, fins, eyes, tail, scales, and skin?

Practice taking a fish off the hook without hurting it or yourself. Learn what to do if you get a hook caught in your skin. Create a first aid kit to keep in your tackle box.

Make an individual or troop tackle box.

Take Action

Plan a fishing day where you will teach others how to fish. Encourage the participants to practice catch and release.

Help keep Pennsylvania's fish habitat clean by working with others in your troop to clean up garbage along a nearby creek, stream, river, or lake.

Make a tackle box to share with other troops in your service unit.

Teach younger girls about Pennsylvania's fish and their habitats.

Volunteer with a local fish hatchery or farm.