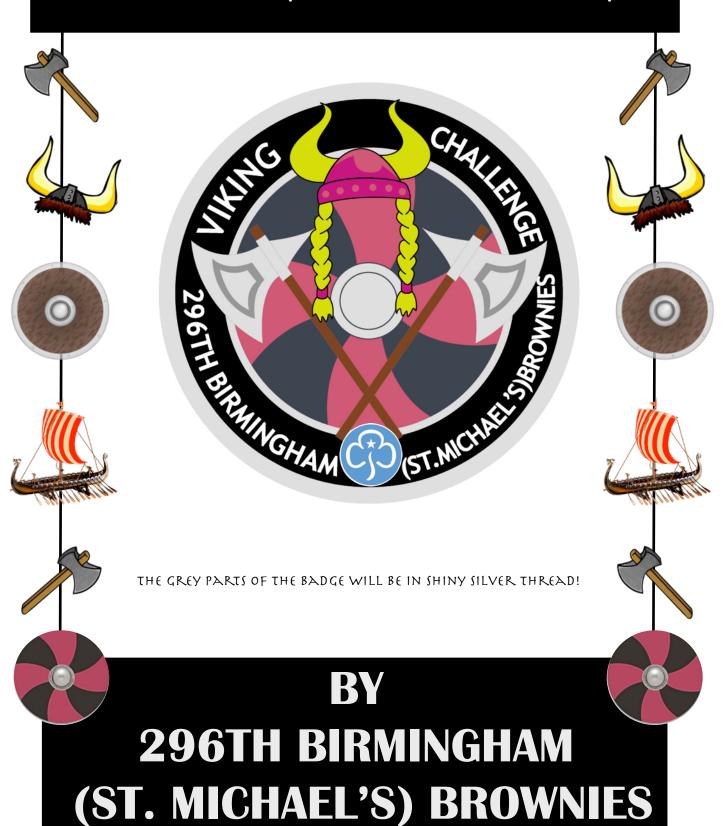
THE VIKING CHALLENGE



HELLO AND WELCOME TO THE VIKING CHALLENGE!

We have created the challenge with all sections in mind and any member of Girlguiding can take part. It's a great challenge to complete over your unit planning or great for a sleepover/pack holiday or even a fun day.

This pack has 9 sections however you can pick all activities from just one or across all.

To earn the badge we suggest units complete the following:

Rainbows 5 activities in total
Brownies 7 activities in total
Guides / Senior Section / Adult Members 9 activities in total

We have also have a resource pack to compliment the challenge you may want to use it but you don't have to. Although we have included a wide range of activities we are happy for unit leaders to tweak activities for individuals or to suit your unit's age range but we do ask you bear in mind it is a challenge!

To order badges use form at the back of the pack and post it off, when your payment has cleared we will send out your badges!

We would also love to hear about the fun you had when completing our challenge so feel free to send us your photo's. (Please ensure you have all permissions as we will use them on our pack website to show everyone what others have done).

We hope you enjoy completing the challenge!! If you had fun then please pass it on to other units. If you have any questions or want more information then email Hayley - brownowl296@hotmail.com

Please note we are trying to raise money for our pack holiday and all funds from this badge will go towards the costs of equipment.

VIKING TRIPS OR VISITS!

Please note these are just suggestions, many are linked to school visits however it may be worth enquiring for your group. Some are just museums or others may visit you.

Suffolk

https://www.weststow.org/

Isle of Wight

http://www.manxnationalheritage.im/attractions/house-of-manannan/

York

http://jorvik-viking-centre.co.uk

York

http://www.murtonpark.co.uk/viking/

Cumbria

http://www.dockmuseum.org.uk/Vikings

East Dorset

http://www.ancienttechnologycentre.co.uk/vikinglonghouse.html

Hampshire

http://www.butserancientfarm.co.uk/schools/

Ayrshire

http://www.visitscotland.com/info/see-do/vikingar-p253071#overview

London

http://www.britishmuseum.org/learning/schools and teachers/resources/cultures/anglosaxons and vikings.aspx

Edinburgh

http://www.nms.ac.uk/about-us/schools-programme/school-visits/school-visits-to-national-museum-of-scotland/

Northumberland

http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/lindisfarne-priory/school-visits/



West Midlands

http://www.longship.co.uk/schools_page.htm



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SECTION 1: THE VIKINGS



<u>Viking Map Board</u> <u>game!</u>

Resources Needed:

Board Game with instructions - See Resource Pack

In groups play the viking board game designed around trade routes, watch out for the weather!

