

Marine Life Brownie Try It



Bronze Award project by Jessica Ehrlich and Emma Grubb, March 2008 Junior Girl Scout Troop #489, Camp Courtney

Complete 4 requirements. Be sure to choose at least 1 from each section – Discover-Connect-Take Action.

Discover:

1. Underwater Charades. Take turns picking an underwater animal. Act out the animal's actions and see if your friends can guess what you are. Use the animal reference cards or pick your own. For each animal chosen, talk about what is unique or interesting about that animal.
2. Shell Explorer. Pick up shells at the beach or look at a shell collection. How are the shells different and how are they the same? What animals do you think used to live in the shells? How did they feed? How did they move? If at the beach, remember that Girl Scouts take only pictures and leave only footprints – leave the shells you find at the beach.

Connect:

3. Underwater Arts. Draw a picture or make a craft of an underwater animal. Try the attached stuffed Sea Turtle, or use another design. Learn a little about your animal.
4. Underwater Creativity. Make up a song, cheer or dance about underwater animals. Need inspiration? Check out the sea animal reference cards attached or books about sea creatures. Show your troop or group.
5. Aquarium Explorer. Visit the aquarium and learn about the animals. Make sure to go to the touch tank. Talk about how the animals move, what they eat and where you might find them.
6. Beach Brownies. Go to the beach at low tide and look at the animals in the tide pools and on the beach. Make sure to wear protective footwear. Talk about what you thought you would find and what you actually found.

Take Action:

7. Sea Service. Discuss what types of litter you might find at the beach and how it can affect the animals. Help your local beach clean by picking up trash or arrange to perform another service project to protect Okinawa's beaches.
8. Animal Protector. Learn about the Loggerhead Sea turtle or another endangered species found in the waters around Okinawa. With your troop, group or family, discuss steps you can take to protect the environment and these creatures.