

Outdoor Art Explorer

Tips Before Takeoff

Staying safe will make earning this badge more fun, so before you step outside, check out this list:

- Don't go alone. Make sure an adult you know joins you on your outdoor adventure.
- **Dress the part.** Sunny out? Don't forget the sunscreen! Cold out? Zip up! Wear protective clothing—like a jacket, a hat, and gloves. Hiking a trail? Wear hiking shoes.
- Pack for safety. Bring a backpack with a reusable bottle of water. Optional: a first aid kit with bandages and antibiotic cream, a whistle, a flashlight with batteries, and a camera.
- **Stay connected.** Bring a cell phone in case you need to contact someone for help. If you don't have a phone, make sure an adult with you does—and that the phone has good reception.
- **Be aware of your surroundings.** Pay attention to where you walk. Keep an eye out for signs, especially if you're hiking a trail that goes in different directions.