Why not make a massive map and play in larger groups.



Viking Puzzle page!

A page of viking puzzles to download and print

http://jorvik-viking-centre.co.uk/ wp-content/uploads/2012/10/ Puzzles.pdf

Viking Quiz!

Resources Needed:

Viking Quiz sheets - see resource pack (MORE FOR OLDER SECTIONS)



Test your knowledge on what you know about vikings! Go head to head in teams, why not try have leaders vs girls and see who wins!

Test your knowledge at the start and then test it when you finish and see if your knowledge improved!

<u>Runes!</u>

Resources Needed:

Rune pages - See Resource Pack Pens and paper or Clay, clay tool/stick

Vikings had their own alphabet and often carved things into stone or wood to remember big events. Have a go at writing in Runes. See if you can remember the Viking rune alphabet.

Try cracking the viking rune codes

Or

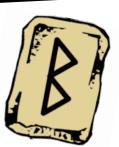
Have a go at writing your name in runes in clay.

Viking Wordsearch!

Resources Needed:

Word search copies - See Resource Pack Pens

Have a go at the viking word search see if you can find all the words!



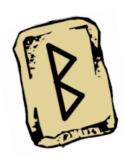
Viking Maze Puzzle!

Resources Needed:

Maze copies - See Resource Pack

Pens

Get the viking to his boat, just tackle the maze between them!



SECTION 2: NORSE MYTHOLOGY

Get to know the Goddesses!

Resources Needed:

Card pack - See Resource Pack
Play pairs with the Gods
and Goddesses Cards in
the resource pack. Have a
pairs hunt, hide half and
match them to what you
have.

Marshmallow Hammer

Resources Needed:

Marshmallows, lolly sticks/, icing. food colouring

Make Thor's Hammer from marshmallows!!

See the resource pack for instructions.

Make Thor's Beard!

Resources Needed:

Card, elastic, wool, paper and scissors, template see resource pack

Thor is a main God in Norse

Mythology! He is known for his hammer
and also had a big long beard!

Make a beard to wear like Thor from wool or paper.

Act out a Norse Myth

Resources Needed:

Norse Myths (Book list in resource pack) Props or costumes (Optional)

Read some Norse Myths and find one you like, then act one out for your sixes/patrols.

You could make costumes

or props and turn it into a show!

✓ <u>Make</u> <u>Freyr's</u> Magic Wand

Freyr is one of the most important Gods in Norse Mythology sometimes known for having a wand

Make a magic wand!

Make Wings fit for a Valkyrie!

Valkyries are Odin's helpers!
Known for having large
feather wings and riding
flying horses.

Have a go at making some wings of your own to wear!

SECTION 2: NORSE MYTHOLOGY CONT ...

<u>Loki's</u> <u>Magic</u> Tricks

Loki is known as a trickster! He is cunning and sneaky and likes to play tricks on the Gods!

Learn some magic tricks or visit have a magic show at your unit!

(BIFROST)

Bark Rubbings (YGGDRASIL)

Resources Needed:

Was crayons, paper, trees/woods

There is a massive magical tree in Norse mythology that connects the 9 worlds.

Go out to your local woods and see if you can find the biggest tree there and do some bark rubbings of it.

Rainbow Bridge

Bifröst is a burning rainbow bridge that connects 2 worlds in norse mythology. Midgard (the world) and Asgard (realm of the Gods). Think about how Rainbows in your unit can travel across a rainbow bridge into Brownies. Maybe make rainbow bridge or think of a tradition you can keep when girls

move up to Brownies.

