

# THE WIGWAM CHALLENGE



## Welcome to the Girlguiding Dundee Wigwam Challenge!




Girlguiding Dundee have been fundraising like crazy and the first wigwam landed at Newbigging Outdoor Centre in 2013. We now have a total of three Wigwams and we would like more wigwams so we can welcome more Wigwamming visitors!

Wigwams, the outdoors and Girlguiding at its heart. We have designed this pack to be fun and challenging, for a wide age range of girls and young women; whilst building on skills gained by being a member of Girlguiding.

### Wigwam Sections are:

- W Wigwams Today
- I Imagination
- G Guiding
- W Wigwam History
- A Activity
- M Making

### Suggested minimum completion:

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|  | RAINBOWS       | 4 clauses from different sections                    |
|  | BROWNIES       | 1 clause from each section                           |
|  | GUIDES & OLDER | 1 clause from each section & 2 more from any section |

You could do this badge with your unit or in a small group over a few meetings, at a weekend or a sleepover, you could even visit Newbigging to do it.

Please consider the environment and recycle where possible.

All guiding activities should take place in a safe environment, according to the policies of The Guiding Manual. Make sure members are appropriately supervised and know how to use equipment safely.

We are keen to share your ideas, please take a photo of your activity/challenge and send it to us at [girlguidingdundee@yahoo.com](mailto:girlguidingdundee@yahoo.com), under subject please insert "wigwam challenge badge".

Please ensure all photos have been approved, as we may post it on our website,

<http://www.girlguiding-dundee.org.uk/wigwams.html>



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## BADGE ORDER FORM



Please complete the following form and send it with your cheque payable to City of Dundee Guides Newbigging Outdoor Centre to the address below. If you have any queries please contact us at: [girlguidingdundee@yahoo.com](mailto:girlguidingdundee@yahoo.com)

Prices are £1 per badge, they can be collected from our Girlguiding Dundee Shop or add: 75p p&p for 1 or 2, £2.00 p&p (upto 20 badges) or £3.00 P&P (upto 100 badges); these prices are for UK shipping - overseas can be posted out at an additional cost.

Note we also have Girlguiding Dundee Wigwam logo bags @ £2.50, Pencils @ £1, Pens @ £1.50, available at the Girlguiding Dundee Guide Shop. <http://www.girlguiding-dundee.org.uk/guide-shop> or posted subject to p&p

Contact Name	
Unit Name	
Contact Telephone Number	
Postal Address including postcode	

Number of Badges required	
Postage and packaging:	
Confirm amount of cheque enclosed:	

Please return this order form with a cheque (including postage charge) to:

**The Wigwam Challenge**  
**c/o Mrs Stacey Caie**  
**244 Arbroath Road**  
**Dundee**  
**DD4 7SB**

Thank you for your support as the funds raised by the sale of badges will contribute to:  
Girlguiding Dundee Newbigging Outdoor Centre Wigwams

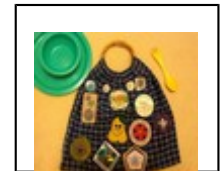
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## Section 1 WIGWAM W = WIGWAMS TODAY

*These clauses are useful for planning your own wigwam camp:*

1. 1. A friend is visiting your wigwam camp and needs to know which wigwam is yours.  
Choose a name for your wigwam, make a sign and remember to make it suitable for out-of-doors.
1. 2. Choose a wigwam group/six/patrol name and make name badges.
1. 3. You are preparing for your wigwam weekend camp, discuss the following with your group and make up: (remember to pick a theme)
  - a) Activities & timetable poster (you may select some of the wigwam challenges)
  - b) Duties poster (decide how to share looking after your wigwam, i.e. orderly, cooks etc)
  - c) Menu poster (is there is something for all?)
  - d) Kit list (who's going to bring what?)
  - e) Ground rules (i.e. no gum, no mobile phones, have fun etc)
1. 4. Essentials for camp - make one of the following with a wigwam/camping theme, remember to write your name on it:
  - a) Dish bag - to put your dishes and cutlery, so they don't get lost
  - b) Sitter - to sit on for activities or meal times
  - c) Start a camp blanket - for ideas, ask your guiding friends to visit with their camp blankets.
1. 5. One of your activities is a morning hike; make up a small first-aid kit.
1. 6. Plan and cook a meal for two, using an outdoor gas burner and then eat it with only a spork and plate.
1. 7. Have a PJ party sleep over in a wigwam; why not make your own wigwam from sheets and blankets? Or use it for a pow-wow or a den
1. 8. Recycle on camp. The wigwam is the perfect eco friendly holiday unit requiring minimum maintenance, easy to clean, easy to manage and built to last. Let's now think about recycling. Do one of the following and discuss with your unit:
  - a) Why is recycling important for our environment? - write a short story.
  - b) Make a sign to encourage others to "Turn lights off", display it in your local hall or at home. Then, for one week, challenge your family to turn off lights in empty rooms
  - c) In the dark, challenge a small group to make up a campfire turn with a wigwam theme and only use wind up torches for lighting.



