

AVAST ME HEARTIES! ITS THE OLDE TOWNE

PIRATE CHALLENGE!



This challenge was compiled for all sections of the Girlguiding Old Town District.

We enjoyed it, so we would like to share it!

The activities are suitable for all sections – choose the most appropriate for your age group or adapt as required. Feel free to substitute other activities using the theme – and let us know what you get up to! Email your news (and photos!) to: piratechallenge-1@yahoo.co.uk.

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Visit our website for more ideas & updates: <http://www.piratechallenge.btck.co.uk>

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SEVEN SEAS

- Go on boat trip or try sailing
- Name the parts of pirate ship
- Try making ballistas (cannons)
- Walk the plank
- Make a mermaid or fish collage
- Try signalling
- Navigation – stars/constellations
- Make a compass
- Complete a water obstacle course
- Build a raft and sail it (miniature or full size)
- Make water-bombs (origami/balloon)

BEING A PIRATE

- Learn & sing some pirate songs or sea shanties
- Make a parrot – balancing/beaded, etc
- Make a pirate hat or eye patch
- Pirate face-painting
- Speak like a pirate
- Design a pirate outfit out of newspaper
- Fencing/swordfighting (breadsticks)
- Make a pirate flag using batik or beads
- Perform a 3-minute sketch, using a pirate theme (this could be an advert for 'Pirate TV')

CAPTAINS CABIN

- Organise a pirate party
- Make non-alcoholic pirate grog
- Play some pirate games
- Try knotting, knitting or netting
- Wordsearch/quizzes/codes
- Collage/colouring-in
- Play battleships
- Hunt the gold doubloon (compass game)
- Practise throwing a lifeline
- Make a Jolly Roger fridge magnet
- Try compass drawing

LAND AHOY!

- Wide game – flag raiding/survival
- Treasure hunts – clues, maps, tiny, gold coins
- Hunt the pirates/pirate names
- Make a newspaper palm tree
- Make a picture using coloured sand
- Treasure boxes
- Make jelly fish biscuits
- Complete a survival challenge
- Visit a zoo to see the monkeys & parrots
- Complete a blindfolded string trail

A TREASURE CHEST OF IDEAS...

Many ideas – and the instructions for them – can be found in the internet.

Here are some to get you started:



PIRATE ACTIVITIES

- Go on a boat-ride
- Try sailing or learn how to use a rowing boat
- Talk like a pirate!
- Signalling flags
- Shipwreck survival activities - you arrived at this desert island to bury your treasure and now you're stranded. Build a solar still to collect water, try making a fire with no matches, etc...
- Make origami waterbombs
- Water balloon throwing event - how far can you throw it to your partner before it breaks and soaks one of you?
- Make a shelter and sleep out in it
- Dig for treasure – in a sand pit or a bowl of jelly or baked beans! You can do this blindfold and then the person has to identify what is buried in the goo!
- Try using watermarks on paper as secret message. Challenge teams to make up a code and to break one made up by another team
- Have a sword fight with bread sticks - the object is to break down your opponent's bread stick, without damaging your own. When one player's bread stick becomes so short that he or she can no longer use it, they surrender and “walk the plank”!
- Get teams to make a ballista. Use wet sponges or water balloons as cannonballs if the weather is dry & warm enough, or if it's not, use table tennis balls or balls of screwed up newspaper.
- Make paper boats and have a race
- Pirate themed wide game or scavenger hunt
- Visit the local swimming pool
- Treasure hunt
- Capture the pirate flag
- Try knotting, knitting or netting (monkeys fist knot, ocean plait)
- Word searches
- Spot-the-difference
- Dance the hornpipe
- Animation – using clay or cut-outs (use 'Pirates!' film or 'Captain Pugwash' for inspiration)
- Assault course (climb the rigging, walk the plank, etc)
- Have a treasure hunt to find the ingredients for a meal
- Bouncy castle – see if you can find your sea legs!
- Learn to use a compass
- Learn about grid references
- Find north by the stars or sun

PIRATE CRAFTS

- Jolly Roger fridge magnet
- Fimo pencil toppers
- Seashell crafts
- Balancing parrots
- Pony bead parrots or bead & wire parrots
- Make parrot or jolly Roger earrings, bracelets or necklaces
- Jolly Roger coasters made from Hama beads
- Wanted poster for pirates
- Paper pirate hats
- Make a wave jar
- Fish pin badges
- Painting stones
- Colouring-in
- Junk modelling (pirate ship)
- Collage (parrot, mermaid, etc)
- Tie-dye bandanas
- Pop-up pirate toy
- Door-hangers
- Make treasure-map place mats

PIRATE GAMES

- Port & starboard
- Fruit salad (pirates)
- Sleeping pirate (adapt keeper of the keys or sleeping lion)
- Musical islands
- Flapping the fish
- Tick tock find the croc (ticking timer)
- Walking the plank
- Cat o' nine-tails tag (tail tag)
- Pin the parrot on the pirates shoulder (adapt pin the tail on the donkey)
- Treasure toss (throwing 'doubloons' or beanbags into a treasure chest)
- Pirate ghost whispers (Chinese whispers, using pirate sayings)
- Treasure chest piñata
- Buccaneer bingo
- Compass drawing
- Cannonball race (use black balloons for relay races and popping competitions)
- Splat the rat

- Match the pirate phrases to their real meanings

PIRATE SONGS

- Shanties
- When I was one
- Princess Pat
- Captain Bluebeard had a fish farm

PIRATE THEMES *(for parties & residential events)*

- Pirates of the Caribbean (Captain Jack Sparrow)
- Peter Pan (Captain Hook/crocodile/lost boys)
- Under the sea
- Treasure Island (R L Stephenson)
- Swallows and Amazons (Arthur Ransome)
- Mermaids

PIRATE FOOD & DRINK

- Gingerbread pirates
- Fruit kebabs (to prevent scurvy)
- BBQ
- Decorate biscuits or cupcakes with the Jolly Roger
- Make chocolate cannonballs (truffles)
- Lobscouse/Salmagundi – sea-farers stew
- Hardtack/ship's biscuit (use cream crackers)
- Make 'ships' from bridge rolls
- Grog (re-label bottles of lemonade or juice)
- Sharks blood punch (use cranberry or red grape juice)
- Mutineers hand punch – freeze red juice in a plastic glove and float in a bowl of lemonade!
- Pirates banquet – golden nuggets (fish), skeleton bones (chips), pirates teeth (sweetcorn), strawberries (rubies), cannonballs (black grapes), etc.
- Non-alcoholic cocktails

PIRATE MUSIC

- Ships Ahoy! - Songs of Wind, Water & Tide - Quadriga Consort
- Pirates of Penzance (Gilbert & Sullivan)

FAMOUS PIRATES

- Black-beard
- Yellow-beard
- Blue-beard
- Captain Blood
- Jack Sparrow
- Captain Hook
- Long John Silver

INTEREST BADGES

- Water Safety
- Survival
- Navigation
- Explore

BADGE ORDER FORM



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Name:

Unit Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Email address:

| | Number of badges @ £1 each | Total Cost |
|---|-------------------------------|------------|
| Embroidered Pirate Challenge badge (7cm/3") | | |

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Postage: Please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your order.

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Send this order form, your cheque and stamped, addressed envelope to:

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Please allow at least two weeks for delivery. (*The badge will be available until December 2012*)

If you have any questions, please email: **piratechallenge-1@yahoo.co.uk**

Any profit from badge sales will be used to help fund camps & international trips for the Guides & Senior Section members in our District.