A complete guide for your first year leading a Girl Scout troop

My First Year Guide

Daisy
Welcome to Girl Scouts!

**Troop Co-Leaders**

On average, troop co-leaders spend 6-11 hours per month (+8 during cookie season) volunteering. We want to help you enjoy as much of that time as possible! This guide takes the guesswork out of leading a troop.

**What do troop leaders do?**

- **Help** girls reach their potential as creative, courageous leaders
- **Create** a space where girls try new things without worrying about failing
- **Teach** lessons girls will use for decades to come
- **Try** new things along with their girls
- **Develop** your own organizational and leadership skills
- **Join** a global community of sisterhood

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**Girl Scout Mission**

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

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**Girl Scout Promise**

On my honor, I will try:
To serve God* and my country,  
To help people at all times,  
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

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**Girl Scout Law**

I will do my best to be  
honest and fair,  
friendly and helpful,  
considerate and caring,  
courageous and strong, and  
responsible for what I say and do,  
and to  
respect myself and others,  
respect authority,  
use resources wisely,  
make the world a better place,  
and  
be a sister to every Girl Scout.

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**What is the Girl Scout Difference?**

Girl Scouting is the preeminent leadership development organization for girls. When you see the trefoil throughout the book, it is used to highlight what makes our organization different and why it is so valuable to your girl.

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**Thank you!**

Welcome to the great adventure that is Girl Scouting! Thanks to volunteers like you, generations of girls have learned to be leaders in their own lives and in the world. Have no doubt: you, and nearly one million other volunteers like you, are helping girls make a lasting impact on the world.

*Alison Wilcox, GSWNY CEO*

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*Members may substitute for the word God in accordance with their own spiritual beliefs.*
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Getting Started

New leaders often spend the first few weeks getting started and setting up their troop.

New Co-Leader Start-up Checklist

Have you...

☐ Registered as a Girl Scout?
☐ Completed a criminal background check?
☐ Completed Volunteer Basic Training series?
☐ Completed Grade-level Training?
☐ Received an approval letter in your email?
☐ Met with your co-leader?
☐ Signed up for an optional New Leader Welcome event near you?
☐ Checked gswana.org for up-to-date council guidelines and support?

...Great! You’re ready to get started!

Setting Up Your Troop

1 Grow your Troop
We recommend having 8-12 girls in your troop—small enough to encourage individual development and large enough to provide an interactive and cooperative learning environment. Need help growing your troop? GSWNY is here for you!

2 Troop Meeting Times and Location
Set meeting times that work within your schedule! We recommend meeting 2 times per month in a public, accessible space like a school, library, or community center, or meet virtually! Troops are not allowed to meet at private residences. Need help finding a troop meeting location? We can help with that, too!

3 Get Connected
Girl Scouting is all about sisterhood 🌿 In addition to your troop co-leader, your troop team of parents/caregivers, Service Unit, and Council are all here for you. Learn more on page 4.

4 Open a Troop Bank Account
Open a troop bank account as soon as possible. Learn more about funding your fun starting on page 9.
Your Troop’s Support System

Girl Scouts is all about sisterhood. As the leader of a Daisy troop, you are not alone!

Your Troop Team

A strong leader-family partnership is a key component to a successful Girl Scout troop experience.

1. Get to know your co-leader and determine the best division of troop tasks.
2. Host a troop parent/caregiver meeting to build your volunteer team.

Check out page Working with Parents/Caregivers on page 6 for more!

Your Service Unit (Neighborhood)

The Service Unit (SU) is the bridge between your troop and the GSWNY Council Support Staff and often your first stop for information!

**Where:** Our GSWNY Council is divided into Service Units based on neighborhood, school district, geographic area, or county. Each Service Unit is supported by a Service Unit team.

**Who:** Service Unit teams are made up of skilled volunteers with years of Girl Scout experience. Service Unit Managers (SUMs) coordinate the Service Unit. Other important Service Unit roles include: Finance Consultant, Product Program Managers, Troop Manager, and Welcome Specialist.

**What:** Service Unit teams support you by holding regular leader meetings and planning fun activities throughout the year like Cookie Kickoff, camping, or a STEM event.

Learn more about your Service Unit in your co-leader welcome and approval email!

