

Outdoor Art Creator

Activity Choice Descriptions

Walk your girls through the activity choices and let them decide which ones they like best.

MEETING 2 ACTIVITY CHOICES

Dance or Make Music Outdoors

Play a Nature Dance Game: On index cards, write names or draw pictures of animals or insects that have fun movements, like how a snake slithers, a deer leaps, and a grasshopper hops. Then go outside with a friend. Take turns picking a card and moving like that animal. Have the other person guess which animal is being acted out.

Write an Earth Song: Go on an outdoor walk and make up a song. Use the sounds you hear, like the tweeting of a bird or water running in a stream, to help create your song.

Make a Wind Chime: All you need is a stick, some yarn or string, and some objects to hang together that will create a sound when they move in the wind. For example, you can string up keys, tin cans, shells, stones, old flatware, or soda bottle tops.

Be a Nature Photographer

Take Pictures from a Miniature World: Pick something tiny in nature—it could be an ant in a garden or a butterfly in your backyard. Pretend to shrink yourself and take pictures with a camera or smartphone as if you were the ant or butterfly.

Make a Video about Something in Nature: Use a video camera or smartphone to take a video of something outside from different angles. How does looking at the object from a different angle change the image in the camera? Create a story to go with your video.

No Camera? No Worries!: Go outside to draw or paint a picture of what you see. Use a magnifying glass to see details. You can also draw a picture of your backyard and add something that's not there, like a unicorn, bird, or butterfly. Use your imagination!

Design with Nature

Build a Brownie Elf House Outdoors: Pretend Brownie Elf and friends are 3 inches tall and need a place to live outdoors. What kind of home can you make for them? Look for a place to build in your backyard, in the woods, or even on the beach. Use mud, rocks, leaves, twigs, feathers, dry grass, pinecones, shells, and anything else you find to create a Brownie Elf house.

Create a Mini Garden: It could be a box garden where you grow plants and flowers that smell nice. If you need to, start your seeds indoors in an empty egg carton, then replant outdoors. Or collect stones, rocks, and gravel, and then arrange them as a design in a special area outside.

Make Window Art: Go outside to get ideas for what you want to create. Use washable paint or markers to re-create your outdoor scene on the window. You may also cut out nature shapes from colored cellophane or tissue paper to temporarily paste or tape on your window.