

Patteson Lodge Hippy the Hippo challenge



Notes for leaders

Hippy the Hippo

In March 2019, Christine Martin, GGN county commissioner held a competition to name a hippo for Patteson Lodge grounds.

Eloise Palmer of 1st Higham Brownies and Emma Goddard of 1st Attleborough Brownies were chosen as the winners – both choosing 'Hippy'.

Peter Daley, Patteson Lodge handyman, designed and painted Hippy before she was given a home on the front garden.



The challenge includes many activities which are a usual part of a residential event – it is up to you how you use the ideas!



In 2026 Hippy was in need of new paint to give her a fresh start!

Broadland division commissioner, Gina Brown asked **Hautbois Rangers** to design a challenge badge based on HIPPO. They have come up with ideas to get us started but can you think of more to add?

Funds raised from sale of our badges and shop items, go directly towards more games equipment or other ideas for Patteson lodge – tell us what else you need!

Some ideas appear under more than one letter – until we have so many ideas we have to start reducing them! If you have ideas, email plmanager@girlguidingnorfolk.org.uk so that they are added for the next units to download and use!

H is for Hungry, Happy or Helpful

Ideas based on food and fun

Play hungry hippos

If you don't have the game, try making your own version using shoe boxes tied to broom handles to capture tennis balls or a bigger version using someone lying on a skateboard with a washing basket capturing bigger footballs.

Hungry and helpful

During your stay, help out with meal preparations or clearing away after a meal.

I promise... to help other people

Be the most helpful person at your event!

Could you be a Hostess?

One of the wall hangings in the main hall has a badge which was a hostess badge for 1970's Guides – can you guess which one it is?

Make some food!

There are lots of options for both indoor or outdoor food. Have a look at UMA's for your section before your event to see if you can include any during your holiday. If not, how about cake decorating your own buns for a meal, designing your own pizza, making s'mores or dampers at a campfire.

Hippy reimaged

Draw a new design for our hippo.

I is for Inferno, Ice and Information

Ideas based on fire and ice

Have a campfire

Either outside or inside, and sing some camp songs. If you don't know any already, check YouTube as there are some filmed during the pandemic so people could join in at home.

30 days hath September, April, June and November...

Information is always important, how can we make it fun to share? Can you think of some songs or poems that help you to remember things?

S'more smiles, less stress

Toast marshmallows and make s'mores.

Keep cool

Include ice creams as part of your afternoon treats. If you are staying in winter, take everyone outside for a run around and warm up, then share ice creams or lollies – inside or outside!

Sparks and s'mores

Make can cookers and use them on the veranda to toast your marshmallows.

Have a HOT chocolate

Include toppings – sprinkles, marshmallows, cream...

Take part in a fire drill

Show where all the exits are and practice a fire evacuation drill. For older Brownies or Guides, explain more about how fire spreads and what signs they need to be aware of if they are caught up in a fire at home or in a public building.

P is for Patteson

Beth and Pippa Patteson gave the land for Hautbois to Girlguiding Anglia and for Patteson Lodge to Girlguiding Norfolk

Beaver and Badger

Learn about the history of Patteson lodge. The hallway has photos and plaques about when it was opened. There are also copies of Beth's and Pippa's badges on display.

Known as Badger and Beaver, we named the dorms after them. See what else you can find out!

Go back in time

Book a visit to the ARC and dress up in historical uniforms or find out more about the badges Guiding used to have.

Take part in the mosaic trail

Designed by the ARC there are 13 mosaics to find across the site.

Building for the future

Take a look at the wish list on the Patteson website – what else do you think should be added?
Add your ideas to the suggestion box.

Quiz time

Create, or take part in, a quiz about the Patteson sisters or the Patteson Lodge estate.

Find a Bishy Barney Bee

Patteson is in Norfolk and we have lots of local words for animals. There is a list on page 9 – see how many can be identified.

P is for Play or Picnic

Ideas to spark your imagination

Play hungry hippos

Hungry hippos could also be played in this section!

All aboard HMS Patteson

Play outside on the wooden climber or HMS Patteson. See if you can include everyone in your group.

Memory master

Make your own kim's game with things you have collected from outside.

Time for tea

Friends of Patteson lodge and Millefleur both organise an afternoon tea to fundraise for us.
Make up your own afternoon tea ideas – can you base it on a theme?

Eat lunch outside

If it is winter try hot dogs or mugs of soup to keep you warm.

Create your own play

Either about a stay at the lodge or on a theme chosen by a leader.

Have a BBQ

What delicious treats will you include?

Tile a story

There is a mosaic trail around the gardens and lodge – design a new mosaic for us to add.

O is for Outside

Ideas for fresh air and finding nature

Back to basics

Get outside for some fresh air!

Piece by piece

Take part in the mosaic trail.

Friend to animals

Find out about the animals which live on the site – muntjac deer, owls, bats and discuss how can we help them?

Try stargazing

There are very few 'dark skies' around, but if it isn't cloudy you should be able to see some stars. Visit CPRE to find out instructions on basic star gazing.

Happy trails

Set a trail in the woods – either with natural items or as part of your theme. Get everyone to follow the trail.

Tree-mendous memory

Play Kim's game from things you have found in the woods

Explore the woodland

Why is it called Lady Mayhew woods?

Find the bug hotel

It's in the garden, between the kitchen and the ARC.
Try not to disturb the bugs, but can you see any signs that it is being used?
What plants have we put in this area to help?

Garden explorer

Explore the Millefleur garden on the front edge of the garden.
The flowers are ones that would have been part of the garden at Hautbois when Beth and Pippa donated the land to us.

Do diff'runt and larn yew Norfolk

Our thanks to various Norfolk sites on the internet which have encouraged us to use their lists and sayings!

Animals and insects

Bare – bear (or beer!)
Bishy barney bee – ladybird
Charleypig – Woodlouse

Dawg – dog
Dickey – donkey
Doderman – snail
Erriwiggle – earwig
Harnser – heron or goose
Hedge Betty – house sparrow
Hopp'h toad – frog

King Harry – Goldfinch
Jasper – wasp
Jill-hooter – owl
Pishmire – ant
Pollywiggle – tadpole
Ranny – shrew
Spink – Chaffinch

Let's not forget...

Keep you a troshin (bye)
Ar yer orrite bor? (how are you)
Load of ole squit! (Talking rubbish)

Words and phrases

Atwin – between
Barney – quarrel
Claggy – sticky or moist
Fumble-fisted – clumsy
Furriner – not from Norfolk!
Gawp – stare

Higgler – someone who like to bargain
Hintut – isn't it
Hoddy-doddy – very small
Hold yew hard – hang n a moment
On the huh – wonky
Jiffle – fidget

Jip – sense of pain
Kewter – money
Larn – learn
Lend us a lug – listen
Loke – narrow road
Lollop – move slowly
Lug – ear
Lummox – clumsy

Mardle – gossip
Mawkin – scarecrow
Mawther – girl or woman
Pightle – small field
Slather – spread thickly
Stingey – mean
Skew wiff – unlevel
Troshel – doorstep



There is no teaching to compare with example.

Robert Baden-Powell

When taking part in our challenge we hope you have a chance to lead by example – and enjoy yourselves!