Service Unit Meetings

Attending regular Service Unit meetings is required for at least one troop leader or troop representative. There you’ll:

- Meet and network with fellow volunteers
- Learn about upcoming events and trainings
- Receive important resources and materials, like your Cookie Program materials

Learn more from your Service Unit Manager or Welcome Specialist

Your GSWNY Council Staff

We are here for you! If you have a private matter, a conflict to discuss, issues with registration, or any other needs, GSWNY can help! Contact Customer Care for assistance at customercare@gswny.org or 1-888-837-6410.
Remember, the Service Unit should be your first stop when you need help! The Service Unit team is made up of local, super skilled Girl Scout volunteers.

**Service Unit Name:** ___________________________  **Service Unit #:** __________

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<th>Key Service Unit Team Members</th>
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**Service Unit Leader Meetings**

Location: ___________________________  Address: ___________________________

Day of the Week: ___________  Time: ___________

Special Instructions (parking, entrance, room number, etc.)

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Virtual Meeting Information: ____________________________________________

**Meeting Dates**

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Working with Parents/Caregivers

Unlike many other extracurriculars, a Girl Scout troop needs parent and caregiver support to thrive!

Parent/Caregiver Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and introduce one another and the Girl Scouts
- Share how family is an important part of the Girl Scouts
- Encourage caregivers to take roles in the troop (use the guide below and on the next page)
- Discuss troop dues, and how the troop will raise money (See pages 9-10 Troop Finances)
- Close by sharing contact information, collect health forms and permission slips, and answer any questions

Check out the detailed, step-by-step guide for the Parent/Caregiver Meeting online on the VTK (see page 15, Helpful Tools)

ASK: How much spare time can you dedicate to your child’s Girl Scout Experience?

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<td>30 minutes/month</td>
<td>Organize and manage the troop calendar for snacks or carpooling.</td>
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<td>1 hour/month</td>
<td>Manage troop communication by texting or emailing families with meeting reminders, manage social media, or organize a phone tree in case of emergencies.</td>
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<td>1-2 hours/month</td>
<td>Take photos or videos at troop meetings or Girl Scout events! Make sure all girls have signed photo releases.</td>
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<td>2-4 hours/month</td>
<td>Share your interests or expertise by leading part of a troop meeting or guide girls through a specific badge. Or, register as a Troop Driver/Chaperone/Helper within the troop so you can participate along with the girls and assist the leaders when needed.</td>
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<td>5+ hours/month during cookie season (January to March)</td>
<td>Help the troop during Cookie Season as the Troop Product Program Manager Or, sign up to be another co-leader! There is no limit to the number of co-leaders a troop can have. Plus, the more co-leaders the troop has, the more girls can join the troop!</td>
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Helpful Tips!

- Make your ask for help clear and direct: “Will you be our First Aider?”
- Explain that you need parent/caregiver buy-in if the troop will be successful
- Invite a member of the Service Unit team to help during your Parent/Caregiver meeting
- If girls will be present during the parents’ meeting, have a small craft or activity ready to keep them busy and engaged
- Did you know male caregivers can be Girl Scout volunteers too? (Note: All male co-leaders must be paired with a non-related female at all times)
# Your Troop Team

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<tr>
<td>Product Program Manager</td>
<td>Manages Fall Product Program and Cookie Program for the troop: helps build a troop product team to support girl/caregiver Product Program training, direct sale coordination and activities, product inventory and reward distribution, and payments. The Troop Product Program Manager will work closely with the Service Unit Product Program Manager.</td>
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<td>Troop Treasurer</td>
<td>Eases the task of maintaining your troop's financial records. Troop Treasurers must be a registered member and pass our background check because they are dealing with money.</td>
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<td>First Aider</td>
<td>At least one registered volunteer in all troops must be first aid certified before leaving the troop meeting place for field trips or outings. GSWNY offers first aid trainings throughout the year, or you can get certified with an outside vendor, like the Red Cross, or you can get trained through your Service Unit if it is offered.</td>
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<td>Subject-Matter Experts</td>
<td>Ask the parents/caregivers in your troop to share their talents! For example, if a caregiver is a veterinarian, she might lead a field trip to her office to teach the girls about anatomy on the family dog.</td>
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<td>Troop Drivers/Chaperones/Helpers</td>
<td>We encourage troop parents/caregivers to register as volunteers in the role if they intend to participate in Girl Scout meetings, events, carpooling, field trips, overnights, or camping trips. This way they will be background checked and covered by our Girl Scout insurance should an accident occur. This helps keep everyone safe!</td>
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As the leader of a Daisy troop, your goal should be to act as a facilitator, enabling girls to experience planning, decision-making, leadership, and yes, even failure!

