

Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore

Virtual Badge Breaks

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There are so many things to love about nature like the flowers, the wildlife, the sun, the trees and much more. One of the best ways to make the world a better place is to learn how to care for nature! You learned how to do that during the **Virtual Badge Break** when you went over=

Seven Principles to Help Us Keep Nature Safe.

1. Know before you go
2. Choose the right path
3. Trash your trash
4. Leave what you find
5. Be careful with fire
6. Respect wildlife
7. Be kind to other visitors

You can be prepared to protect nature before you go outdoors by going over the seven principles list AND making sure you have key things like, water and a snack, wearing the right clothes and shoes for the weather or area, and knowing what kind of plants and wildlife you might see.

DRAW a picture of your favorite thing to see in nature. (Did this during the **Virtual Badge Break**) Don't forget that by following the seven principles you are also helping keep living things safe when you walk in nature.

Use the attached S.W.A.P. (Some Whatchamacallit Affectionately Pinned) template: print out, color, cut, cover in tape to protect and attach to a safety pin. Make for others as well to Take Action and spread the word.

To help you think about what doesn't belong in nature and a reminder to prevent trash in nature, create a "Mystery Feel Box". Use an empty show box or box of similar size with a lid and make a hole big enough for you to only put your hand in. Fill the box with things you would find in nature like a leaf (from the ground, never pull it from a tree as it is still alive when it is connected to the tree) a rock, sand, feather or anything else you can think of. Also include things that don't belong in nature like a pencil, straw, napkin, etc. Have each person from your family put their hand through the hole in the box and guess the mystery. Make sure to put things found in nature back where you found them as they may help nature for example: pinecones have seeds for new trees, seashells can be home for hermit crabs or break down to provide nutrients for organisms that live in the sand. Plus you may leave things so that other people can enjoy seeing them too.

Share a photo of your nature drawing or you trying the Mystery Box activity with the hashtag **#GSJSChallenge** or via the photo submission page on our website for other Girl Scouts to follow along. [[GSfun.org/photoshare](https://www.gsfun.org/photoshare)]

SWAPS TEMPLATE