### Useful References:

Energy Saving Trust - <http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/Electricals/Lighting>  
 Girlguiding Dundee - <http://www.girlguiding-dundee.org.uk/wigwams.html>  
 Recycling - <http://www.benefits-of-recycling.com/recyclingforkids/>  
 Recycle - <http://www.recycling-guide.org.uk/>  
 Recycle instrument - <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/default.aspx?page=5893>  
 Recycle symbols - [http://www.recycle-more.co.uk/images/static/resources/plastic\\_symbols.pdf](http://www.recycle-more.co.uk/images/static/resources/plastic_symbols.pdf)  
 Recycling Poster - <http://www.pkc.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=1282&p=0>



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## Section 2 WIGWAM I = IMAGINATION

*Use your imagination to complete these clauses with a wigwam theme:*



2. 1. Design, draw and/or colour your own wigwam picture, or postcard - see appendix
2. 2. Write a Wigwam song or poem or a story or newspaper article describing a real or imaginary visit or stay in a Wigwam. You can send it to us at: [newbigging@girlguidingdundee.org.uk](mailto:newbigging@girlguidingdundee.org.uk)
2. 3. Make a headress using any materials you find indoors or outside!
2. 4. Have a board game or traditional games themed evening - dont forget charades or cards, dominoes, draughts etc! Or you could design a board game for your unit to play.
2. 5. Survive without electricity/gadgets for a day
2. 6. Go on a wigwam scavenger hunt, or complete a acrostic poem using the letters from WIGWAM
2. 7. Make a wigwam themed collage, why not use recycled materials?
2. 8. Make Wigwam themed biscuits or gingerbread & decorate & flavour them - you could sell them to raise funds to buy badges
2. 9. Experiment with leaf prints to make pretty cards or some other keepsake
2. 10. Can you make up a wigwam dance and share it with your six, patrol or unit, or teach your friends
2. 11. Invent a code to communicate a secret message
2. 12. Use your body to make a wigwam shape or spell out the word wigwam with your six, patrol or unit

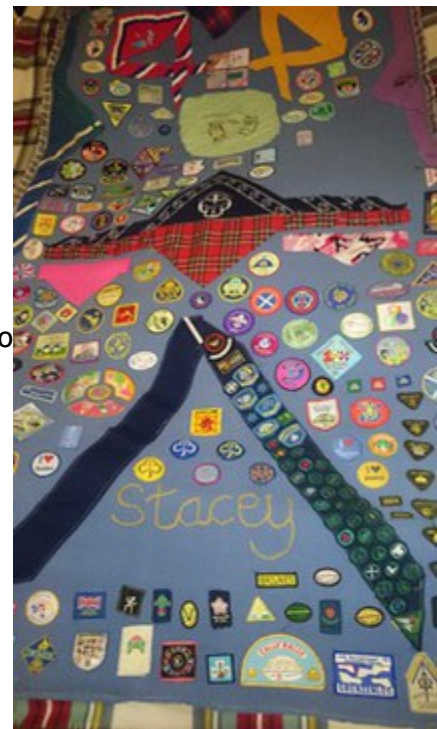
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## Section 3 WIGWAM G = GUIDING

These clauses are inspired by traditional Guiding camping skills:

3. 1. Pack a rucksack for a wigwam/camping weekend - what would you pack at the top?
3. 2. Camp blankets are full of memories and mementoes from camps, holidays and friends, why not start your own with the wigwam badge as it can get cold on camp, ask your local Trefoil Guild to visit with their blankets.
3. 3. Light a candle to toast some marshmallows to make smores
3. 4. Have a go at Pioneering the art of using ropes and spars; joined by lashings and knots to create a structure of any scale.
3. 5. Hold a campfire, dont forget to sing your wigwam song!
3. 6. It's a tradition to take the cold ashes from a campfire to the next one you visit to keep the embers burning, why not give it a go? Collect some cold ashes in a suitable container
3. 7. Make your own dishbag for camp
3. 8. Have a go at making some outdoor gadgets, such as wellie pegs, pot stands, bedding racks, sink racks etc.
3. 9. Why not make a frame as a keepsake, square lash some bamboo with string or, from twigs tied with reef knots to make a picture frame
3. 10. Lay a trail for your guiding friends to follow
3. 11. Cook a meal or dessert using traditional backwood cooking skills.
3. 12. Think about the Girlguiding Promise & Law and participate in an outdoor activity, game or event to share this with others.