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<th>Daisy (Kindergarten and first grade) girls...</th>
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<td>Can make simple choices and enjoy sharing their opinion</td>
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<td>Have loads of energy and need to run, walk, and play outside</td>
<td>They’ll enjoy going on nature walks and outdoor scavenger hunts.</td>
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<td>Are great builders and budding artists</td>
<td>Encouraging them to express themselves and their creativity by making things with their hands. Girls may need assistance holding scissors, cutting in a straight line, and so on.</td>
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<td>Love to move and dance</td>
<td>They might especially enjoy marching like a penguin, dancing like a dolphin, or acting out how they might care for animals in the jungle.</td>
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<td>Are concrete thinkers and are focused on the here and now</td>
<td>Showing instead of telling, for example, about how animals are cared for. Plan visits to animal shelters, farms, or zoos; meet care providers or make a creative bird feeder.</td>
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<td>Are only beginning to learn about basic number concepts, time, and money</td>
<td>You’ll want to take opportunities to count out supplies together—and perhaps, the legs of a caterpillar! The Product Program sales reinforce counting and math skills!</td>
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<td>Know how to follow simple directions and respond well to recognition for doing so</td>
<td>Being specific and offering only one direction at a time. Acknowledge when girls have followed directions well to increase their motivation to listen and follow through.</td>
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<td>Are just beginning to write and spell and they don’t always have the words for what they’re thinking or feeling</td>
<td>Having girls draw a picture of something they are trying to communicate is easier and more meaningful for them.</td>
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**Helpful Tips!**
- Build on the strengths of each girl
- Praise desirable behavior
- Use simple words
- Use quiet, pleasant tones
- Be flexible – attentions spans can be short
- Utilize the Girl Scout Promise and Law
- Try to be at the girl’s eye level
- Encourage girls to solve problems
- Develop a friendly relationship with each girl
- Keep activities short and varied
Troop Finances

You’re probably wondering how you will fund your first year full of Girl Scout experiences. We are here to help you get started!

Opening a Bank Account

Open a troop bank account as soon as you are able.

1. Connect with your SUFC

All troops must open bank accounts with the help of their Service Unit Finance Consultant, SUFC. Your SUFC contact information is provided to you in your co-leader welcome and approval email.

2. Visit the bank with your SUFC

Set a time to meet with the SUFC and go to the recommended bank for your Service Unit; bring any required paperwork or ID with you. All Girl Scout bank accounts must have three signers: the two co-leaders and the SUFC.

Keep Financial Records

Save all of your receipts and bank statements. You can use the Finance tab of the Volunteer Tool Kit to keep an ongoing ledger of your troop’s income and expenses, or download an Excel file from the online Forms Library which does the math for you! You’ll submit the annual Troop Finance Activity Report (TFAR), which is due via the Volunteer Tool Kit (VTK) in May-June. Information on accessing the VTK is on page 15 of this guide.

The Council Opportunity Fund

This is a resource available to all registered members of GSWNY to cover the cost of uniforms, registration, GSWNY programs, and adult trainings. Access financial assistance documents by visiting the Troop Basics page of our website (gswny.org) or searching “council opportunity fund” in the Forms Library of our website. Share this information with all families; it’s better not to make assumptions about which families may need it. All girls are welcome and no girl is ever turned away for financial reasons.

Volunteer Essentials

For full information about financial guidelines, you may consult Volunteer Essentials, our comprehensive policies document. Volunteer Essentials is updated annually and is the primary GSUSA & GSWNY reference document to be consulted for general safety and planning guidelines. Volunteer Essentials can be accessed by visiting the Troop Basics page of gswana.org.

Visit gswana.org/troopbasics for more Troop Finance information!
Troop Finances

How to fund your fun!

1. Troop Dues

Start-up funds to cover the cost of supplies and activities come from troop dues. Troop co-leaders can decide how much dues will be and how to collect them at the beginning of the year. Ask families what they feel most comfortable with during your first parent/caregiver meeting. Each girl or family can pay $1-$2 per meeting, or you can ask for one-time dues of $20-$50 at the beginning of the year. At your parent meeting, you can also ask for families to donate supplies to the troop like markers or scissors.

