

Fun things to do with Brownies

Have more ideas? Send updates to -- jdztchw@rochester.rr.com

- 1 Troop picnic in someone's backyard or a park

- 2 Go mini-golfing. New course in Victor Routes 96 & 251 or out to Egypt or Henrietta

- 3 Pen pals, contact a college friend or old neighbor and exchange names to write to that troop

- 4 Sleepover at girl's house, style hair, dress up, etc party

- 5 Ice skating indoors at RIT, ESL, Thomas Creek, Genesee Valley, outdoor rink on Route 251 Mendon past W Bloomfield Rd or Manhattan Square park (by Strong Museum downtown) 428-7541

- 6 Imax film at Rochester Museum & Science Center, www.rmssc.org

- 7 Public Market, see how much you can buy for \$10!, 280 North Union Street, keep parent-child ratio low it is busy Sat am, Weds am good too, 6 am-12

- 8 Bike ride (along canal Basin to Village, have ice-cream & ride back?) Rochester bike club might give talk with safety, repair, new routes, etc:
<http://www.rochesterbicyclingclub.org>

- 9 Beaver Lake Nature Center, West side of Syracuse, tons of programs, hike, canoe, bird watch, www.ongov.net/Parks

- 10 Syracuse zoo, 3 hr visit, much better than Rochester zoo, www.ongov.net/parks/zoo

- 11 Canoe, kayak, Bay Creek paddling, www.baycreek.com, (585) 288-2830 or <http://www.geneseewaterways.org/>

- 12 Visit Cole & Parks for behind scenes tour bake & eat cookies

- 13 Health topics, ask school nurse to talk to the girls

- 14 Talent show, practice and show off dance, songs and instruments at a nursing home or hospital

- 15 Save can & bottle receipts and donate \$ to a charity.

- 16 Visit other town's libraries downtown, Rundell is super (set up tour), Penfield is huge. Janes Branch is quaint, www.rochester.lib.ny.us/libhome.html or www.libraryweb.org

17	Invite older scouts to teach a skill (origami, do a craft, etc) or run a badge (dance, music, manners)
18	Invite older scouts to your troop meeting to talk about the next GS level
19	Hike with Cub Scout Pack 291 or just with troop Woodcliff at Garnsey is nice and close, hike in any park (www.monroecounty.gov), bring a plastic bag and collect litter as service
20	Friends Day, invite girls who are not scouts to a meeting and share a project/craft/etc., especially good in fall/spring to recruit
21	Bowling and pizza
22	Burroughs Audubon Nature Center. Located on Probst Rd nr RR Mills. Contact member to customize program. http://www.ggw.org/~banc
23	Papa Jack's ice cream. Route 96 Victor. Eat indoors or out. BE silly-wear summer clothes under winter coat in February
24	Craft- glue popsicle sticks or larger pickets together and paint as flag or paint red and white sticks in advance, glue stars in corner. Use as wall hanging, fridge magnet, coaster, etc
25	Have a father-daughter meeting. Make, decorate and eat Brownies. Take a hike. Play soccer or dodge ball, etc
26	Tie-dye or buy and fabric paint same bright color t-shirts or bandanas to decorate for field trips for easy way to ID girls on trips/parade/hike
27	Get craft supplies from the Recycle Shop corner of Blossom Rd and Winton. 654-4791. Behind Tops in Child Care facility
28	Art contest, maybe clay or recycled materials or string, or sketching. Hand out awards to everyone, Most creative, funniest, most serious, best... etc
29	April 22nd Leader Recognition Day-make supper for your leaders
30	Memorial Day Parade Town of Pittsford, Service Unit provides info in April
31	Girl Scout Sabbath/Sunday is the 1st Sunday in April. Contact your house of worship to set up project (serve coffee, wear vest, etc), recognition, special blessing, etc in advance.
32	Short hike to Daffodil meadow from Thornell (shorter hike) or from Park Rd, early May
33	Nature hunt. Contact jdztechw@rochester.rr.com for preprinted list with things to see, feel, hear, smell, etc
34	Scavenger hunt, hide and find the most things or make a list of things that begin with letter "S" and team that has longest list wins.

