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"Scoutward Bound"

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Cast:

Sunny
Izzy
Pipp
Zipp
Misty
Hitch
Sparky
Scout Kindheart
Posey
Alphabittle
Jazz
Elderly Pony
Bunnisusses
Giant Bunnisus

Logline: When Sunny's plan to earn the Wilderness Survival Badge is thwarted by a Giant Bunnisus - the Mane 6 will need all the teamwork they can muster.

Synopsis:

1 **EXT. POSEY'S HOUSE. DAY.** 1
CU on SUNNY and GS PONY SCOUT KINDHEART standing next to POSEY - all three of them are huddled around a little plant pot of soil,

1 POSEY 1
I don't know what's wrong - it just won't grow!!

2 SUNNY 2
Hmmm lemme try something...Scout, Posey - stand back!
(alt)
Hmmm, lemme try something...Windy, Posey - stand back!

Scout and Posey (Or Windy) step back, Sunny bursts into ALICORN FORM and then stomps her foot, magic courses through the ground until suddenly a flower explodes from the pot! Sunny beams as Posey exclaims,

3 POSEY 3
Whoooooaaaaa! Guess it just needed some extra special ALICORN power!

4 SCOUT KINDHEART 4
WOW, Sunny - that was amazing! You definitely earned your "HELPING HOOF" badge with that one!

5 WINDY (ALT) 5
WOW, Sunny - that was amazing! You know, in the Trail Trotters, we have a special badge for that...
(she digs in her bag)
There it is! It's called the "HELPING HOOF" badge!

Scout/Windy digs in her bag and pulls out a badge - CRASH ZOOM on the badge and then CUT to a COLOR CARD where the badge appears and then twirls as we transition to the badge landing on Sunny's sash.

The badge lands on Sunny's GAUSA/Trail Trotter sash and Sunny and Scout hoof five and head off. ON Posey as she makes a face - the stems/vines of the flower keeps growing and growing, twisting all around her!

6 POSEY 6
WAHHHHHH! SUNNY! SCOUT! A LITTLE HELP HERE!!
(alt)
WAHHHHHH! SUNNY! WINDY! A LITTLE HELP HERE!!

Sunny and Scout/Windy rush back - Sunny uses her EP magic to recall the vines,

7 POSEY (CONT'D) 7
Phew, thanks Sunny! <GIGGLES>

8 SUNNY / SCOUT / WINDY 8
<GIGGLES>

9 SUNNY 9
Now - let's see if we can earn some
more badges...

2 **MONTAGE. EXT. MARETIME BAY. DAY.** 2
A quick montage follows: Sunny & Scout are busy with various
tasks earning more badges!

* Next, Sunny and Scout are both at a Potter's Wheel - she spins it, sending clay flying, splatting everything... but holds up - a TEAPOT! She hands it to Alphabittle - the PONY POTTER pops up on screen in a colour card, twirls and then lands on Sunny's sash!

* Sunny/Scout are sewing - they each hold up an intricate cross stich. Sunny's is of Pipp and Scout's is Pipp - they love it! They both earn their SEWING BADGE! Ping! Up it pops!

* Sunny uses EP magic to grow some juicy carrots. And Scout/Windy flies above watering the plants to help them grow! Little BUNNISIS pop up from everywhere, licking their lips! Sunny laughs as they hop over, munch away - and burp! A SMILING CRITTER award pops up!

3 **EXT. MARETIME BAY. DAY.** 3
Sunny admires her sash, filled with badges.

10 SCOUT KINDHEART 10
Look at all of our badges, Sunny!
We worked so hard for those! Turns
out caring for ourselves, for
others and for our world is pretty
fun!

11 WINDY (ALT) 11
Look at all of our badges, Sunny! I
knew you'd love being a part of the
Trail Trotters just as much as I
do!

The badges sparkle! Sunny is thrilled. The camera pans over Sunny's impressive sash - before stopping with a record scratch at an EMPTY SPOT!!

12 SUNNY 12
And check it out, Scout - there's
still room for more! Wait, are
there any badges that you can
earn with your friends?
(MORE)

SUNNY (CONT'D)

(alt)

And check it out, Windy - there's still room for more! Wait, are there any badges that you can earn with your friends?

Scout wips out a Girl Scout guidebook and locates a badge challenge for a whole troupe. She points to the badge and shows it to Sunny,

13 SCOUT KINDHEART 13
Actually, yes right here! The Wilderness Survival badge has to be earned as a whole group!

14 WINDY (ALT) 14
Lemme just have a look in the Trail Trotters Guide - aha, yes! The Wilderness Survival Badge has to be earned as a whole group!

15 SUNNY 15
Reallllllly? I think I might know a few ponies who would totally love that...

WIPE TO:

4 **EXT. BRIDLEWOOD - CLEARING 1. EVE.** 4
Boom! Lightning and thunder rumbles! Winds blow, rain lashes down into the forest! We pan down to see a soaked Mane 6, Scout and SPARKY make their way through the forest. They jump, as weird Critter <HOOTS> and <CALLS> echo around them, and eyes blink out of bushes. Hitch, holding a map, leads the way. Unfazed by her spooky surroundings, Scout chats with the ponies as they walk,

16 SCOUT 16
Ahhhh, dontcha just loooooove the outdoors!?!

17 WINDY 17
Ahhh - the outdoors - doesn't it just make you feel so peaceful and calm!

18 PIPP 18
Oh yes - we are totally--OUCH!
(gets twacked by a branch and then has to wrestle it a bit)
...At. ONE. WITH. NATURE!