## Section 4 WIGWAM W = WIGWAM HISTORY

### *What is a traditional wigwam?*

4. 1. Wigwams are often mistaken for a tipi which is a more portable structure, can you investigate 3 differences between them and share these in an interesting way with your group
4. 2. A wigwam was a transient domed room used by some native North American tribes as a home and is still used for ceremonial purposes. The curved surfaces make it an ideal shelter. The wigwam is not to be confused with the Native Plains tipi, which has a very different construction, structure and use. Think about other places people call home and make a display, quiz or activity.
4. 3. Identify where in the world wigwams originate and the people who lived there; then create a poster to share with your guiding friends.
4. 4. Wigwams were traditionally formed with a frame of arched poles and covered with material. Why not try making a wigwam out of recycled materials such as plastic bottles and use it as a green house to see what you can grow or find another use for your structure?
4. 5. Wigwams begin with a circle drawn in the ground with a diameter of about three to five metres. Can you create a space this size and see how many members of your unit you can fit into the space?
4. 6. Think about and find out what it would have been like to live in a traditional wigwam, living, cooking, eating and sleeping around a central hearth. Discuss as a group.
4. 7. Wigwam people would hunt and collect local foods such as game, fish, rice, corn, beans, squash and berries - anything that's available off the land.
  - a) Discuss within your Unit these foods, how they were collected and cooked?
  - b) Can you prepare a dish from locally sourced food to your location?
4. 8. Hunting with bows and arrows was key to sourcing food, can you make a bow and arrow, then challenge to see who can hit a suitable target. Or have a go at your local Archery range or book it as an activity at Newbigging
4. 9. Dress a member of your unit in an outfit worn by wigwam dwellers.





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## Section 5 WIGWAM A=ACTIVITY

*Lets get active, remember the wigwam theme with these activities:*

5. 1. Try the Wigwam word challenge - how many words can you make out of the letters from the words: **“WIGWAM CHALLENGE BADGES”**

5. 2. Have a go at some team games, or make up a wide game or try Wigwam Tig - make the shape of a wigwam when your caught



5. 3. Have a go at braiding each others hair

5. 4. Learn how to use semaphore and send a message to another team, you could even make your own semaphore flags

5. 5. Make up and challenge others to complete a Wigwam Quiz

5. 6. Do the Wigwam wordsearch - see appendix

5. 7. Do the wigwam dot to dot - see appendix

5. 8. Create a wordle in the shape of a wigwam

5. 9. Make a wigwam doodle with the date and names of your patrol that sleep in the wigwam.



5. 10. Find 5 different trees, identify them and take some bark rubbings, present them in an interesting way

5. 11. Can you camouflage yourself into your surroundings? Have a game of hide and seek

5. 12. Using your senses, taste, feel or smell your way round items to guess what they are whilst blindfolded

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## Section 6 **WIGWAM** **M** = **MAKING**

*These craft ideas are fun to try, to make a keepsake, give as a gift and you may even make enough to sell for fundraising:*

6. 1. Get creative with Face Paints

6. 2. Design a t-shirt, on paper or you could even have a go with fabric paints or try cold water tie-dyeing, you could even make your own neckers or camp pillow-case to tie-dye or decorate.



6. 3. Make a tealight holder from a recycled tin can, glass jar or anything else you can find. If you are using a recycled tin can, fill it with water and put it in the freezer before you start, it makes it easier to puncture the sides with a hammer and nail.

6. 4. Have a go at Pyrography - decorating wood with burn marks

6. 5. Get crafty - make a model wigam from any materials you have such as felt, foam, beads, Hamma Beads or any other materials you have



6. 6. Colour a Newbigging Wigwam bag - £2.50 each, see order form

6. 7. Complete a cross-stitch wigwam - see appendix

6. 8. Have a go at growing your own food, vegetables, fruit or herbs

6. 9. Make a Pet log and ask your friends to write 'what they like about you' on a piece of paper and wrap it round your pet log to keep it warm.



6. 10. Make a gift for a friend, some suggestions are: (this clause can be completed twice)

a dreamcatcher

Make a logshaped sweet wigwam

a friendship bracelet

A crocheted keepsake

a scoobie keyring

A Friendship stick

whittlie a totem pole or woggle

Make a cake the shape of a wigwam or tent

a woodman - your own wigwam friend

A knotted paracord bracelet or zipper pull