Note: For field trips, we recommend asking families provide a small contribution—this helps ensure buy-in and good attendance. We also have financial aid and the Council Opportunity Fund (page 9) because at GSWNY, we never want cost to be a barrier.

2. Product Program Sales (Financial Literacy Program)

The Girl Scouts of Western New York holds two Product Program opportunities for girls to participate in throughout the year. While selling delightful nuts, candy, and magazine subscriptions to delicious Girl Scout Cookies, troops earn funds to do amazing things.

Troop Funds can be used for a variety of activities such as Council sponsored programs, field trips, camping adventures, travel and so much more! Troop Funds enable girls to try new experiences, get outdoors, and unleash their potential to do amazing things and keep their communities at the center of everything they do.

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<td>Girls sell nuts, candy and magazine subscriptions to friends and family both Online and through in-person order taking.</td>
<td>Girls sell cookies to her customers through Online, in-person, door to door and booth sales.</td>
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<td>Vendor: Ashdon Farms and M2</td>
<td>Vendor: ABC Smart Cookies</td>
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<tr>
<td>Troops will earn $1 for nuts and candy and $3 for magazines sold</td>
<td>Troops will earn a minimum of $.75 per box of Girl Scout Cookies</td>
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The Girl Scout Cookie Program is the largest girl-led entrepreneurial program in the world!

Are there other ways my troop can earn money?

Troop dues and Product Program money-earning opportunities are the best way to fund your Girl Scout Fun. Older girls may participate in other council approved money earning activities such as a car wash, or bake sale.

Through the generosity of a troop donation (physical or monetary) and or troop sponsorship, troops can utilize these funds/goods to power their Girl Scout activities, adventures, service projects and more! Visit gswny.org or contact Customer Care for more information.
Fall and Cookie Program
Entrepreneurial Experiences

Girl Scouts Product Program is the largest girl-led entrepreneurial program in the world, aiming to empower girls through the development of five essentials skills: Goal Setting, Decision Making, Money Management, People Skills and Business Ethics. Girls will explore entrepreneurship as they participate in money earning activities that spark curiosity, confidence and innovation. Troop Proceeds can help fund your troop’s entire year, including programs, experiences, trips, and more amazing opportunities.

Fall and Cookie Program Participation Information

Your Service Unit Product Program Manager will share troop training dates and important participation information. Being with you every step of the way, you’ll be provided program and troop support to ensure the program is fun, easy, and engaging! Head to gswny.org/cookies to visit our Cookies+ Tab on our website to learn more and stay connected to council resources, Smart Cookie training videos, and marketing resources!

Fall Product Program

October

The Fall Product Program is great money earning activity that girls/troops can participate in to build their troop startup funds! Being a quick program, girls will have an opportunity to sell magazine subscriptions and delicious nuts and candy items to friends and family.

Not only will troops earn proceeds; $1 for every nut and candy sold, and $3 for every magazine subscription, girls will earn really cool themed rewards too! Girls have an opportunity to sell nuts, and candy in-person, online or both.

Magazine subscriptions can be purchased online and will be sent directly to the customer. Offering pre-pay girl delivered and direct ship options, participating has never been easier.

Cookie Program

January - March

The cookie program is an exciting time of the year where girls venture into the entrepreneurial world to learn business and financial skills while running her cookie business. Girls and troops will “earn and learn” as they earn a minimum of $.75 per box of Girl Scout Cookies to do some pretty amazing things—whether it’s trying a new experience, or supporting their local community.

With the support of your Service Unit Manager and Product Program Manager, each troop is encouraged to build a Cookie Team to ensure the program is fun, engaging, and successful. After attending a Troop Leader Cookie Training, as well as working with your Service Unit Product Program Manager throughout the cookie program, you’ll feel confident, eager and ready for your girls to crush their cookie goals.

How is the Cookie Program Managed?

Using the Smart Cookie Digital Cookie platform, girls and volunteers are able to seamlessly manage every phase of the cookie program, from online, to in-person, Keep Goaling, and Direct Sales! Girls are able to set goals, manage her cookie orders, and even communicate with her customers. For the volunteer, the platform allows you to set and monitor the troop’s cookie goals, track girl/troop finances, view your troop recognitions and achievements and more!
Getting outside of your normal meeting location can provide opportunities for learning, exercise, community service, and, most importantly, fun! Getting girls outdoors can be challenging and wonderful.