19 HITCH 19
Left here ponies! Getting that Wilderness Survival badge is gonna be a piece of...huh?

ERK! We pull back to reveal the Ponies are now facing a huge SWAMPY BOG - all bubbling & belching...

20 HITCH (CONT'D) 20
 Hmm. This wasn't on my map...

He spins it around. And turns it over. Zipp looks at it.

21 ZIPP 21
 Ummm that because that map ISNT A MAP! It's one of Sparky's drawings!!

She holds the map up - it's a lot of squiggly crayon lines!

22 HITCH 22
 Ugh...then what happened to the map?!

Cut to Sparky who licks his paws and then belches.

23 SPARKY 23
 <FIRE BELCH>

24 EVERYPONY 24
 SPARKY!!!

25 PIPP 25
 Sooooo NOW we're lost too?!
 <STIFLES A SOB>

26 IZZY 26
 Aaaaand we might want to find a new path - that bog is way too SINKY! We put one hoof in there and we'll be mud ponies FOREVERRRRRRRRRRR! Could be kinda fun?!!

27 PIPP 27
 Um, yeah - that's a HARD NO from me, Iz. Any other ideas?

Suddenly Sunny spots a crag over the treetops, distinctly shaped like a unicorn horn. She brightens:

28 SUNNY 28
 No pony panic! I know that rock! Follow me!

5 **EXT. BRIDLEWOOD - CLEARING 2. EVE.** 5
 Sunny leads the group into a NEW glade... foliage abloom and sparkling, the weather much calmer! As Sunny lays out a picnic blanket, Pipp unzips a backpack.

29 PIPP 29
 Now THIS is more like it!

ON the BUNNISUS, nose twitching, licking lips, eyes on the carrots, as it hops up to camp - Misty is on it straight away!

39 MISTY 39
Shoo! Shoo! Er - that is... if you
wouldn't mind... uh, please?

The bunny hops off annoyed.

6 **EXT. BRIDLEWOOD - CLEARING 3. EVE.** 6
The disgruntled Bunnisus hops into a clearing filled with glimmering crystals. Intrigued, it goes for a closer look at them... and they start to emit a magical glowing aura...And from the Bunnisus' POV things start to get BIGGER...!!

7 **EXT. BRIDLEWOOD - CLEARING 2. EVE.** 7
Suddenly there's an ominous rumble: The ground shakes! Everypony turns, puzzled, towards the noise... Misty comes running into the camp,

40 MISTY 40
<HUFFING> RUNNNNNNNNNNNNNNN!!!!

Followed quickly by a GIANT BUNNISUS!! <THUD THUD THUD>

41 SUNNY 41
Everypony LOOOOOK OUTTTTTT!!!!

The ponies dive for cover as bunny bounces over to Sunny's carrots causing great shakes with each bounce! The ponies watch in horror as their hard work is destroyed in some unfortunately accurate bunny stomps:

The bunny rips through Zipp's tent, <HEY!> crushes Pipp's kareoke machine <GASP>, causes Izzy's firewood sculpture to collapse <NOOOOO!> and extinguishes Hitch and Sparky's campfire... <UGH!> Sunny's face drops as the bunny then devours her carrots,

42 ZIPP / PIPP / IZZY / HITCH / SPARKY 42
Hey! / <HORRIFIED GASP> / NOOOO! /
COME ON! / <SAD NOISES>

43 SUNNY 43
<GROANS> The bunnisus is
destroying everything!

44 ZIPP 44
(under her breath)
Including any hope of earning that
Wilderness Survival Badge!

The bunny finishes off the carrots and then sprints out of camp and launches itself into the air. ON Sunny as she looks determined,

Zipp expertly weaves, ducks, dives and leaps - crashing through the trees - before lobbing the carrot to Sunny!

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ZIPP
<DODGING AND WEAVING NOISES AS SHE FLIES>

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Sunny races away, the Bunny now hot on her tail! She crashes through some bushes - and sees ahead of her - A RAVINE!! Surprised at first, she doubles down, a look of determination - the Bunny right behind her, she speeds up...

And LEAPS! Mid air, Sunny transforms into her ALICORN FORM - easily flapping over the ravine (but her GSA sash flutters into the ravine). The Bunny follows, flies over the ravine and then lands on the other side! BOOM!

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INT. BRIDLEWOOD - CLEARING 1. DAY.

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Sunny flies into the clearing, the Bunnisus still in pursuit - when...

MCU: The Bunny stops dead! It looks down... and a WIDE reveals - the bunny is stuck in the BOG up to its middle! The same swampy bog as before! It wriggles and protests - but can't hop away! PHEW! Sunny looks relieved! The others (inc SCOUT/WINDY) join Sunny (carefully, around the edge of the bog!) - Izzy with a hoof full of crystals!

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SUNNY
Careful little, uh, *big* - critter! We'll get you free... just as soon as you're back to normal.

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Izzy levitates the glowing crystals to encircle the bunny...

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IZZY
These oughta do it...

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The Bunny shrinks down to size once again - as Sunny uses EP magic to grow vines, lifting the bunny out of the swamp.

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IZZY (CONT'D)
Aw! Whatta little cutey! Now look out for those Gigagems, you hear??!!

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The thrilled little Bunnisus, nods and then hops over to the huge carrot and buries their face in it! Sunny smiles at the bunnisus but the her face falls a bit and Misty picks up on it,

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MISTY
Sorry things didn't work out how you'd hoped, Sunny.

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MANE 6 / SCOUT / WINDY
<CHEERS OF CELEBRATION>

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END OF EPISODE.