



CUB SCOUTS WINTER ADVENTURES CHALLENGE

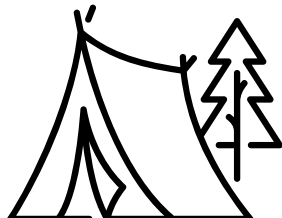
Discover the wonders of winter with a Cub Scout challenge that turns the colder months into a season of adventure! Whether you're spotting animal tracks in the snow, exploring frosty mornings, enjoying rainy-day hikes, or discovering signs of wildlife, every outing is an opportunity to learn something new. This challenge encourages Scouts to stay active, embrace the outdoors year-round, and develop skills through fun, hands-on experiences.

This challenge runs from January 1 through March 30.

Invite your den, pack, friends, and family to join you as you experience the unique beauty of winter. Every adventure—big or small—helps build confidence, curiosity, and a deeper appreciation for nature in every season.

Complete at least 25 activities from the list to earn your patch. Choose the adventures that excite you most, challenge yourself to try something new, and make this winter a season filled with exploration, discovery, and unforgettable memories.

1. Go on a winter bird spotting hike.
2. Go on a leaf and fern collection challenge by taking pictures of what you see.
3. In March, Signs of Spring Hike – Look for buds, flowers, insects, birds, frogs, and other signs of seasonal change.
4. Go on a forest sounds scavenger hunt
5. Catch snowflakes on black paper and examine them with a magnifying glass.
6. Build mini bridges from popsicle sticks
7. Have a marshmallow engineering contest
8. Build mini boats and race them in puddles
9. Talk about what to do in case of an emergency at home and practice exiting safely.
10. Go on a hike and bring hot cocoa to enjoy along the way. Great way to keep warm.
11. Create pinecone bird feeders for the birdies to enjoy thru the winter
12. Ice Melt Challenge – Test different materials and locations to see what makes ice melt faster or slower.
13. Practice lost hiker simulation
14. Visit a temperate rainforest
15. Go on a nature color hunt
16. Track rainfall for a week
17. Bundle up and go for a 30 neighborhood walk
18. Build a Mini Greenhouse - Test how a clear plastic cover affects temperature.
19. Build a tarp shelter
20. Practice taut-line knots
21. Become a wilderness wildlife detective on a hike. Make notes of what you see.
22. Complete 3 different trails
23. Learn about 5 native plants
24. Visit a pond ecosystem
25. Identify a cedar tree
26. Pack a hiking backpack
27. Hike at a state park
28. Build a hiking first aid kit. Talk with your family why each item is important for your kit.
29. Hike to a lighthouse
30. Identify a douglas fir
31. Find 3 different types of moss
32. Go on a one mile hike
33. Check on the bird friends and refill their feeders
34. Help maintain a trail thru the winter season.
35. Participate in a pack service project
36. Hike 2 miles
37. Design a rainproof structure
38. Build a catapult
39. Take a friend out on a hike
40. Go on a snow outing in the Cascades.
41. Take a drive to a local beach. Dress warm. Spend some time beachcombing.
42. Spend an entire day screen-free out on an adventure with your family.
43. Blow bubbles outside in freezing temperatures and observe crystal formation.
44. Build a model showing the water cycle and snow formation
45. Sketch a picture of a tree or plant and then re-sketch the tree or plant in spring or summer after the leaves grow back.
46. In February, go on a Heart-Shaped Nature Hunt – Look for naturally occurring heart shapes in leaves, rocks, tree formations, etc
47. Animal Tracking Adventure – Learn to identify tracks and investigate what animals are active during winter.
48. Growing Borax Snowflakes - Grow crystal snowflakes over several days
49. While participating in an activity on this list, record a quick video telling us why you love cub scouts.
50. Visit a historical site or trail. Learn of it's importance to the area.



Completed your 25 activities?
Get a fun patch!

Remember to Practice Leave No Trace: Plan Ahead, Travel & Camp on Durable Surfaces, Dispose of Waste Properly, Leave What You Find, Minimize Campfire Impacts, Respect Wildlife, and Be Considerate of Other Visitors.