**Great Options for Daisies**

Girl Scouts is girl-led! Talk to your girls about their ideas for fun things you can do outside

- Start Small – play at the playground or in the yard for 10-15 minutes
- Gradually build up the length of time spent outside once you know your girls can handle following directions
- Take small field trips to local places of interest
- Participate in Service Unit camping events or outdoor programs
- Visit the gswny.org/ourprogram to learn more about our programs and events
- If the weather is nice, consider hosting your troop meeting outside at a local park!

**Safety First**

1. **Permission Slips**

   Have parent/caregiver permission slips with you for any activity outside your troop's normal meeting location. Find our Annual Permission Slip at gswny.org/safety.

2. **First Aid**

   A first-aid kit and at least one registered volunteer who is first aid certified must be present any time you leave the regular troop meeting location.

3. **Safety Ratios**

   To ensure everyone's safety, each troop is required to have two approved non-related co-leaders, at least one of whom is female, present at all times when meeting.

   **Troop Meeting in Regular Location**
   - 12 girls to 2 leaders
   - 1 additional registered approved GSWNY volunteer for every 6 additional girls

   **Field Trips, Events, Camping, etc.**
   - 6 girls per 2 registered approved GSWNY volunteers
   - 1 additional registered approved GSWNY volunteer for every 4 additional girls
   - Note: All caregivers who accompany the troop must be registered members. Those who serve as chaperones or drivers must also be approved volunteers.

4. **Safety Activity Checkpoints**

   The Safety Activity Checkpoints (SAC) are detailed rules and policies for higher-risk activities. Prior to an activity, you may reference the SAC on the Safety page at gswny.org/safety.

5. **Emergencies**

   First, call 911 if an emergency occurs during a Girl Scout meeting or activity, then inform GSWNY as soon as you are able. Please call our emergency answering service if the emergency occurs after business hours at 1-800-882-9268.
An investiture ceremony is a ceremony which honors Girl Scouts of all ages officially into the Girl Scout and Girl Guide family. The investiture part is where girls say the Girl Scout Promise and are invested into Girl Scouts receiving their daisy membership and world trefoil pins. There is no “right way” for girls to be invested, as long as each girl has a chance to make her Promise and receive both of her pins. Typical Girl Scout investiture ceremonies are made up of three parts:

**Opening:** begins the ceremony
**Main:** the reason for holding the ceremony
**Closing:** ends the ceremony

During your Daisy investiture ceremony, you will pin girls with the Daisy Girl Scout Pin. View a sample Daisy Investiture Ceremony on gswny.org!

Bridging from one level of Girl Scouting to another are important transitions in the life of a Girl Scout. This is the opportunity for girls to look back at their accomplishments as a Daisy and look forward toward the new adventures and challenges that lie ahead as a Brownie. A Daisy who continues with Girl Scouts and bridges to Brownies can earn a special Bridge to Brownie Arc that they will wear on their Brownie uniform. The arc signifies that the girl has been a Daisy Girl Scout. Girl Scout Daisies Bridge to Brownies between 1st and 2nd grade.

A Daisy Bridging Ceremony is available through the GSWNY website. One important component of Bridging is talking to an older troop to learn and get excited about being a Brownie. Contact sister troops within your Service Unit to get started!

**Girl Scout Motto:** Be prepared
**Girl Scout Slogan:** Do a good turn daily
**Quip:** “Girl Scouts leave a place better than they found it.”
**Quip:** “Once a Girl Scout, always a Girl Scout!”

**Girl Scout Sign:** Hold the right hand up at shoulder height with the middle three fingers pointed to the sky and the thumb pressed down over the pinky finger. Make the Girl Scout sign while saying the Girl Scout Promise and the Girl Scout Law, and using the Girl Scout handshake.

**Girl Scout Handshake:** Shake left hands and make the Girl Scout sign with the right hand.

**Quiet sign:** The signal to be silent in a group. The person in charge raises their right hand high into the sky. All girls and adults raise their right hands, stop talking, and stay quiet.

