

GIRL SCOUT DAISY

WHAT DO YOU DO AT A GIRL SCOUT TROOP/GROUP MEETING?

Most Girl Scout troop/group meetings have the same general format and are usually one to two hours in length. The basic parts of a meeting are:

- Start-Up Activity** An informal activity for the girls to enjoy while waiting for everyone to arrive. Some examples of a start-up activity are: singing Girl Scout songs, playing a game, making name tags, or planning an opening or closing.
- Opening** An activity that starts the meeting. Examples of typical opening are: learning or saying the Girl Scout Promise or Girl Scout Law, learning about each other, reading a story.
- Business** The business of the troop/group is conducted during the business portion of the meeting and may include basic elements such as dues collection and attendance, record keeping, short planning for upcoming events. The girls should be encouraged to handle as much as their age and experience allows.
- Program Activity** The highlight of the meeting: a girl's answer when her parent asks her, "What did you do at your Girl Scout meeting today?"
- Clean-up** Girl Scouts always leave a place better than they found it. Work is easier while singing a song or when it's made into a game. Everyone helps!
- Closing** Meetings end with simple closing ceremonies. After a few examples and a little encouragement, the girls will come up with suitable openings and closings on their own.
- Optional** Girls may choose to have a nutritious snack at any scheduled time during the meeting. The group decides on who brings the snack.

Where do we start?

Before you plan your first meeting, review the *Journey Facilitator How-to Set* and the leader's guide for your troop/group grade level. Your first few meetings will include registration for girls and adults, getting to know the girls and helping them get to know you, learning the Girl Scout Promise and Law and sharing the special stories of Girl Scouting with the girls. You will want to find out what the girls are interested in, help them plan an investiture and rededication, assemble a first-aid kit and participate in lively, fun activities such as songs and games.

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STARTING A TROOP ON A SHOESTRING

LEADER'S SUPPLIES

- Girl handbooks
- Age level award book, *Journey* books
- *Safety-Wise*
- *The Source*
- Storage box (some leaders use a wheeled luggage cart if they have them)
- Sharpies, multiple colors
- Big scissors
- Tissue
- First aid kit

INCOME

Start-up grant from community, if available.

Start-up fee from parents: should cover the first batch of pins, patches, etc.

Dues: decided with or by girls depending on age-level.

SUPPLIES

Look in your own cupboard.

Watch garage sales and shop thrift stores. Don't be afraid to mention that it is for a Girl Scout troop – some people will give discounts.

PAPER/PHOTOCOPIES

Ask parents for old office letterhead, and use the back - great for drawing, paper airplanes, etc.

Some companies will let employees use the printer/copier for the cost of paper, or for free, as a community service.

GIRL SUPPLIES

1. Have each girl bring in her own supplies in a box labeled with her name or use zip lock bags
2. Ask parents for donations of excess craft materials they might have.
3. If a craft project calls for something special, have each girl bring that item.
4. Plan ahead for projects and ask parents to start saving items that will be needed in the future.
5. Juliette Low Birthday Party or troop shower - ask each girl to bring in a wrapped item that could be used for crafts or the first aid kit. Provide a list of suggested items like a "registry." Use a game to let the girls unwrap a present: musical chairs, hot potato, left-right, etc.
6. Have a troop scavenger hunt (prizes can be simple things like stickers, balloons, etc).

SUPPLY LIST (SUGGESTIONS)

scotch tape	beads	fabric paint	shoe boxes
rubber bands	yarns	markers	crayons
buttons	ribbon	seeds	baby food jars
potting soil	straws	sponges	tempura paint
liquid starch	pens	face paint	kids scissors
paper bags	thread	tissue paper	pencils/colored
pie tins	stickers	poster board	wiggle eyes
feathers	scrapbook items: paper, albums, die cuts,		
band aids	antiseptic cream	gauze pads	hand sanitizer

INEXPENSIVE GIRL SCOUT ACTIVITIES

Sing songs, practice the flag ceremony, visit fire station, animal shelter, nursing home, day hike at the council camp or your meeting place, visit a playground to eat a sack dinner and "just play!"