Mead of poetry

Resources Needed:

Mead recipe - see resource pack

In Norse mythology the mead of poetry is a mythical drink that transforms the drinker into seeing vivid images that help create poetry. Or gives the drinker all knowledge and to become a scholar.

<u>Odin's</u> Travels

Odin is a God who is known to have gone on many travels across the worlds by land and sky.

Travel to another unit in your district/division/county maybe visit another section and find out what they do.

Have some drinks and have a go at writing a poem about vikings

or

Have a leader and girls Q&A Panel night where everyone quizzes each other after having a drink in the unit.



SECTION 3: WARRIORS AND SHIELD MAIDENS



<u>Design a Shield</u> <u>Biscuit</u>

Resources Needed:

Round biscuits
Royal Icing/Fondant icing
Cake decorations (optional)

Use a round biscuit and fondant icing to create a shield fit for a viking battle!

Think about the shapes and patterns you would like.

Then enjoy

Make a Helmet with plaits

Resources Needed

Metal, Plastic or paper bowls Card, pens and strips of crepe paper for hair - See Resource pack for instructions.

Have a go at making your very own viking hat with plaits on either side. Make them ready for a Viking party or a feast with the Gods!

Make a shield and sword

Resources Needed:

Card shields and swords, pens, paints, stickers

Make a shield and sword fit for a viking shield maiden or warrior!

Think about the patterns you can include and decorate them.

Have a mini viking battle

Resources Needed:

Outdoor space, Water balloons, string/rope (easy to adapt with tennis/small balls!)

Have your very own viking battle. Have 2 teams and tie up a piece of string dividing the room in half. Name one side the Vikings and the other side the Saxons. Everyone has a shield and using water balloons get each side to throw them at each other. They can defend themselves with shields however if someone is hit they have to loose the use of an arm, then a leg, an arm again and then another leg till the final hit until they have to lie down and be out.

Make mini vikings

Resources Needed:

Wooden people fabric, pens, paint - see resource pack

Make some mini wooden vikings or even make statues of the Viking Gods and Goddesses.

<u>Make Viking helmet</u> <u>cupcakes</u>

Resources Needed:

Cupcakes (brought or ingredients to make) mini teacakes, yellow banana sweets - Instructions in the Res. Pack.

Make a cupcake and then decorate it with your very own handmade viking helmet!

Then enjoy eating it!

Make a paper beard

Resources Needed:

Beard template, beard paper to curl, elastic and glue - see resource pack for help

Make a paper beard so you can be a viking for the day. Curl the paper so it's all big and bushy!

SECTION 4: DRAGONS AND CREATURES

During Viking times there was a lot of belief in creatures and dragons living in the forests and near Viking homes!!

Egg Decorating

Resources Needed:

Eggs (of your choice)
Things to decorate your eggs

Decorate eggs either ceramic, polystyrene or real hard boiled ones!

See what pattens and creations your unit can come up with!

You could have a go at marbling them or turning them into special dragon eggs!

<u>Origami</u> <u>Dragons</u>

Resources Needed:

Origami instructions - see resource pack Paper

Have a go at making origami dragons!

Or

Once you've made them why not have a dragon race and see whose dragon can fly the fastest!

<u>Dragon</u> <u>Sock/Glove</u> <u>Puppets</u>

Resources Needed:

Socks or Gloves
Funky Foam, felt, tissue paper,
stickers, gems etc for
decorations
Glue/Tape

Make a sock or glove puppet of a dragon!

Don't forget some scales and that fire!

<u>Dragon</u> <u>Egg and Spoon</u> <u>Race</u>

Resources Needed:

Egg and Spoons

Hold a dragon egg and spoon race!

Make it more difficult by holding the egg with one hand and flapping your other arm like a dragon's wing!

Dragon/Egg Egg Hunt

Resources Needed:

Eggs of your choice Dragons of your choice

Have an egg hunt or a Dragon hunt

or

Hunt for both!

Whether they are chocolate, plastic or paper!

SECTION 4: DRAGONS AND CREATURES

<u>Troll</u> <u>Hunt</u>

Resources Needed:

Pictures of the trolls and pictures with points - See Resource Pack

Go on a troll hunt...

