

# Fun things to do with Juniors

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

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

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

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

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- 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

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- 6 Imax film at Rochester Museum & Science Center, [www.rmssc.org](http://www.rmssc.org)

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- 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

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- 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>

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- 9 Beaver Lake Nature Center, West side of Syracuse, tons of programs, hike, canoe, bird watch, [www.ongov.net/Parks](http://www.ongov.net/Parks)

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- 10 Syracuse zoo, 3 hr visit, much better than Rochester zoo, [www.ongov.net/parks/zoo](http://www.ongov.net/parks/zoo)

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

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

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

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

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

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- 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](http://www.rochester.lib.ny.us/libhome.html) or [www.libraryweb.org](http://www.libraryweb.org)

<b>17</b>	Invite older scouts to teach a skill (origami, do a craft, etc) or run a badge (dance, music, manners)
<b>18</b>	Invite older scouts to your troop meeting to talk about the next GS level
<b>19</b>	Hike with Cub Scout Pack 291 or just with troop Woodcliff at Garnsey is nice and close, hike in any park ( <a href="http://www.monroecounty.gov">www.monroecounty.gov</a> ), bring a plastic bag and collect litter as service
<b>20</b>	Friends Day, invite girls who are not scouts to a meeting and share a project/craft/etc., especially good in fall/spring to recruit
<b>21</b>	Bowling and pizza
<b>22</b>	Burroughs Audubon Nature Center. Located on Probst Rd nr RR Mills. Contact member to customize program. <a href="http://www.ggw.org/~banc">http://www.ggw.org/~banc</a>
<b>23</b>	Papa Jack's ice cream. Route 96 Victor. Eat indoors or out. BE silly-wear summer clothes under winter coat in February
<b>24</b>	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
<b>25</b>	Have a father-daughter meeting. Make, decorate and eat Brownies. Take a hike. Play soccer or dodge ball, etc
<b>26</b>	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
<b>27</b>	Get craft supplies from the Recycle Shop corner of Blossom Rd and Winton. 654-4791. Behind Tops in Child Care facility
<b>28</b>	Art contest, maybe clay or recycled materials or string, or sketching. Hand out awards to everyone, Most creative, funniest, most serious, best... etc
<b>29</b>	April 22nd Leader Recognition Day-make supper for your leaders
<b>30</b>	Memorial Day Parade Town of Pittsford, Service Unit provides info in April
<b>31</b>	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.
<b>32</b>	Short hike to Daffodil meadow from Thornell (shorter hike) or from Park Rd, early May
<b>33</b>	Nature hunt. Contact <a href="mailto:jdztchw@rochester.rr.com">jdztchw@rochester.rr.com</a> for preprinted list with things to see, feel, hear, smell, etc
<b>34</b>	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.

<b>35</b>	Make dog bones for Lollipop Farm or other animal shelter recipe at <a href="http://www.care2.com/channels/solutions/pets/28">www.care2.com/channels/solutions/pets/28</a>
<b>36</b>	Cake decorating, donate the cakes to RR Mills Group home, firehouse or other place
<b>37</b>	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
<b>38</b>	Therapy Dogs International Volunteer, works with seniors and kids, learn about dogs, Edith Krause 381-4507
<b>39</b>	Mall trip to compare prices/quality and select troop gift to donate at holiday or any time
<b>40</b>	Make loop potholders or plastic canvas coasters as gifts for family members or to donate
<b>41</b>	Invite a younger or same grade troop to your meeting and do something fun (origami, dance, fly kites, etc)
<b>42</b>	Make and donate table decorations for nursing home or Monroe Community Hospital (Donna Fitzgerald in Public Relations 760-6152)
<b>43</b>	Make notepaper for future troop thank yous, to donate or to write to pen pals.
<b>44</b>	Papa John's or Marks in Perinton Plaza, tour and make a personal pizza
<b>45</b>	Emergency Center/911 tour, Oct is Fire Safety Prevention, Steve Cusenz 528-2200, W Main at Ford St
<b>46</b>	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.
<b>47</b>	Visit other Pittsford Elem schools to compare and contrast, ask a teacher or para or student who was transferred to show you around
<b>48</b>	Ambulance Tour, stop by Pittsford and ask to set up tour
<b>49</b>	Candle making do it at a campout or meeting
<b>50</b>	Genesee Country Nature Center & Museum offers courses, <a href="http://www.gcv.org">www.gcv.org</a> , 538-6822 x 262
<b>51</b>	Memorial Art Gallery, <a href="http://www.mag.rochester.edu">www.mag.rochester.edu</a>