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USE THIS FORM TO HELP YOU PREPARE FOR YOUR MEETING

Meeting # _____

Purpose: _____

Preparation: _____

Pre-meeting: _____

Opening: _____

Sharing Time: _____

GS Circle: _____

Snack: _____

Program
Activity: _____

Clean-up: _____

Closing: _____

Leaders should bring:

Girls should bring:

Suggested supplies for every meeting:

These should be purchased with troop funds, parents may donate an amount for start-up expenses or you may ask your Service Team Coordinator for other funding ideas.

- Resource Books: *Safety-Wise, The Guide for Daisy Girl Scout Leaders, How To Guide Girl Scout Daisies through Welcome to the Daisy Flower Garden, Welcome to the Daisy Flower Garden, Daisy Girl Scout Activity Book*
- First aid kit
- American Flag
- Troop box (sturdy cardboard or purchased filing box)
- Three-ring binder with divider inserts for keeping troop records and/or pocket folders for each girl
- Craft supplies, writing implements
- Agenda
- Attendance record sheet

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Meeting #1: Becoming a Girl Scout Daisy

- Purpose:** Girls get to know one another, learn basic Girl Scouting Values, and hear the Daisy Girl Scout Story.
- Preparation:** Review *How To Guide Girl Scout Daisies through Welcome to the Daisy Flower Garden* and *The Guide for Daisy Girl Scout Leaders* and this guide before this meeting.
- Pre-meeting:** Have an adult cut Daisy-shaped nametags
- Opening:** Pledge of Allegiance
Welcome girls. Introduce yourself
"I'm a Daisy" poem
- Sharing Time:** Girls introduce themselves
- Girl Scout Circle:** Find out girls interests. Brainstorm ideas for future meetings
- Snack:** Ants on a Log. Adults can make ahead of time.
- Program** Read or tell the Daisy Girl Scout Story from *Welcome to the Daisy Flower Garden*, page 6 or *The Guide for Daisy Girl Scout Leaders*, page 24.
- Activity:** Make individual folders
Play Marshmallow Relay
- Clean-up:** Everyone helps!
- Closing:** Friendship Circle, *How to Guide Daisy Girl Scouts through Welcome to the Daisy Flower Garden*, or *The Guide for Daisy Girl Scout Leaders*, page 41.
Wait with girls until all are picked up by a parent or pre-arranged adult.

Leaders need to bring:

- Suggested supplies for every meeting
- Celery, raisins, peanut butter, paper plates, napkins, drink
- Crayons, markers, white poster board, clothespins, yellow card stock or stiff cardboard, yarn or string, glue

Resources for the First Meeting:

Name Tags

- Materials: white poster board, clothespins, glue, crayons, markers, yellow tag board/stiff cardboard, yarn/string.
- Pre-meeting preparation: Cut petal shapes from white poster board for each Girl Scout Daisy and adult volunteer.
- Have each person write her name on the front, then glue a small clip-type clothespin to the back. (Place the clip end of the clothespin closer to one side of the tag.) When the glue is dry, the nametag can be clipped on the owner's clothing and worn during the meeting.
- Make the center of the daisy out of stiff yellow cardboard. Punch a hole near the top and attach a string for hanging. Write the troop number in the center of the circle.
- At the end of each meeting, members can clip their petals back onto the daisy center. You may want to write each person's name around the edge of the circle to help keep track of the petals.

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- You can make a troop kaper chart on the back of your daisy center or on another piece of cardboard. If you cover it with clear contact paper, you can write on it with a marker and erase with a damp cloth. Fill in the jobs to be done each week, then clip a girl's name to each section.

I'm a Daisy Girl Scout poem

(May be sung to tune of "On My Honor")

I'm a Daisy standing tall
I'm a Daisy friend to all
I'm a Daisy helping every day
And living all my life in the Girl Scout way.

Stand Tall
Hold hands
Palms up from right to left
Girl Scout sign

Marshmallow Relay

Marshmallows, a teaspoon for each player

Method: Players line up with spoon in hand. On signal, marshmallow is placed on spoon and player walks to the finish line. If marshmallow falls off, player returns to start and begins again.

Friendship Circle

Stand in a circle. Cross arms right over left and hold each other's hands. Everyone remains silent while one person makes a silent wish and gently squeezes the hand of the girl on her right. (To keep track, each girl can put a foot in the center when they have been squeezed.) Proceed around circle until you reach the person who started. As the girls get older, you can sing while squeezing.

