



girl scouts

of the chesapeake bay

# Camp the Peninsula Camp Country Center

## All Grade Level Patch



The "Camp the Peninsula" patch program consists of four segments: Camp Country Center, Camp Grove Point, Camp Todd and Camp Sandy Pines. Each patch has requirements that include activities in environmental awareness, skill development, service and history. These patches are designed to be completed in one day and overnight camping is not required.

To earn this patch:

Daisy - complete the two starred requirements

Brownie - complete the two starred requirements plus one additional requirement

Junior - complete the two starred requirements plus two additional requirement

Cadette, Senior and Ambassador - complete the two starred requirements plus three additional requirement

- 1.\* Take a nature hike, looking for and identifying at least two of each of the following: trees, plants, animals or insects, man-made problems such as erosion.
2. Take a fun and fitness hike, stopping along the way to do one of these activities each time:
  - **Deep breathing:** Raise your arms over your head while taking a deep breath, lower them slowly as you breathe out (3 times).
  - **Observing:** Look around you and find 5 things you would not normally see (a bug crawling on the ground, individual pieces of grass, etc.)
  - **Jumping Jacks:** See how many jumping jacks you can do in one minute.
  - **Singing:** With your group, sing a favorite camp song.
  - **Hunting:** Can you find a seed or acorn? Something that will grow...
  - **Balance:** Draw a line about 10' long or lay down a piece of string or rope. Can you walk along it without "falling off?"
  - **Playing:** With your group, play a game or do a relay.
  - **Safety:** Name three safety rules you should remember when walking through the woods.
3. Draw a map of Camp Country Center include the buildings and paths.
4. Plan and carry out a ceremony with your troop, such as a flag ceremony or a Scout's Own.
- 5.\* Learn about Camp Country Center's history.\* (answers on next page)
  - A. How did we get this camp?
  - B. What is a Lou Henry Hoover camp?
  - C. Name some of the day camps that have been held there.
  - D. Learn a little about the Wider Op for Older Girls that was held here in 1976.
5. Do a service project at camp. (Plant flowers, gather wood and store it carefully, pick up trash, wash windows. Check with camp ranger for camp needs.)
6. Learn or show proficiency in one of the following camp skills: tie 3 knots (include the square and an overhand knot), learn first aid skills you need to know at camp, learn how to use a compass or build a fire following safety rules and extinguish it properly.

\*A notebook of Camp Country Center's history is located in the Troop House. Basic information can be found in this booklet to answer the questions.

## Camp Country Center History Answers

- A. The property was donated to the Wilmington Area Girl Scout Council in 1941 by W.T. Grant, owner of the W.T. Grant chains of stores. Originally the property included land on both sides of Sharpless Road totaling 132 acres.
- B. A Lou Henry Camp was a memorial sanctuary project were camps were established to honor the wife of elected President of GSUSA and once as Honorary President. The sanctuary's purpose was to provide a setting where Girl Scouts can gain a better understanding of the interrelationships of all forms of life.
- C. 1953-1991 Summer Fun, later called Camp Country Center Day Camp, a volunteer run day camp  
1987-1995 Summer in the Country, an extended hours summer day camp sponsored by CBGSC.  
1984-1993 Summer fun in the Country, a volunteer run day camp.
- D. A national Girl Scout event, " Colonial Pathway," was held in 1974. Seventy- four Girl Scouts from 44 states and the Panama Canal Zone spent one week at Camp Todd and one week at Camp Country Center. Participants learned the historic significance of the area and made Early-American crafts.