<b>52</b>	Susan B Anthony House tour, <a href="http://www.susanbanthonyhouse.org">www.susanbanthonyhouse.org</a>
<b>53</b>	Juggling Club, watch them, get some tips, <a href="http://home.earthlink.net/~sage2/RJC">http://home.earthlink.net/~sage2/RJC</a>
<b>54</b>	Recycling Center tours, <a href="http://www.monroecounty.gov">www.monroecounty.gov</a> , 760-7526.
<b>55</b>	Visit Clark Animal Hospital in Penfield, Sue Hyland 377-1160 1 1/2-2 1/2 hr Fri pm or Sat
<b>56</b>	Attend a play or music program Middle or High School (get on Enews list via district), college or community (UR list @ <a href="http://www.rochester.edu/eastman/concerts">www.rochester.edu/eastman/concerts</a> and more at <a href="http://www.rochester.edu/pr/CDir/artmusic.html">www.rochester.edu/pr/CDir/artmusic.html</a> )
<b>57</b>	Play with clay to make things, learn about ceramics find a parent that has this hobby
<b>58</b>	Games Day. Bring and teach others new board or card games, or play chess
<b>59</b>	Origami party ask older girls/sisters to come help fold
<b>60</b>	Aquarium of Niagara -sleepover program with animal petting, sea lion show, <a href="http://www.niagarafallslive.com">www.niagarafallslive.com</a> (716) 285-3575
<b>61</b>	Tops Cooking School cooking, pastry classes, <a href="http://www.topsmarkets.com">www.topsmarkets.com</a> , 663-5449 or 271-2448
<b>62</b>	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
<b>63</b>	Skit in a bag. Collect thing in a paper bag and make up a skit that uses all the items, great for campouts
<b>64</b>	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
<b>65</b>	Learn more about computers, Association for Women in Computing, 461-1087 Paula Chapman
<b>66</b>	Learn about women's history. Florence Williams created patch as her Silver Award project. Check it out at <a href="http://GSGV.org">GSGV.org</a> site. March is National Women's History Month
<b>67</b>	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
<b>68</b>	Learn the GS Promise in sign language or another language. Contact <a href="mailto:horloff@girlscouts.org">horloff@girlscouts.org</a> for Am Sign Lang info or contact <a href="mailto:jdztechw@rochester.rr.com">jdztechw@rochester.rr.com</a> for ASL picture
<b>69</b>	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.

<b>70</b>	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.
<b>71</b>	Take your Child to Work Day in mid-late April, girl can tell troop what she learned about jobs
<b>72</b>	Montezuma National Wild Life Preserve, work on Nature badge, <a href="http://www.fws.gov/R5MNWR">www.fws.gov/R5MNWR</a>
<b>73</b>	YMCA Ropes course, 4th grade at Park Rd does this, do it again!
<b>74</b>	Henrietta Post Office tour, book 1 month in advance, 272-5608
<b>75</b>	Star party, on campout or in someone's backyard bring binoculars, telescope and star chart
<b>76</b>	Take a walking tour of Pittsford. Contact town for pamphlet or <a href="mailto:jdztchw@rochester.rr.com">jdztchw@rochester.rr.com</a>
<b>77</b>	YMCA Camp Arrowhead to have an outdoor movie in their new amphitheatre
<b>78</b>	RPO open rehearsal, contact Adrienne Valencia, Dir of Ed & Outreach, 454-7311 <a href="mailto:avalencia@rpo.org">avalencia@rpo.org</a>
<b>79</b>	ABVI Goodwill tour contact Michelle Cavalli 232-1111 or <a href="mailto:mcavalli@abvi-goodwill.com">mcavalli@abvi-goodwill.com</a>
<b>80</b>	Penev's Gym girls did floor, vaults, bouncing, beam
<b>81</b>	Hula Dancing Kauai Galler Crystal Barn
<b>82</b>	Tennis lesson/fun Dave Strebel at Harley School
<b>83</b>	Raspberry picking, 2 crops, Munt Farm on Probst Rd or Chase Farm 459 Pannel Rd Egypt 986-3691 or check newspaper ads
<b>84</b>	Family swim party in someone's neighborhood pool/club. Hire lifeguard (see list elsewhere in list)
<b>85</b>	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)
<b>86</b>	Scouting for Food Drive, end of March two Saturdays, Service Unit provides info
<b>87</b>	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.

<b>88</b>	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.
<b>89</b>	Potato digging at Chase Farm 459 Pannel Rd Egypt 986-3691
<b>90</b>	Singing at Pittsford Candlelight Night caroling outside, early December, Greg Messner 381-6880
<b>91</b>	Make A Difference Day, late October annual event
<b>92</b>	Hillside Special Santas program, buy a gift for kids, Sally Bohne 256-7500
<b>93</b>	Make candles by dipping. Start with a string or use a cattail. Check internet for how to info. Make to donate or for self.
<b>94</b>	Corn Maze at Long Acre Farms in Macedon, <a href="mailto:getlost@longacrefarms.com">getlost@longacrefarms.com</a> . or 315-986-9821 Smaller maze at Maze Quest Cornfield Maze at Springdale Farm, Spencerport, 585-352-5320
<b>95</b>	Winter fun party at county parks for cross country ski, snow shoe, sledding (Webster is great), <a href="http://www.monroecounty.gov">www.monroecounty.gov</a>
<b>96</b>	Cross country skiing, Jefferson Road School let us borrow skis and ski on their fields
<b>97</b>	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
<b>98</b>	Craft-make elf hats from fleece and wear to perform at nursing home, make extras to give to some residents
<b>99</b>	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.
<b>100</b>	Crescent Trail hike, do leaf rubbings, observe nature, eat gorp, discuss plants, animals, birds, etc
<b>101</b>	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
<b>102</b>	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.
<b>103</b>	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.
<b>104</b>	Write the name of the try-it/badge inside the vest with Sharpie marker to remember what it was