Pocket folders for each girl can be used for copies of Girl Scout Promise, songs, games, etc.

Meeting #2: Becoming a Girl Scout Daisy

Purpose:	Developing positive values, learn special Girl Scout components, i.e. do a good turn daily, The Girl Scout Promise and Law.
Preparation:	Review <i>The Guide for Daisy Girl Scout Leaders</i> on investiture, <i>How To Guide Girl Scout Daisies through Welcome to the Daisy Flower Garden</i> , and this resource page before attending this meeting.
Pre-meeting:	Nametags, take attendance (girls can place mark by their own name), Good Turn Mouse
Opening:	Welcome girls Pledge of Allegiance "I'm a Daisy" poem Say the Girl Scout Promise and talk about it Learn the Girl Scout Sign
Sharing Time:	Explain "Good turns" and why we do them. Let girls tell about good turns they have done
Girl Scout Circle:	Talk about investiture. Explain concept of "ceremony."
Snack:	Leader/parent provided
Program Activity:	Play the "Daisy to Daisy" game Play the Musical Ball game
Clean-up:	Everyone helps! Sing "Magic Clean Up"
Closing:	Friendship Circle, <i>How to Guide Daisy Girl Scouts through Welcome to the Daisy Flower Garden</i> , page 45, or <i>The Guide for Daisy Girl Scout Leaders</i> , page 41. Wait with girls until all are picked up by a parent or pre-arranged adult.

Leaders need to bring:

- Suggested supplies for every meeting
- Koosh ball or small yarn ball
- Cardboard/heavy paper, wiggly eyes, pompon nose, thick string, hole punch, glue
- Copies of poem and songs

Resources for the Second Meeting:

Good Turn Mouse

Make a mouse from cardboard or heavy paper, usually 2 per 8 ½" x 11" paper, teardrop shape. For each good turn the Girl Scout Daisy does, she ties a knot in the tail. She can keep track of the good deeds she does, but she may tie a knot only once for any activity (such as dishes which she might do several times in a week). She either reports on each activity she did, or she can be asked which good turn she thought was best and asked to describe it.

"I'm a Daisy" poem

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Daisy-to-Daisy Game

All girls stand with a partner

Caller says: nose-to-nose, finger-to-knee, hand- to-foot, etc.

When caller says: "Daisy-to-Daisy," all girls find a new partner.

Musical Ball Game

Have a way to play music, or choose someone to hum or whistle.

Everyone else forms a circle, faces the center and puts one hand behind her back.

A ball (something small enough to fit in their hands) is passed from girl to girl while the music is playing.

When the music stops, whoever is holding the ball must leave the circle and become the new music operator.

Magic Clean Up

To the tune of "London Bridge"

Weave the magic in and out, in and out, in and out,

Weave the magic in and out, for we are Daisies.

We have tidied everything, everything, everything,

We have tidied everything, for we are Daisies.

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Meeting #3: Becoming a Girl Scout Daisy

- Purpose:** Learning practical life skills, connecting with family
- Preparation:** Review *The Guide for Daisy Girl Scout Leaders* on investiture, *How to Guide Girl Scout Daisies*, and this guide before attending this meeting.
- Pre-meeting:** Nametags or kaper chart, attendance, have girls color investiture invitation.
- Opening:** Welcome girls
Pledge of Allegiance
Practice the Girl Scout Promise
"I'm a Daisy" poem
- Sharing Time:** Talk about the Good Deed Mouse and share good deeds.
- GIRL SCOUT Circle:** Talk about the investiture, check the "Suggested Investiture Ceremony" in this packet and practice a few times.
- Snack:** Leader/parent provided
- Program Activity:** Girls finish coloring invitation and address to those they wish to invite.
- Clean-up:** Everyone helps! Sing "Magic Clean Up."
- Closing:** Friendship Circle, *How to Guide Daisy Girl Scouts through Welcome to the Daisy Flower Garden*, page 45, or *The Guide for Daisy Girl Scout Leaders*, page 41.
- Wait with girls until all are picked up by a parent or pre-arranged adult.

