

Adventures in Garmisch

Stuttgart Girl Scouts World Discovery Patch

Over 1100 years old, the villages of Garmisch and Partenkirchen were forced to combine in 1935 by Adolph Hitler. This market village in southern Germany is in the state of Bavaria near the border of Austria and is conveniently located near Munich and the famous Neuschwanstein castle of Ludwig II.



Completion requirements:

Daisy Girl Scouts - This is a participation patch with no specific requirements. Suggested outings include one hike, listening to a German oompah band, and visiting the Edelweiss Lodge.

Brownie Girl Scouts – Must visit three of the places listed below. They must also produce a written, audio, or drawn report as a result of their visit to the area. This could be a picture, taped story, or simple written paragraph about one place they visited.

Junior Girl Scouts – Must visit four of the places listed below. They must also produce a written or audio report as a result of their visit to the village. This could be a written or audio taped report about their visit. Or produce a scrapbook page of photos of what you did in Garmisch.

Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts – Must visit five of the places listed below. (One of the activities marked with a star (*) is required). They must also produce a written report of at least one page about something they saw during their visit.

1. Visit one of the sports sites from the 1936 Olympics such as the Ice Palace or Ski Jump. A ski- jump contest is traditionally held every January 1st.
2. Attend a fest and listen to a German oompah band.
3. Visit the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort. In the lobby, take a rest in one of the rocking chairs and see what is hanging on the wall above the fireplace. Write it here:
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4. Climb the Gorge! This is a steep climb up rock face which is wet in many places. Can be scary so
be careful! A small fee is required. Hiking boots recommended. Be sure to bring a camera!
5. Hike around the Riessersee, the lake behind the Riessersee Hotel on the side of the hill: Riess 5, 82467 Garmisch-Partenkirchen. Except during winter season, listen to hear the bells as farm animals move through the pastures.
6. Take an evening horse-drawn carriage ride thru town. Pick up and drop off point at the Edelweiss. Reservations recommended and can be made at the Lodge's gift shop. This is a pricey adventure!

7. Take one of the many hikes available around outskirts of the village. Maps may be purchased in the Edelweiss gift shop.
8. Visit the Zugspitze! At 2962 meters above sea level, it is the highest peak in Germany, though it actually sits on the border of Germany and Austria. You can ski or hike the mountain, but it's easier to visit by the cog railway or cable car.
9. Attend the transfer of the Cattle: Almabtrieb— Bavarian tradition held in mid-September. During the summer the cows and livestock are held in the mountains to feed in the best alpine pastures. Then, in autumn, they are gathered from their summer quarters by the “Senn” (Alpine dairy men) and transferred back down to the valley providing a great excuse for a fest with decorated cows!
10. * Ski or snowboard— Spend a day on the slopes. Check with the Edelweiss Recreation staff for available local ski outings and lessons.
11. * Participate in an extreme adventure! Try rappelling, a mountain bike ride over 5 miles long, rafting (whitewater or flat), etc. The Edelweiss Rec staff can help you plan your outing!
12. *Try a Spa Day! -- Have a massage, facial, sauna, hot rock treatment, etc at one of the many spa locations. The Edelweiss resort facility, called The Point, offers many options and the Fitness Center next door at the Marshall Center offers inexpensive massages also.
13. Visit the Wies Church (Wies 12, 86989 Steingaden) in the countryside or the Monastery in Ettal.