

# The Far Away Challenge



This Challenge is based on a series of Enid Blyton stories about three children who climb a tree, meet some strange but wonderful people and have adventures in magic lands. For obvious copyright reasons some names have been changed (to protect the innocent!) If you know the books you should know what we mean.

We hope you like the Far Away Challenge and would love to see pictures or receive any comments you may have.

We have created this challenge to offer different activities to suit all ages and abilities.

The tasks are divided into sections, these are:

## Magical Tree (Compulsory)

Land of Good Things to eat and Celebrations

Dream Land

All Topsy Turvy

Land of Toys and Games

Land of Magical spells and Medicines

Treats for all

Faraway Extras

These numbers are the minimum you should complete but feel free to do as many more as you like.

**RAINBOWS** - 5 Tasks

**BROWNIES** - 6 Tasks

**GUIDES/ SENIOR SECTION / ADULTS** - 7 Tasks

Many of the resources you need can be found at the back of the pack but you may adapt the tasks if you wish and use the internet and your own experience to gain the most from this challenge.

## MAGICAL TREE

You won't be able to start your adventures until you have a magical tree to climb.

Here are some ideas how you might make yours:

- Make one out of card or wood or paper or even cake
- Make one using hand prints of your group as a collage
- It could be a big one for the whole unit, like a display in your hall
- Use papier-mâché to make it 3D
- Use an old Christmas tree and decorate it
- You could make one in each six or patrol
- Or maybe one each

Remember to add a ladder to get you to the lands and a slippery slide to get you down to the ground again.

These ideas should get you started or do have a better idea of your own?

## VISIT THE LANDS

The children visit lots of lands in stories and you can too. Pick a land and have some fun. These are just ideas, you can visit any lands you like.

### LAND OF GOOD THINGS TO EAT AND CELEBRATIONS

- Try and taste the following treats (Recipes for these are in the resources section at the end):
  - Shocking Toffee  
(Chocolate truffles with popping candy in)
  - Honey Biscuits ( cakes)  
(Jam tarts with honey instead of jam)
  - Googly Buns  
(Jam doughnuts or buns bakes with jam or chocolate centres)
  - Tree folk Lemonade
- Have a go at wrapping presents. Can you wrap a ball or other funny shaped things?
- Play a game where you have to guess what has been wrapped up by feeling it
- Play some traditional party games like musical bumps, statues and chairs
- Play “pass the parcel” without a treat in every layer
- Have a go at blind man's bluff using your necker (if you have one)
- Play any other party games you know

## LAND OF DREAMS

- Future dreams: Would do you want to be? Where do you want to go?
- Have a sleepover and try to sleep!!!! Or have a wake over and try not to dream!
- Make a dream catcher to catch your bad dreams
- Make some worry dolls to help to sleep without worrying
- Create some aboriginal dream art

## LAND OF TOPSY TURVY

- Have your meeting backwards
- Wear your uniform back to front
- Play pass the parcel backwards (adding a layer each time)
- Girls lead the meeting and the leader to the activities
- Learn to sing the brownie song or say the promise backwards

## LAND OF TOYS AND GAMES

- Hold a board games night.
- Make a traditional toy: bean bags, sock puppets or jigsaw. (You could tie this in with the Toymaker badge)
- Ask your local museum if they a display of historical toys you could visit.
- Go a playground for a meeting or play a game of Rounders in a park.

## LAND OF SPELLS AND MAGICAL MEDICINES

- Make a magic wand; you could put the trefoil on the end instead of a star.
- Magically change the colour of a daffodil or a carnation. (Food colouring in the water in a vase or beaker and the petals will change to that colour if they were white to start with)
- Make potions: bath bombs, hand a face cream - have a pamper night with your potions and lotions.
- Hold a magical night.

## LAND OF TREATS

- Plan a trip to the cinema or theatre.
- Invite another unit or section to a party.
- Watch a film and turn your meeting place into a cinema
- Have a day out; go to a district, region or county event.
- Go to the swimming pool or bowling for a meeting.

## FAR AWAY EXTRAS

- Make a knot cushion you could use on the slippery slide in the tree.
- Make some fairy cakes for the fairy in the tree.
- Be like the Washing Dame and wash, dry and iron a towel. (You could tie this in with the home skills badge)
- Be like the Pan Man and make a band out of pots and pans. (Look at Stomp, the percussion group on You Tube for inspiration) Perform your music for your parents.

## FAR AWAY CHALLENGE - ORDER FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Group Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number or email in case of query

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Number of badges @ £1 each	Qty:	£
Postage		£1.50
TOTAL		£

Postage & packaging is £1 per order regardless of order size (unless overseas when you will be notified of cost). Please make cheques payable to: **Dursley District Guiding Holidays**

This completed order form should be sent along with payment to: Anne Anderson, 15 Highfields Approach, Dursley, GL11 4NR.

When badges are in stock they will also be available on our website where you can pay by Paypal or debit/credit card.

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## RESOURCES

Here are some resources that you can use to help you complete the challenge. If you have your own ideas please use them too and let us know what you have done. Some things we have left out of this pack as there are lots of instructions on the internet or you may have your own way already of making them.

### TOFFEE SHOCKS RECIPE

These ingredients will make 12 sweets:

- 2 oz ( 50 g) butter
- 2 oz ( 50 g) Icing sugar
- 1 tablespoon cocoa powder
- 2 drops vanilla extract
- 1 packet popping candy
- Chocolate Sprinkles (for decoration)

What to do:

1. Put all the dry ingredients in a bowl and mix well (not the sprinkles)
2. Mix the butter with the vanilla until it is soft.
3. Put everything together and mix well.
4. Roll into small balls with your hands.
5. Roll in the chocolate sprinkles and put in little paper cases.

