

Minnesota Nice

Developed by Shakopee Girl Scout Troop 1601 in 2006

1. Taste foods native to Minnesota either that grow here native or food companies that started in Minnesota.
 - a. Native Foods- Wild Rice, Corn, Blueberries, Strawberries, Raspberries, Pin Cherries, Cranberries, Chokecherries, Wheat
 - b. Food Companies started in Minnesota- Pearson Candy Company, Malt-o-Meal, Pillsbury, Hormel, General Mills, Famous Dave's, Land-o-Lakes, Schwan's Food Company

2. Folklore is a big part of all societies. Paul Bunyan is one of Minnesota's great folk heroes. Read a story of Paul Bunyan to learn his legend.

3. Many companies started in Minnesota – learn about some of them – Pearson Candy Company, Pillsbury, Honeywell, 3M, Hormel, General Mills, Alliant Tech Systems, Aveda, Best Buy, Cargill, Carlson Companies, Famous Dave's, Land-o-Lakes, Bongard Cheese Factory, Medtronics, Northwest Airlines, Sears, Schwan's Food Company, Target, Simon Delivers, Artic Cat, Red Wing Shoe Company, Red Wing Pottery. Look into taking a tour if the company has one.

4. Play Minnesota Bingo! Create bingo cards depicting the following:
 - a. State Bird – Common Loon
 - b. Flower- Showy, or Pink & White Lady Slipper
 - c. Tree- Norway Pine
 - d. Muffin- Blueberry
 - e. Fish- Walleye
 - f. Beverage- Milk
 - g. Fruit- Honey crisp Apple
 - h. Grain- Wild Rice
 - i. Mushroom- Morel
 - j. Insect – Monarch Butterfly
(no, it's not the mosquito)
 - k. Gemstone- Lake Superior Agate
 - l. Photo- "Grace"
 - m. Football Team- Vikings
 - n. Baseball Team- Twins
 - o. Hockey Team- Wild
 - p. Women's Basketball – Lynx
 - q. Men's Basketball- Timberwolves
 - r. Minnesota Lakes
 - s. Minnesota Changing Seasons

5. Learn to sing our state song, "Hail Minnesota"
6. Learn the geography of Minnesota. What are the 3 major rivers in Minnesota? What states, countries border Minnesota? Where is the state capitol of Minnesota? Make a Map of Minnesota showing these things.
7. Learn about the history of our great state. When did Minnesota first become a territory? When did it become a state? What other big events have occurred in the history of our state? What is the history of our state flag?
8. Minnesota has lots of native berries – learn about all the berries native to Minnesota. Then, using beads the same colors as Minnesota berries, make yourself a Berry Bracelet.
9. Minnesota is known as the "Land of 10,000 Lakes". Research your favorite lake or a lake close to your home by visiting the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources website. Find out information on water clarity & quality, types of fish in lake, data on milfoil infestation, lake depth, etc. Go to: www.dnr.state.mn.us click on "Lake Finder" for information.
10. Visit a historical or unusual site in Minnesota. You could go to the State Capitol, Fort Snelling, the Paul Bunyan statue in Brainerd, the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, the world's largest ball of twine in Darwin, the world's largest corn cob in Olivia, the Sandpaper Museum in Two Harbors, Great Lakes Floating Museum in Duluth, Jesse James Days in Northfield, Cabin of the Root beer Lady in Ely, or the Viking ship in Moorhead.

Minnesota Nice Try-its are available for purchase from the GSCCV Council Shop.

*Cost is \$1.50 each. To order, please contact Virginia Weaver
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