

## Girl Scouts of Kentucky's Wilderness Road Council



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### Brownie Caving Try-It



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- 1.) Visit a commercial cave with your troop or view a video of a famous cave.
- 2.) Learn how bats "see" at night. Play "Bat and Moth."  
Have girls stand in a circle holding hands. Choose four girls to be moths and one girl to be the bat. Blindfold the bat. The object is for the bat to catch a moth by simulating "echolocation". To do this, every time the bat says "Moth", each moth will have to respond by saying "moth" as if the words said by the bat are bouncing or echoing off of the moths. Switch players often to allow everyone the chance to be bats and moths.
- 3.) Make a clay model of a cave.  
Use a box as the cave and add cave formations with clay. The following is a good clay recipe to use because the salt adds a slight sparkle. Add paper cutouts of bats, salamanders, and any other cave life about which you may have learned.  
Clay recipe: Mix 1 cup of flour and 1 cup of salt together. Then add as little water as possible until the mixture becomes like a dough.
- 4.) Make a "pretend" cave out of several large boxes and practice duck-walking, crawling, belly-crawling, and bear-walking.
- 5.) Learn about how your flashlight works. Practice taking your flashlight apart, changing the batteries and changing the lightbulb.
- 6.) With your troop, go in a room with no windows and turn off the lights. Sit completely quiet for one minute to feel what it is like in a cave with no lights. After turning the lights back on, talk about your feelings about the dark with your troop.
- 7.) Try on some caving equipment. Know why cavers dress the way they do OR invite a caver to come to your troop meeting and show you her equipment.

#### Take a look at the other Awards from Our Council

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