

Explore the Outer Banks

<http://www.outerbanks.org/>



The Outer Banks located on the coast of North Carolina is full of interesting activities. Although a beach vacation destination for some, The Outer Banks has much more to offer, such as being the home of North Carolina's motto, "First in Flight."

GUIDELINES: Visit the Outer Banks. Based on the grid, complete the number of activities for your grade level.

	DISCOVER	CONNECT	TAKE ACTION	ANY ACTIVITY UNDER ANY KEY	TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES
Girl Scout Daisy	1	1	1	0	3
Girl Scout Brownie	1	1	1	1	4
Girl Scout Junior	1	1	1	2	5
Girl Scout Cadette	1	1	1	3	6
Girl Scout Senior	1	1	1	4	7

DISCOVER

- Look at a map and locate the general area of the Outer Banks. Which cities are included in the Outer Banks? How did this region become known as the Outer Banks? How many islands are considered a part of the Outer Banks?
- Research the history of Native Americans who considered the Outer Banks their home. Which tribe/s was/were present in the area? List some important details about these Native Americans and explain briefly their way of life in the Outer Banks.
- The Outer Banks has numerous historic lighthouses. How many are located in the Outer Banks? Why were so many built? When were these lighthouses established? What purpose do they serve today?
- Kill Devil Hills is the historical location where Orville and Wilbur Wright developed the first airplane. Conduct some basic information on both of the brothers. Where were they originally from? What inspired them to create a flying device? How did the ability to fly affect the future of travel, warfare, and technological advances?
- Consider the economy of the Outer Banks. How do you think the location of being on the water affects the economy and commerce in the area? In addition, describe the influence of tourism upon the local economy.

CONNECT

- Visit Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge and discover the home to more than 265 species of birds. What are some efforts that the refuge is trying to promote to preserve the wildlife? Which species of birds is most interesting to you and why? In order to plan your visit, call 252-987-2394 or visit the following website: fws.gov/Peaisland/.
- Take a trip to the North Carolina Aquarium at Roanoke Island (374 Airport Rd. Manteo, NC 27954), which is proud to exhibit the largest collection of sharks in the state. During your visit, consider how the aquarium is a reflection of the Outer Banks and the importance of the ocean to the area. To learn more about the aquarium, call 252-473-3494 and take a look at their website: ncaquariums.com/roanoke-island.
- Built as a tribute to the Lost Colony and to Queen Elizabeth, The Elizabethan Gardens (1411 National Park Drive, Manteo, NC 27954) are some of the most beautiful gardens in North Carolina. Visit the gardens and keep in mind the historical relevance of Queen Elizabeth's reign and research historical information regarding the Lost Colony. For more information, call 252-273-3234 or check out their website elizabethangardens.org/.
- To learn more about the environment surrounding the Outer Banks, visit Jockey's Ridge State Park. There, you will be able to take a self-guided tour of the various trails surrounding the sand dunes and learn about the shifting sands and their movement with the wind. In addition, discover the three ecosystems of Jockey's Ridge. What are these various ecosystems and how do they exist together? To plan your visit, call 252-441-7132 and check out the following website: jockeysridgestatepark.com/.

TAKE ACTION

- During one of your trips from the CONNECT section, be sure to take plenty of pictures in order to create a scrapbook or collage. Share these photos and your finished product with your family and Girl Scout troop. Be sure to discuss your favorite aspects of the trip and important things you learned because of going.
- Investigate volunteer opportunities at one of the following libraries in the Outer Banks: Currituck County Library (252-453-8345), Dare County Library (252-441-4331), Ocracoke Library (252-928-4436), Pasquotank-Camden Library (252-335-2473), Perquimans County Library (252-426-5319). Keep in mind there may be regulations requiring a minimum age of participating volunteers.
- Review what activities you did and places you visited in the CONNECT section. Ask if there is a project, you and your Girl Scout troop could participate in and help with.
- Create a PowerPoint presentation on one of the cities of the Outer Banks where you spent time. Include interesting facts regarding the history, demographics, and economy of the Outer Banks. Share the presentation with your Girl Scout troop.