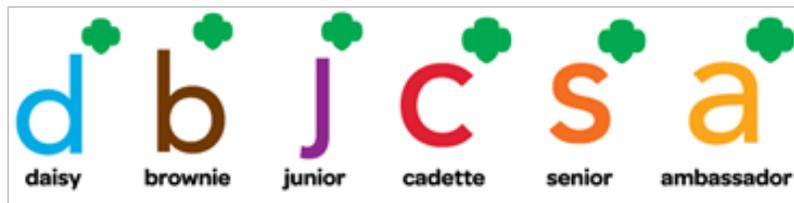


# Winter Wonderland Patch



Open to



**Discover: Daisies complete 2**

**Brownies complete 3**

**Juniors complete 4**

**Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors complete 5**

- Make a list of all the activities you can do in New Mexico in the winter.
- Out of the list of things that you created for winter activities, pick 1 thing you like to do, 2 things that you have never tried but would want to.
- Research areas around you that are good for winter activities. (Could be sledding, snow shoeing, skiing, snowboarding, winter hiking, or snow sculpture building)
- Calendar out when winter starts and ends.
- Research why some areas of New Mexico get more snow than others. Where does it snow the most in the world?
- Research why and how it snows. Why is snow important?
- Research what clothing and equipment you need to be safe in the winter when outdoors. What equipment is needed for different winter activities?
- Research and discuss what animals may do when it gets cold. What animals like the colder weather? Are there any in New Mexico?
- Discover snowflakes! Spend time outside catching snowflakes and see if you can see the intricate designs that make each one unique. Make your own unique snowflake.



**Connect:   Daisies complete 1**  
**Brownies complete 2**  
**Juniors complete 3**  
**Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors complete 4**

- Have a conversation with your friends, family or troop about what kinds of winter activities they like to do. What is the most popular? What activities are the same or different than you? If they don't like winter activities, find out why?
- Gather up some winter clothing items. Get a group of friends, family or troop together and play the Getting Ready Relay Race. (Game instructions included in this packet)
- Make a plan with a friend, family or troop for a winter adventure. What will you need? Where will you go? Do you need special equipment?
- Look up Winter Olympic events that interest you and watch them. What do you think it would take to be able to compete in the Olympics one day?
- Look at your community calendar and find an activity that has to do with winter. Make plans to attend with friends, family or troop. Why is it important to go to community events?
- Go outside and build a snowman or make snow angels. If you don't have snow, look at the changing environment, do the trees look different? Is the ground soft or hard? Is it cold or warm? Do you see any animals? What are they doing? You can start a winter journal.



**Take Action:   Daisies complete 1**  
**Brownies complete 1**  
**Juniors complete 2**  
**Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors complete 2**

- With the plan you made to go on an adventure, head out for a winter adventure. Remember, do you have all the right clothing? Do you have a backup plan for bad weather? Have you covered all the safety checkpoints?
- Host a winter Olympic event at your local park. What kind of activities will you hold? Invite friends, family or other troops.
- Shovel a neighbor's driveway or sidewalk as an act of service. How does this benefit your neighbor? How does this benefit you?
- Collect blankets for the homeless or animal shelter. Why is this so important?
- Make winter bird feeders in your neighborhood or local park. Why would this be needed? (See recipe included in this packet)
- Collect winter coats for a shelter or community organization. Why is this so important?

## Getting Ready Relay Race

Gather various clothing items. Winter items should be mixed with warm weather items. Make it a challenge for the girls.

Teams line up at one end of the room with clothing items at the other end of the room. One pile for each team. Or one giant pile that the teams must dig through together.

One team member is chosen as the model.

One member of the team goes to the pile of clothes and picks up a winter clothing item and brings it back, placing it on the model. This continues with each member of the team until the team thinks their model has the proper clothing on.

They must then sit down with their model properly displaying the winter clothing.

## Homemade Bird Feeders

### Supplies needed:

3 Cups of birdseed

3 ¼ ounce unflavored gelatin packet

Water

Cookie Oil (Spray)

Plastic Straw (Can be cut up in 5 inch pieces)

Cookie cutter of your choice

Twine or String

### Directions:

Pour ½ cup of cold water over two packages of gelatin. Let it sit a couple of minutes until gelatin has absorbed the water. Heat 1 ¾ cups of water in a pan, then add in the gelatin mixture. Stir until dissolved. Stir in 3 cups of birdseed.



Allow mixture to cool until gelatin is thick and coats all the birdseed.

Wrap a piece of foil along the bottom and up the sides of a cookie cutter. Spray foil and cookie cutter with cooking oil.

Mixture makes several bird feeders depending on size of cookie cutters. 5 inch heart used in example made 3 feeders.

Pack birdseed mixture inside cookie cutter. Place a piece of straw in birdseed to leave a hole for hanging the birdfeeder.

Allow mixture to harden and then remove from cookie cutter. Can be placed in freezer for about an hour to speed things up. Remove straw. Add a piece of twine in hole for hanging.