35	Make dog bones for Lollipop Farm or other animal shelter recipe at www.care2.com/channels/solutions/pets/28
36	Cake decorating, donate the cakes to RR Mills Group home, firehouse or other place
37	Pushka Kennels (Siberian Huskies AKC) Robert & Elaine Stauber, 507 Pitt. Henrietta Townline Road, 334-7116. Showed us his dogs, set up for mushing, good, care, etc
38	Therapy Dogs International Volunteer, works with seniors and kids, learn about dogs, Edith Krause 381-4507
39	Mall trip to compare prices/quality and select troop gift to donate at holiday or any time
40	Make loop potholders or plastic canvas coasters as gifts for family members or to donate
41	Invite a younger or same grade troop to your meeting and do something fun (origami, dance, fly kites, etc)
42	Make and donate table decorations for nursing home or Monroe Community Hospital (Donna Fitzgerald in Public Relations 760-6152)
43	Make notepaper for future troop thank yous, to donate or to write to pen pals.
44	Papa John's or Marks in Perinton Plaza, tour and make a personal pizza
45	Emergency Center/911 tour, Oct is Fire Safety Prevention, Steve Cusenz 528-2200, W Main at Ford St
46	Swim at Perinton Aquatics Center, Barb Cole, Laura Silin. Cost \$7/girl non-resident Open swim time. If at someone's home, hire life guards: Vosburgh sisters 385-4264, Tim Hucko 264-8568.
47	Visit other Pittsford Elem schools to compare and contrast, ask a teacher or para or student who was transferred to show you around
48	Ambulance Tour, stop by Pittsford and ask to set up tour
49	Candle making do it at a campout or meeting
50	Genesee Country Nature Center & Museum offers courses, www.gcv.org , 538-6822 x 262
51	Memorial Art Gallery, www.mag.rochester.edu

52	Susan B Anthony House tour, www.susanbanthonyhouse.org
53	Juggling Club, watch them, get some tips, http://home.earthlink.net/~sage2/RJC
54	Recycling Center tours, www.monroecounty.gov , 760-7526.
55	Visit Clark Animal Hospital in Penfield, Sue Hyland 377-1160 1 1/2-2 1/2 hr Fri pm or Sat
56	Attend a play or music program Middle or High School (get on Enews list via district), college or community (UR list @ www.rochester.edu/eastman/concerts and more at www.rochester.edu/pr/CDir/artmusic.html)
57	Play with clay to make things, learn about ceramics find a parent that has this hobby
58	Games Day. Bring and teach others new board or card games, or play chess
59	Origami party ask older girls/sisters to come help fold
60	Aquarium of Niagara -sleepover program with animal petting, sea lion show, www.niagarafallslive.com (716) 285-3575
61	Tops Cooking School cooking, pastry classes, www.topsmarkets.com , 663-5449 or 271-2448
62	Book Club, read a book before meeting and discuss or create a play or draw a scene, etc. ask to display posters in cafeteria or library to encourage others to read
63	Skit in a bag. Collect thing in a paper bag and make up a skit that uses all the items, great for campouts
64	Two minute speech. Write topics on 3x5 card. Have girls pick card and discuss all they know about the topic for 2 minutes, great for campouts
65	Learn more about computers, Association for Women in Computing, 461-1087 Paula Chapman
66	Learn about women's history. Florence Williams created patch as her Silver Award project. Check it out at GSGV.org site. March is National Women's History Month
67	Craft- make Balloon art. Wrap string around balloon, over large bowl pour fabric stiffener over, smooth off excess, drip dry 24-48 hr. burst balloon. Hot glue felt faces to make spider, pumpkin, ghost, pipe cleaners, eyes, etc
68	Learn the GS Promise in sign language or another language. Contact horloff@girlscouts.org for Am Sign Lang info or contact jdztechw@rochester.rr.com for ASL picture
69	Visit Artisan Workshop at Blossom Rd to see tons of artist's studios and artists working. Set up tour or check hours to just walk through. Can buy stuff.