Leaders need to bring:

- Suggested supplies for every meeting
- Invitation
- Scissors, pens, crayons, markers

Girls needs to bring:

Snack, if assigned

Resources for the Third Meeting:

Investiture Invitation

- Using 9 x 12 white or manila construction paper. Create a daisy design that has large circle that the girls can write in.
- Make one for each girl. Bring to meeting. Have girls **color the petals only. Leave the center circle for words.**
- You can create the words for the invitation on copy paper leaving the 'To' and 'From' blank. Make sure the space for 'To' and 'From' is big enough for the girls to write in.
- TO:
- WHAT:
- WHERE:
- WHEN:
- FROM:
- The girls fill in the 'To' and 'From' blanks and cut out the circle and glue it on their flower center.
- As the parents/designated adults pick the girls up, each girl delivers her invitation.

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Daisy display board for investiture

- Cardboard or poster board covered with Girl Scout Daisy blue.
- Yellow circle for the center of the daisy and a green stem. Arrange on the blue background with space to add petals.
- Write the troop number in the middle of the yellow center.
- A daisy petal for each girl with her name written on it.
- One green leaf per leader and adult volunteer working with the troop with her name written on it.

Investiture Ceremony

Check in *The Guide for Daisy Girl Scout Leaders* or *Let's Celebrate: Girl Scouts Ceremonies* or the attached suggested Girl Scout Daisy Investiture Ceremony page. The event can be as elaborate or simple as you and the girls want.

Suggested Girl Scout Daisy Investiture Ceremony:

Use the display board created in Meeting #3 for placing petals during the ceremony.

Ceremony:

- Girls stand in a circle or semi-circle depending on the placement of the daisy center and the stem.
- Ask the guests to be seated.
- Leader: "An investiture ceremony is a formal ceremony where registered girls actually become Girl Scouts. We would like to begin by saying the Pledge of Allegiance."
- Co-Leader: "Today is a very special day for us. It is the day we receive our membership pins and become Girl Scouts. To do this, we each make a Promise...the same promise made by our sister Girl Scouts all over the country." Ask the girls to say the Girl Scout Promise together.
- Invite each girl to come forward with her parent. Each girl is given her petal and she places her petal around the center. The idea is that when all girls have placed their petals on the yellow center, a completed daisy is formed. After all the petals have been placed, the leaders/adults then place their leaves on the stem. Any adult who has not been invested should be at this time.
- Have each girl face you and give her a Girl Scout Daisy Pin and the Girl Scout Handshake (make the Girl Scout Sign with the right hand and shake with the left). Present each Girl Scout Daisy with her Beginning Certificate.
- Parent(s) and child may return to the semi-circle.
- When all the girls have received their pins,
- Leader: "Welcome to the world of Girl Scouting. Wear your pins with pride and always remember the Promise you have made."
- Invite parents to be seated and girls can perform the "I'm a Daisy" poem.

Suggested Girl Scout Daisy Flag Ceremony:

You may have your girls say the Pledge of Allegiance and the Girl Scout Promise as a simple opening flag ceremony. Smaller flags are necessary for smaller girls.

Meeting #4: Becoming a Girl Scout Daisy

- Purpose:** Investiture
- Preparation:** Check to make sure you have everything you need, including an agenda, program for parents, refreshments, certificates, Girls Scout Daisy pins, display board.
- Pre-meeting:** Nametags for everyone. Set up meeting space for ceremony.
- Opening:** Welcome everyone
Pledge of Allegiance
The Girl Scout Promise
“I’m a Daisy” poem
At the ceremony Girl Scout Daisies wear their uniform, receive the Girl Scout Daisy Beginning Certificate and the Girl Scout Daisy pin.
- Refreshments:** If there is an older girl troop in your area that would be willing to serve for this ceremony, enlist their help.
- Clean-up:** Everyone helps! Sing “Magic Clean Up”
- Closing:** If the girls want: Friendship Circle, *How to Guide Daisy Girl Scouts through Welcome to the Daisy Flower Garden*, or *The Guide for Daisy Girl Scout Leaders*, page 41.

Leaders Should Bring:

Suggested supplies for every meeting
Poster board with Daisy parts
Flag ceremony materials (optional)
Girl Scout Daisy Pins
Girl Scout Daisy Beginning Certificates
Girl Scout Adult Pins
Refreshments (optional)

Girls Should Bring:

Their guests
Wear uniforms