<b>105</b>	Build Bluebird houses-donate some, plans at <a href="http://www.bygpub.com/bluebird">www.bygpub.com/bluebird</a> or make bat houses
<b>106</b>	GS Council Religious Recognitions, <a href="http://www.gsgv.org">www.gsgv.org</a> , select "What can girls do" then "religious recognitions"
<b>107</b>	Whittling, ask Cub/Boy Scouts to teach girls on bar of soap or balsa wood. Also knife safety. (parents transport knives to school)
<b>108</b>	Howe Caverns, near Cooperstown NY, ride boat through cave, <a href="http://www.Howecaverns.com">www.Howecaverns.com</a>
<b>109</b>	Rock Ventures rock climbing, 4 hr visit or lock-ins for older scouts, get leaders & age 13+ trained as belays, 442-5462
<b>110</b>	Herkimer Diamond Mine, Herkimer NY (E of Syracuse), <a href="http://www.herkimerdiamond.com">www.herkimerdiamond.com</a> , could stay \$75 YMCA Little Falls Joan Carrig (315)823-1740,
<b>111</b>	Letchworth, camping, rafting, hiking, <a href="http://www.nysparks.state.ny.us">www.nysparks.state.ny.us</a> , consider bridging on a real bridge
<b>112</b>	Play and read with preschoolers (3 yr) afterschool-City School #7, Noreen Green 381-7047, 31 Bryan St
<b>113</b>	Quilting, paint quilt pieces and learn to sew them together to make a quilt to donate (Aids Babies)
<b>114</b>	Make soap. Lorrain Jackson exhibited at NYS Fair. She had a great demo. 315-536-0539 Penn Yan, NY. Make to donate or for self
<b>115</b>	Learn about careers, Invite spouse, neighbor, friend to talk about his/her job
<b>116</b>	Rochester Orienteering Club invites participation at events, 377-5650
<b>117</b>	Old Fort Niagara, visit, watch reenactment, stay overnight, <a href="http://www.oldfortniagara.org">www.oldfortniagara.org</a>
<b>118</b>	Challenger Learning Center 6th graders go with Science class, but fun a second time, <a href="http://www.rmssc.org">www.rmssc.org</a>
<b>119</b>	Invite a masseuse to talk to your troop
<b>120</b>	George Eastman House tour. Mid Nov- mid Dec there is a Gingerbread House exhibit (Sweet Creation). Kathy Carroll 271-3361 x 238 for tour. To enter a house register in late October Kathy Connor 271-3361 x242
<b>121</b>	Earn cool Dog Mushing badge @ <a href="http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Hollow/8325/mushing.html">www.geocities.com/Heartland/Hollow/8325/mushing.html</a> . Locally contact <a href="http://webpace.ccsisp.com/siberian/Seneca/sshcbio.htm">http://webpace.ccsisp.com/siberian/Seneca/sshcbio.htm</a> . 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

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<b>122</b>	Mutual of America CentsAbility. Learn to implement key concepts and skills related to personal money mgmt See Diana Bauman @ GS Council
<b>123</b>	Niagara Falls power plant, great hands-on demos, <a href="http://www.infoniagara.com/d-att-hydro.html">www.infoniagara.com/d-att-hydro.html</a>
<b>124</b>	Learn about Pittsford, ask for tour of court below library or a trip to town hall, see maps, talk with building guy, etc, <a href="http://www.townofpittsford.com/government">www.townofpittsford.com/government</a>
<b>125</b>	High Falls laser light show, wander around, <a href="http://www.highfallsrochester.com">www.highfallsrochester.com</a>
<b>126</b>	Visit WXXI or other TV/radio studio to learn about the media
<b>127</b>	Pike Stained Glass Studios 180 St Paul St. crafts and restores stained glass windows and works. JZ has D&C article 3/03. Contact for possible tour
<b>128</b>	Mt Hope Cemetery tour, most Sunday afternoons , 461-3494, <a href="http://www.fomh.org/news.htm">http://www.fomh.org/news.htm</a>
<b>129</b>	5th graders have Basic Aid Training in Health-easy to finish First Aid badge
<b>130</b>	Outdoor movie at Highland park, was free, <a href="http://www.monroecounty.gov">www.monroecounty.gov</a>
<b>131</b>	U of R Science in Action Engineering Day, GS Council publicize in course book

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