Using cards of trolls hide them around your meeting place or even in a woods or nearby park and go collect as many as you can in teams.

Why not make it more fun by hiding different size trolls for a different number of points each and every teams trolls need to be added up to see who can win!

Giants, Trolls and Wizards game

Play the game Giants, Trolls and Wizards!

For instructions on how to play see the resource pack.

Viking Warrior Game

An adaption of Ships Captain but with a Viking theme - See the resource pack for instructions.

Stone Painting

Resources Needed:

Stones/Pebbles

Paints

Varnish (optional)

Have a go at painting some stones.

Maybe paint them as Norse Gods
or characters.

Or

Paint viking runes or pictures of boats, shield patterns and fish/trading so you can use them as story stones and tell a viking myth in groups.

Giants Game

Play giants game!
In teams work together to create the objects your leaders ask you to make. For example if they shout out for you to make a Longboat, using your bodies in the area your team has. you need to create the shape of one and the best attempt will be judged by your leaders!

To make it more difficult why not make the shapes without talking and work together as a silent team!



SECTION 5: VIKING HOME AND FAMILY



Weaving

Resources Needed:

Card Looms, wool, scissors, plastic needles (optional) Paper strips, Card, tape, Basket template - see resource pack

Have a go at weaving with wool. Make a mini coaster from a small loom on cardboard.

For easier versions have a go at weaving with paper first.

Or try making a basket with weaving.

Viking Sandals

Resources Needed:

Instructions and materials- see resource pack

Have a go at making some viking sandals.

Make a Viking Brooch

Resources Needed:

Card backs, Templates- see resource pack String, PVA glue, Tin foil or metallic paints, gems/stickers, brooch backs.

Over the years some rich and delicate hoards of viking jewellery have been found.

Have a go at designing and making your very own viking brooch.



Make Viking Knot Jewellery

Resources Needed:

Cord, thin rope

Instructions- see resource pack

Knot jewellery was also very popular among vikings. Have a jewellery making night and have a go at Knot jewellery.

Visit a Farm

Farming was a very common way of living and trading in Viking times. Why not go on a unit trip to a farm, see what food the animals need and what needs to to be done to take care of the animals..

Grow some veg!

Farming included growing your own food. Have a go at growing some vegetables or visit a local allotment to help with growing vegetables.



SECTION 5: VIKING HOME AND FAMILY





Make some viking soap

Resources Needed:

Conker soap instructions- see resource pack

Vikings used what was naturally available to them.
While it's so easy to buy now we can still use natural ingredients to make soap. Have a go at making some in groups and maybe give them as a gift.

Why not contact your local LUSH shop and ask them for an info session on soap making there!

Design a Family Tree

Resources Needed:

Paper, photos, pens

Family and linage was very important in Viking times.

Have a go at researching your own family history.
Why not draw one and include photos of your family members.

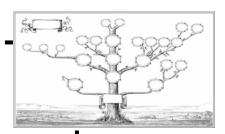
For a bit of a difference why not do a unit tree of your leaders past and present!

Make Viking Bread

Resources Needed:

Viking Bread Recipe - see link on Resource Pack

Make some viking bread and enjoy feasting like a Viking Warrior!





Visit the Viking Center in York

Plan a trip to the Viking center in York to take in the sights, smells and see what viking home life was like!

SECTION 6: FISHING AND TRADING

Negotiate and Swap Night

Resources Needed:

Each girl brings something to trade, bonus trades

Have an evening where everyone brings an item they are prepared to trade. By they end you won't end up with your own item! The aim is to swap, trade and negotiate as much as possible to get an item you are happy with! Leaders may want to have bigger "bonus" trades. The only rule is you must both agree to the swap or trade and spend the night bartering with your unit and creating trades!

OR

Resources Needed:

Cards for traders - see resource pack

In groups create a town name, your town specializes in trading in one thing. Use images for items such as fish, food, shoes, shields, swords etc. However each town still needs other items, each group is given a list of items they need to have by the end of the night. But they can only swap or trade their own items with other town. There is no money, it's about negotiating with other groups to make sure you all can work out getting the right amount of items per team.