## GOOGLE BUNS RECIPES

- You could just eat jam do-nuts
- Buy some part baked rolls and squirt some jam inside using a medicine syringe then bake according to the instructions on the packet
- Make do nuts or rolls from scratch using your favourite easy recipe. We have not included one here as there are so many you could use

### TREEFOLK LEMONADE

This is a recipe that doesn't use boiling water so is great for our girls or if you need it in a hurry.

Ingredients

- 3 unwaxed lemons, roughly chopped
- 140g caster sugar
- 1l cold water

What to do

1. Put the lemons, sugar and half of the water into a food processor.
2. Whizz it round until the lemon is finely chopped.
3. Pour the mixture into a sieve over a bowl,
4. Press through as much juice as you can.
5. Add the rest of the water and pour into cups or glasses
6. Add ice and slices if you want to.

## KNOT CUSHIONS

You will need:

- Fleece blankets (cheap in Ikea) 2 colours if you can
- Cushion insert or filling
- Scissors

What to do.

1. Cut two pieces of fleece 10cm bigger than the cushion insert
2. Using scissors cut a fringe of around 2cm wide and 10cm in length all the way round the fleece pieces. (You might want to pre prep this for rainbows, but our brownies did it easily)
3. To make sure they line up properly, you can pin the two sides and cut them together.
4. Start in one corner and tie one fringe from each side of the pillow together in a knot. (double knots are best so that they don't undo)
5. When you have done the four corners carry on until you have knotted up all three sides.
6. Insert your filling or cushion insert then close up the top of the pillow by finishing off the knots.

## WORRY DOLLS

You can make these using pipe cleaners or pegs. There are lots of links on the internet and I don't want to breach anyone's copyright by adding them here. A quick search for make a worry doll should give you lots of ideas.

## HAND CREAM

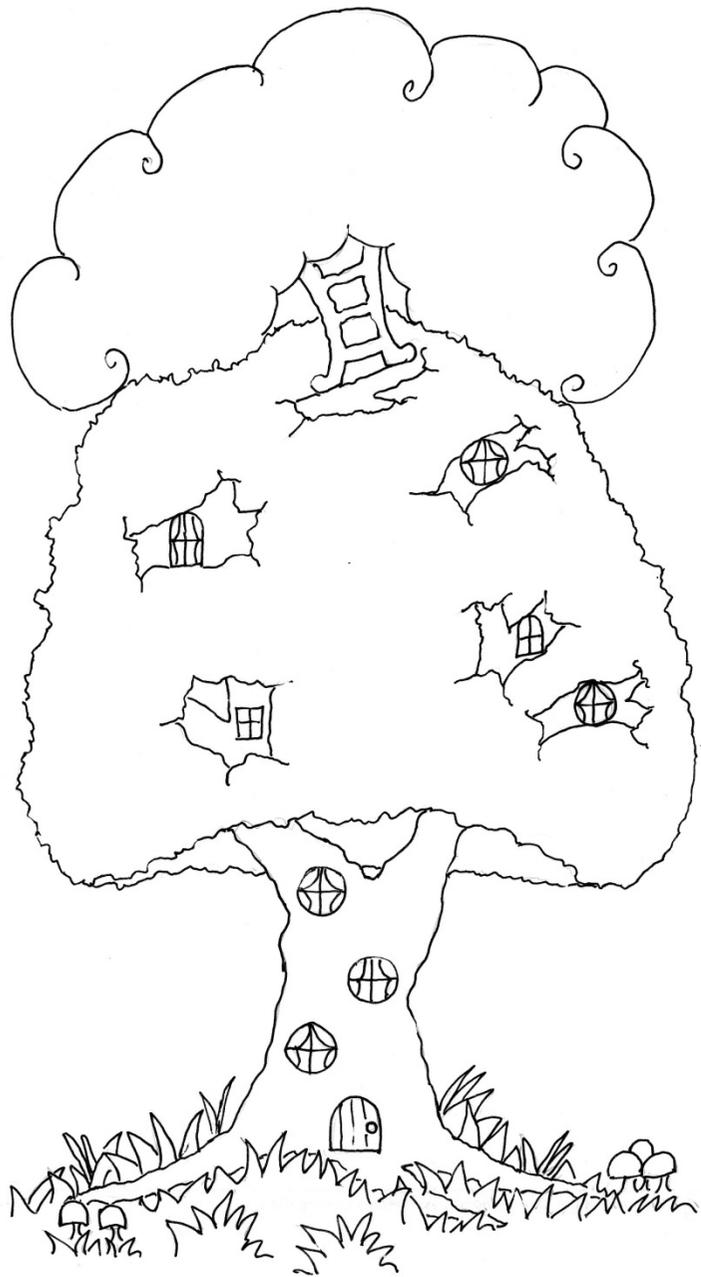
You will need:

- 1 bottle lotion
- One tub of Vaseline
- One tub of Vitamin E Cream

What to do

1. Use a hand mixer or a wooden spoon to mix everything together.
2. A mixer will be quicker but both will work.
3. Put into small containers.





Hello Anne

Those two badge designs look great, they have your area name, the trefoil and the name of your challenge, so they meet all our guidelines.

I was just about to reply to your email from the other day asking about the badges, so you have jumped ahead and answered my suggestions. I am also sorry that you did not get response previously, I have only recently taken over the monitoring of the inbox, and am working my way through all the emails.

I hope that helps, and good luck with your challenges.

Best Wishes

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