

BC CAMPING CHALLENGE – WONDERFUL WINTER

A SEASONAL CAMPING CHALLENGE
FROM THE BC CAMPING COMMITTEE



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Overview

The BC Camping Challenge – WONDERFUL WINTER contains four categories: Camp Preparation, Camp Cooking, Camp Skills, and Outdoor Activities.

Challenge Requirements

To earn the seasonal Challenge Crest, the girls need to have an **overnight** camping experience, and complete the required number of challenges from each section. Sparks can camp for one or two nights; Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders and Rangers all need to camp for two nights

	Sparks	Brownies	Guides	Pathfinders	Rangers
Camp Preparation	2	2	3-5	3-5	3-5
Camp Cooking	2	2	3-5	3-5	3-5
Camp Skills	2	2	3-5	3-5	3-5
Outdoor Activities	1	1	2	2	2

All Branches: Complete the mandatory, “Be a No Trace Camper – leave your campsite in better condition than you found it.”

Guiders do the same number of challenges as the girls they are working with.

When you have fulfilled the requirements, complete the **BC Crests Order Form** found on the BC Girl Guides website <http://www.bc-girlguides.org/> (click on Program > Challenges & Activities > Provincial Challenges). Instructions on how to order the crests are provided on the form.

Planning and Preparing

When you are planning your camp, please refer to the BC progression of camping skills and help the girls to acquire those skills for each level. Be sure to get the girls involved and ask them which challenges they want to do.

<http://www.bc-girlguides.org/WEB/Documents/BC/camping/Progression-of-Camp-Skills.pdf>

Camp Preparation:

- Learn about and preventing Hyperthermia and Hypothermia
- Learn about and how to properly fit snow shoes
- Practice building and lighting a fire in the snow
- Learn about preventing and treating frostbite
- Play a Kim's game with items that you need to take on a Winter Camping trip
- Water proof your matches
- Prepare a 'change of plans activity' to do on a rainy or snowy day

Camp Cooking:

- Help plan the camp menu
- Help shop for the camp groceries
- Make a high energy treat
- Cook a complete one-pot meal
- Have a jello hunt in the snow
- Make S'Mores over a fire
- Prepare a meal that doesn't need a fire or stove

Camp Skills:

- Help at camp by taking part in a duty roster or chore chart
- Clean and dry a tent
- Camp with girls from outside your district
- Make and use a cloth napkin at camp
- Make two types of fire starters
- Learn and practise how to refuel a White Gas stove and lantern
- Learn about Avalanche Transceivers

Outdoor Activities:

- Go cross country skiing, snowshoeing or tobogganing/tubing
- Go skating outdoors
- Look for wildlife/signs of wildlife and trace or make casts of the animal tracks
- Make an ice/snow sculpture
- Make snow angels
- Use coloured ice cubes to place trail markings for younger girls to follow
- Build a Quinzee
- Make a snowman
- Take a picture of campers with G.G.C. cookies
- Look at the night sky and find 3 constellations

Be a No Trace Camper (required for every camping trip):

- Leave your campsite in better condition than you found it!

Completing the BC Camping Challenge

Want to earn the complete set of 5 BC Camping crests? Simply complete the other 4 challenges: Super Summer, Splendid Summer, Sensational Sleepover, and Fall Fun.



The BC Camping Committee can be reached at camp@bc-girlguides.org for questions and feedback!