Unit Fundraiser Shop

Make some things as a unit and hold an evening where you sell them to either family/friends or other units in your district/division. See how much you can make and decide what it is for. It could go towards a unit trip or for another charity

Body shop Party Fundraiser

See if anyone you know would be willing to hold a Bodyshop party with any funds raised going towards your unit funds.

"Sell" your section

Spend an evening planning how you can "sell" your section to another one e.g Sell Guides to Brownies.

Think about what's great about your section of Guiding and what's different or the same. How do you show them, tell them, explain it and make it interesting but also full of information!

Jewellery Party Fundraiser

Make some jewellery and have a jewellery party within your unit. Maybe invite other units or hold it as a district/division and raise funds for your area of Guiding.

SECTION 6: FISHING AND TRADING CONT ...

Play a fishing game

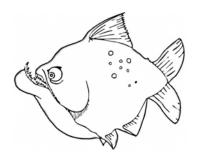
Resources Needed:

Magnetic fishing game or one made by the group, fishing rods, magnets, fish shapes

Go fishing, play a fishing game.

If you don't have one make one as a unit or make several so you can play in small groups.

To make it harder number the fish and chose a number the ones you catch will have to add up to it exactly!



Paper Plate Fish

Resources Needed:

Paper plates, pens, paints, stickers, scissors. For instructions see resource pack.

Make a paper plate fish and decorate it.



CD fish (Garden Decoration)

Resources Needed:

Old CD's, double sided tape, stickers, gems, fish shape templates - see resource pack

Using an old CD turn it into a shiny fish decoration to hang in the garden ready for it to catch the sun!

Make a fish mobile (as a unit or individually)

Resources Needed:

Fish shapes, string, straws, colouring pens

Make a fish mobile to hang up.

or

Get every girl in your unit to decorate a fish and hang them on a piece a string and make a unit mobile to hung up at your meeting place.



SECTION 7: VIKING TRAVEL



Longboat Craft

Resources Needed:

See Resource Pack for different ways to make a long boat

Have a go at making your own long boat, race them if you can.

Or

Make longboats in groups using junk modeling and see who can make the biggest boat.

Longboat Races

Resources Needed:

Canoes or Kayaks

Go canoeing or kayaking and have longboat races in teams.

If you can why not decorate the boat to make it look like a viking long boat.

Campfires

Have a campfire Toast marshmallows, make smores or dampers and have a sing song

Edible Campfires

Resources Needed:

Chocolate finger biscuits, crumbled up flake chocolate bar, marshmallows, red laces

Using the ingredients have a go at building a campfire that you can eat!

Build a shelter or den to "camp" in!

Vikings travelled and when they did they needed to set up places to sleep for the time they were away from home.

Build a shelter or den for you or a group to sleep in. Make sure it's big enough for you all and that it's water proof.



SECTION 7: VIKING TRAVEL CONT ...



Cook a meal on a fire

Resources Needed:

Camp fire materials, food to be cooked

Vikings had to travel and cook as they settled in places. Plan a nutritious meal you can cook on an outdoor fire for yourself or a group.

To challenge yourself have a go at starting the fire from scratch.

Map Reading

Resources Needed:

Maps or

Paper, teabags, pens

Go on an adventure and read a map in teams to reach a place chosen by your leaders.

Or

Design a treasure map in groups. Use tea to stain the paper and make it look old from viking times.

Orienteering

Have a night of orienteering, do it in teams and see who can win a mini competition.

Tracking

As a unit go on a tracking adventure.

Follow the links for more info on tracking symbols and how to do

http://

www.scoutingresources.org.uk/
codes/codes tracking.html

http://www.inquiry.net/outdoor/games/b-p/tracking.htm

Treasure Chest

Have a go at making or decorating a treasure chest to keep your hoard safe!

See the resource pack for different ways to make one.

Make Treasure from a hoard

Resources Needed:

Plastic cups, gems, stickers, metallic paints/pens, card

Have a go at making some viking treasure. Coins, goblets, jewellery, swords etc. Think about the style and gems involved.