**The Buddy System:** A safety practice to keep girls in pairs when they are outside of the troop meeting space. Trios are sometimes nicknamed a truddy, as in, “Girls, stay with your buddy, or stay with your truddy!”

Visit gswny.org/troopbasics for more ceremony resources!
Did you know Daisy Petals can be earned virtually? As the troop leader, you are able to decide if you want to meet with your troop in-person, virtually, or both! While in-person meetings are usually the more popular option, there are some benefits to meeting virtually.

Meeting with girls virtually, when they are in their own homes, allows for some fun activities not usually available in your troop's usual meeting location—such as household item scavenger hunts or cooking competitions! Your troop can go on a virtual trip together or invite a guest speaker/expert to your virtual meeting. Plus, virtual meetings can be a good back-up plan for the snowy winter months in Western New York! Keep these fun virtual meeting ideas “in your back pocket” in case your troop decides to have a virtual meeting!

### Virtual Meeting Tips

- Visit [gswny.org/virtualmeetings](gswny.org/virtualmeetings) for a full list of meeting ideas, documents, videos, and more!
- Read our full virtual meeting safety tips listed on our Safety page at [gswny.org/safety](gswny.org/safety).
- Hold a practice run meeting. Invite caregivers to go over expectations and troubleshoot. Daisy Girl Scouts may need caregiver's help during virtual meetings.
- Keep your virtual meeting to 30-45 minutes. It might take longer to earn a badge virtually, and that’s okay! 30 minutes is perfect for a traditional Girl Scout opening and closing, a petal activity, and a maybe game.
- Keep your meeting supply list simple, and remember not everyone has a ton of craft materials at home.

### Fun Meeting Themes & Activities

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*Remember to ask for parent/caregiver permission and help!*

### Digital Icebreakers

- **Digital Show and Tell**: Ask the girls to share something of theirs with the troop
- **Where Are You?**: Ask girls to give you a brief virtual tour of their space. What’s one thing they love about the room they are in?
- **Virtual ‘I Spy’**: Have the girls take turns looking at each other’s videos/backgrounds and seeing what they can find!
- **Question of The Day**: Pick a different question for each meeting and ask the girls to answer it in just one or two sentences. The question can tie into something going on in their lives, badge activities you will complete during the meeting, or just something silly!
- **What’s Your Emoji Today?**: Ask the girls to take turns making or drawing the emoji face that matches how they are feeling today. Give the rest of the troop a few minutes to guess the emotion, then ask the girl to share how she is feeling. This is a fun way to check in on everyone!
Volunteer ToolKit (VTK)

The Volunteer Toolkit (VTK) contains detailed program and meeting plans for Daisy through Ambassador and multi-level troops.

With the VTK, you can:

- Access step-by-step activity guides for each troop meeting—so you'll know exactly what to say and do, including the petal stories!
- Easily share troop meeting activities and updates with parents/caregivers for each meeting
- Log girls’ program achievements and milestones
- Add events and your own troop activities
- Keep track of troop income and expenses

You can access the VTK through our website at gswny.org

GSWNY Program Resources

- Service Unit Event
- Council-Sponsored Program
- Field Trip
- Program on Demand
- Outdoor Experience
- Cookie Program
- Daisy Financial Literacy Leaf
- Badge in a Box
- GSWNY Patch Program

Friendship Circle

The friendship circle is often formed at the end of meetings or campfires as a closing ceremony. Everyone gathers in a circle where they cross their right arm over their left in front of them and hold hands with the people on either side.

Once everyone is silent, the leader starts the friendship squeeze which is gently passed from hand to hand. When the squeeze returns to the leader, she says ‘Goodnight Girl Scouts’ and the girls raise their arms over head and then turn the circle inside out.

Girls will often sing ‘Make New Friends’ before passing the hand squeeze.

Make New Friends

Make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver, the other is gold. A circle is round, it has no end. That's how long I want to be your friend.

To learn more about these great programs and other helpful resources, visit gswny.org/volunteerresources
Your Daisy Year at a Glance

Troop Meetings

Each month, you and your troop will hold two meetings

Meeting 1: Petal Meeting
Earn petals by completing fun activities to learn about the Girl Scout Law. Below is a list of all the Daisy petals.

