



Digging in the Past

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Digging in the Past is all about dinosaurs and fossils. You'll invent a dinosaur, dig like a real scientist, and build layers like the earth. It's a fun way to learn about life long, long ago.

Requirements

Every official requirement, in plain language. Check the official wording when you sign off (scouting.org/cub-scout-adventures/digging-in-the-past/). Tips and examples are ideas, not extra requirements.

- ☐ 1 Play a game about dinosaurs that shows what you have learned about them

Tip: Play dinosaur charades or a guessing game about what each dinosaur ate.

Example: Play dinosaur 20 questions: one person thinks of a dinosaur, and everyone else asks yes-or-no questions like "Did it eat meat?" or "Did it walk on two legs?" until someone guesses.

- ☐ 2 Invent a dinosaur and tell your den or family its name, food, size, and home

Tip: Draw your dinosaur and give it a name. Was it a plant eater or meat eater? Where did it live?

Example: Meet the Spikeysaurus: a plant eater as long as a school bus, with spikes on its tail to scare off predators. It lives near swamps, where the plants are soft and easy to chew.

- ☐ 3 Act as a paleontologist and search a dinosaur dig site

Tip: Bury toy bones in a sandbox and dig them out with brushes and spoons.

Example: Bury toy bones or shells in a tub of sand. Dig slowly with a spoon, brush off the sand, and draw a map of where you found each piece, just like a real dig team.

☐ **4** Build a fossil layer

Tip: Layer sand, soil, and clay in a clear cup, and tuck a shell between layers.

Example: In a clear cup, layer gravel, then sand, then soil, and press a shell into one layer. The bottom layers are the oldest, just like real rock, so how old is your fossil?