Play Viking Invasions

Play viking invasions! Similar to Sharks place pieces of paper around the room. Encourage girls to walk around the room, then a leader shouts "VIKING INVASION" and girls have to get both feet onto safe land (the paper), those who aren't on the paper are out.

To make it more difficult fold the paper in half each time after an invasion and explain both feet still need to be on the land!



SECTION 8: VIKING GAMES AND LEISURE



Make a Viking Doll

Resources Needed:

Fabric Doll, Material/fabric, Fabric pens, scissors, glue, needles, wool etc

Viking children didn't go to school but helped their parents, but then they had free time many played games and played will dolls. Make a cloth doll to play with.

http://www.craftycrocodiles.co.uk/fabric-fun-c16/design-a-doll-p1122

Create your own chess piece

Resources Needed:

Wooden statue, felt pens or paint

Chess and similar board games were popular in Viking times. Instead of playing, make your own chess piece. Before you do find out what different pieces there are!

http://www.craftycrocodiles.co.uk/funwith-wood-c17/wooden-people-womanp1120

Tug of War

Resources Needed:

Large rope

Show your viking strength by holding a tug of war competition!
Why not have a leader vs girls competition!

Viking Board Games

Resources Needed:

Game instructions - See Resource Pack

Learn the rules and play a traditional viking board game!

<u> Bat and Ball Games - Play Kingy Ball</u>

Resources Needed:

Game instructions - See Resource Pack

Viking children would play with bat and balls. Why not learn how to play Kingy ball!

Sledging and Skiing

When it snowed in winter vikings would have to use skis to get around. Take a trip to a dry ski slope or go sledging in the snow!

SECTION 8: VIKING GAMES AND LEISURE CONT ...

Storytelling

Storytelling was a popular pastime, especially about the myths/legends of the Gods. Invent a story to tell as a six/patrol or read aloud a story to your unit.

Fencing/Sword Fighting

Have a go at fencing. Or using the swords you make have a pretend sword fight. Invent the rules and see who wins.

SEE RESOURCE PACK FOR END OF CHALLENGE CERTIFICATE FOR YOUR /INDIVIDUAL GIRLS

Chess/Draughts

Resources Needed:
Chess Boards

Learn how to play Chess or Draughts and have a meeting where you play against each other.

Swimming Races

Vikings would always be looking to show their strength and compete. Why not have a swimming race or take part in a swimming gala.

Spear throwing

Resources Needed:

Spears, large outdoor or indoor space

Show your skills and hold a spear throwing competition! You could make them first from card or source foam javelins.

SECTION 9: VIKING PARTY IDEAS

FEAST WITH THE GODS

Have a feast with the Gods, sit a long table, drink from goblets and feat till you can eat no more!

VIKING PARTY

Come dressed up as viking warrior or shield maiden. Play games, make viking crafts and eat viking themed food.

Party food ideas

Check out our pinterest board for party food ideas

https://uk.pinterest.com/ brownowl296/viking-party-foodideas/

HAVE A DRAGON PARTY

All come dressed as dragons, play games, make dragon crafts and fly home after all the food and dragon drinks!

HOARD PARTY

Make lots of treasure, come dressed as vikings, leaders hide the treasure all over the meeting place and you have to go find it all and put it in the chest before it's time to go home!

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON PARTY

Have a movie party and watch the How to train your dragon film and chill out.



THE VIKING CHALLENGE

Badges cost £1.00 each.

Postage & Packing:

If you would like 1 single badge please send a self addressed envelope.

2-20 badges £1.50 21-50 badges £2.00 51-100 badges £2.50



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Postage and Packing		

Please send the form and cheque made payable to 296th Birmingham Brownies to:

Total Cost:

The Viking Challenge 64 Clover Drive, Bartley Green, Birmingham B32 3DJ

Please note we are unable to refund any unused badges. All orders come with a receipt.

All money raised from the badges will go towards the units pack holiday account, this helps cut the cost of the holidays for parents and pays for equipment we need.

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