- Promise Center
- Lupe Petal: Honest and Fair
- Sunny Petal: Friendly and Helpful
- Zinni Petal: Considerate and Caring
- Tula Petal: Courageous and Strong
- Mari Petal: Responsible for What I Say and Do
- Gloria Petal: Respect Myself and Others
- Gerri Petal: Respect Authority
- Clover Petal: Use Resources Wisely
- Rosie Petal: Make the World a Better Place
- Vi Petal: Be a Sister to Every Girl Scout

Meeting 2: Girls’ Choice
Girl Scouts is girl-led! Ask your girls what they’re interested in and choose from the following for your second meeting of the month.

- Service Unit Event
- Council-Sponsored Program
- Field Trip
- Program on Demand
- Outdoor Experience
- Cookie Program
- Daisy Financial Literacy Leaf
- Badge in a Box
- GSWNY Patch Program

Daisy Petal stories can be accessed through the New Leader section at gswny.org/volunteerresources

This Year in Girl Scouts

Ask your troop how they’d like to participate in these Girl Scout favorites!

**October-December**
- Fall Product Program Sale
- International Day of the Girl (10/11)
- Juliette Gordon Low’s Birthday (10/31)

**January-March**
- Cookie Sale
- World Thinking Day (2/22)
- Girl Scout Week (3/7-3/12)
- Girl Scout’s Birthday (3/12)

**April-August**
- Camp
- Renew your Membership
- Girl Scout Leader’s Day (4/22)
- Year-end celebration
- Summer Patch Program

Learn more about these programs at gswny.org/volunteerresources
Activity 1: Meeting Agenda

- Introduce yourself to your troop caregivers and have them do the same
- Share the Girl Scout Family Promise

Activity 2: Practice Girl Scout Traditions

Daisy Circle
Girls come together to share thoughts and ideas and make plans for their troop.

Girl Scout Hand Sign
While reciting the Girl Scout Promise and Law, hold up your right hand with the three middle fingers up and hold your thumb and pinky finger together.

Quiet Sign
When Girl Scouts see a hand raised, they raise their hand and wait quietly while others do the same.

Practice the Quiet Sign
- Have everyone stand up and wiggle, jump in place, make lots of noise
- Raise the Quiet Sign, encourage the girls to stop what they are doing, raise their own hands, and be quiet.

Activity 3: Daisy Nametags

- Have girls color their names on the Daisy name tag
- Cut out and glue the Girl Scout Promise to the back of the tag and tie a piece of yarn to the top

Ask your girls:
- What does it mean to make a promise and why is it important to keep our promises?
- Do you think these three parts of the promise are good things to live by? Why?

Activity 4: Daisy to Daisy Game

- Girls make the Girl Scout sign with their right hands and shake hands using their left
- Girls introduce themselves to their partner and tell her something about herself
- Give them more directions such as: Touch your partner elbow-to-elbow, now try knee-to-knee
- When you say Daisy to Daisy, the girls scurry and find a brand-new partner
- Repeat until all of your girls have met each other!

Activity 5: Closing Ceremony

- Ensure your caregivers have all of the information they need, collect health and permission forms
- Close with a Friendship Circle, singing “Make New Friends” and passing a gentle squeeze around the circle (page 13)

2 | Next Meeting: Girl’s choice!

Talk to your troop about what they’d like to do for the second meeting of the month. Choose from:
3 | Lupe: Honest and Fair

**Activity 1: Welcome**

- Have girls color Lupe the Lupine coloring page as they arrive
- Tell them that Lupe stands for being honest and fair

**Activity 2: Opening Ceremony**

- Gather the girls into a circle to read the Girl Scout Promise and Law
- Ask the girls: What is an honest and fair thing you’ve done?
- Read Lupe’s Story, A Fair Turn in the Flower Garden
- Have the girls act out what they hear:
  * Jump—Jump up and down or pretend to jump rope
  * Cheese—Pretend to nibble on a piece of cheese
  * Fair—Raise their hands

**After the story, ask the girls:**

- What does being honest mean to you?
- How about what it means to be fair?
- What are some of the things you’ve done that show you are honest and fair?

**Activity 3: Snack Chat**

One important thing Girl Scouts do is to help make the world a better place. As you go through Girl Scouting, you’ll plan a Take Action Project. Taking Action means finding a need, coming up with a plan to help, and putting the plan into action.

**Ask the girls:**

- Remember in Lupe’s Story, when Lupe suggested everyone take turns playing a favorite game?
- Why do you think it’s important to help other people?