70	In fall plant bulbs, in spring plant seeds or annuals or perennials at school, nursing home, church, etc. Make a plan to take care of it.
71	Take your Child to Work Day in mid-late April, girl can tell troop what she learned about jobs
72	Montezuma National Wild Life Preserve, work on Nature badge, www.fws.gov/R5MNWR
73	YMCA Ropes course, 4th grade at Park Rd does this, do it again!
74	Henrietta Post Office tour, book 1 month in advance, 272-5608
75	Star party, on campout or in someone's backyard bring binoculars, telescope and star chart
76	Take a walking tour of Pittsford. Contact town for pamphlet or jdztchw@rochester.rr.com
77	YMCA Camp Arrowhead to have an outdoor movie in their new amphitheatre
78	RPO open rehearsal, contact Adrienne Valencia, Dir of Ed & Outreach, 454-7311 avalencia@rpo.org
79	ABVI Goodwill tour contact Michelle Cavalli 232-1111 or mcavalli@abvi-goodwill.com
80	Penev's Gym girls did floor, vaults, bouncing, beam
81	Hula Dancing Kauai Galler Crystal Barn
82	Tennis lesson/fun Dave Strebel at Harley School
83	Raspberry picking, 2 crops, Munt Farm on Probst Rd or Chase Farm 459 Pannel Rd Egypt 986-3691 or check newspaper ads
84	Family swim party in someone's neighborhood pool/club. Hire lifeguard (see list elsewhere in list)
85	Apple picking at The Apple Farm in Victor, tractor ride to field, can donate fresh fruit/veggies to Pittsford Food cupboard (can't donate homemade food)
86	Scouting for Food Drive, end of March two Saturdays, Service Unit provides info
87	Plant bulbs for City of Rochester flower beds (Make A difference Day), Terry 303-5941 or at elderly person's home or another spot. Plant flowers too if you or owner can water them.

88	Collect & wash small toys (McDonald's type) to donate to St Monica's School. They use them as learning incentives and kids pick out gifts for family members.
89	Potato digging at Chase Farm 459 Pannel Rd Egypt 986-3691
90	Singing at Pittsford Candlelight Night caroling outside, early December, Greg Messner 381-6880
91	Make A Difference Day, late October annual event
92	Hillside Special Santas program, buy a gift for kids, Sally Bohne 256-7500
93	Make candles by dipping. Start with a string or use a cattail. Check internet for how to info. Make to donate or for self.
94	Corn Maze at Long Acre Farms in Macedon, getlost@longacrefarms.com . or 315-986-9821 Smaller maze at Maze Quest Cornfield Maze at Springdale Farm, Spencerport, 585-352-5320
95	Winter fun party at county parks for cross country ski, snow shoe, sledding (Webster is great), www.monroecounty.gov
96	Cross country skiing, Jefferson Road School let us borrow skis and ski on their fields
97	Town of Pittsford has Annual Family Halloween Festival in St John Fisher Field House. Look for info in Town Recreation Department schedule of events or call town
98	Craft-make elf hats from fleece and wear to perform at nursing home, make extras to give to some residents
99	Krispy Kreme tour and eat 424-7370
100	Make nametags to wear at meetings. Collect each week so you have them.
101	Visit Petco across from Pitts Plaza. The girls toured and earned try-it
102	Powers Farm Market on Marsh Road, pick out pumpkins, run in teepees
103	Within troop secret pen pal. Have girls bring letter for "secret" friend or give time at meeting to write short note, draw picture, etc and put in mailbox for delivery to girl.
104	Crescent Trail hike, do leaf rubbings, observe nature, eat gorp, discuss plants, animals, birds, etc
105	Halloween party, 4 groups to do : face painting, decorate cookies, paper bag masks, game (put on music and pass the gourd-one holding when music stops is out) wear/bring costume

106	pick country and concentrate on them for 3-4 mtgs. China: flag, tanagrams, lanterns, fish kites, eat chinese noodles, read folk tale, talk about panda, country, map, etc and Ghana: Ananse guides, p 88 handbook, story, coconut cookies, show on globe, equator, play tapatan.
107	Opening & closing structure, Get girls involved: 2 Flag bearers (USA and troop), 2 song singers (one to open, different one to close), 1 clean up commando (starts to friendship circle squeeze), announcement person Use kaper chart to track who does what job each time to be fair.
108	Write the name of the try-it/badge inside the vest with Sharpie marker to remember what it was