**Activity 4: Take Action Pause**

- Help the girls think of a way to Take Action like Lupe.
- Can you think of some ways that you can be honest and fair even when it is hard?

**Activity 5: Closing Ceremony**

- Form a Friendship Circle and remind the girls what they have experienced and learned together about being honest and fair. Ask your girls:
  * What are some ways you can be honest and fair at home?
  * How about at school?
  * Let’s go around the circle and say one way you plan to be honest and fair. You can begin your statement by saying, “I pledge to be honest and fair by...”
- Invite the girls to sign a group poster that says “I will do my best to be honest and fair.”
- Close with a Friendship Circle, singing “Make New Friends” and passing a gentle squeeze around the circle (page 13)

4 | Next Meeting: Girl’s choice!

Talk to your troop about what they’d like to do for the second meeting of the month. Choose from:

- GSWNY
- GWNY
- GSW

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**Materials:**

- Girl Scout Promise & Law*
- Lupe the Lupine Coloring Sheet*
- Lupe’s Story*
- Snacks to Share
- Poster Paper
- Crayons

*found in the VTK, see page 15

**This Week’s Petal:**

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5 | Sunny: Friendly & Helpful
Zinni: Considerate & Caring

Materials:

- Girl Scout Promise & Law*
- Sunny and Zinni Coloring Sheets*
- Sunny’s Story*
- Zinni’s Story*
- 4 Poster Boards
- Crayons
- Magazines
- Scissors
- Glue Sticks
- Snacks

*found in the VTK, see page 15

This Week’s Petals:

• Form a Friendship Circle and remind the girls what they have experienced and learned together:
  * We’ve learned about Sunny’s Story and Zinni’s Story, made a Daisy mural, and learned about being friendly and helpful, and considerate and caring
  * Ask the girls: What are some ways you can practice being all these things at home? How about at school?
  * Close with a Friendship Circle, singing “Make New Friends” and passing a gentle squeeze around the circle (page 13)

Activity 1: Welcome

- Have girls color pictures of Zinni the Zinnia and Sunny the Sunflower as they arrive
- Tell them that Sunny stands for being friendly and helpful, and Zinni stands for being considerate and caring

Activity 2: Opening Ceremony

- Gather the girls into a circle to read the Girl Scout Promise and Law
- Read Sunny’s Story and Zinni’s Story

After the story, ask the girls:

- How did Zinni forget to be considerate and caring at first?
- What reminded her to act in a considerate and caring way?
- What are some of the ways you have acted considerate and caring?
- Do you know what it means to be friendly?
- How about what it means to be helpful?

Activity 3: Daisy Mural

- Divide the girls into four groups and assign each group to one poster: Considerate, Caring, Friendly, and Helpful
- Allow each group 3-5 minutes to cut out images from the magazines to glue to their poster
- Rotate posters every 3-5 minutes, giving each group a chance to contribute to each poster

- Have the girls be responsible for dividing the snacks evenly
- Discuss the following question while the girls enjoy their snack:
  * Remember in Zinni’s Story, when Zinni shared her green paint so the bird could finish painting its picture?
  * Can you think of other ways to be a considerate and caring Daisy?
  * Why do you think it’s important to help other people?
  * Can you think of other ways to be a helpful Daisy?

Activity 5: Closing Ceremony

- Form a Friendship Circle and remind the girls what they have experienced and learned together:
  * We’ve learned about Sunny’s Story and Zinni’s Story, made a Daisy mural, and learned about being friendly and helpful, and considerate and caring

6 | Next Meeting: Girl’s choice!

Talk to your troop about what they’d like to do for the second meeting of the month. Choose from:

See page 15 for more
Activity 1: Welcome

- Have girls color the Tula the Tulip coloring sheet as they arrive
- Tell them that Tula stands for being courageous and strong

Activity 2: Opening Ceremony

- Gather the girls into a circle to read the Girl Scout Promise and Law
- Tell the girls they will be learning more about Tula and being courageous and strong
- Read Tula's Story, Standing Up for Darla
- Have girls act out what they hear:
  * Hop—hop up and down
  * Kickball—pretend they’re kicking a ball,
  * Dandelion—raise their right hands!

After the story, ask the girls:

- Courageous is another way of saying brave. What’s a brave thing you’ve done?
- We usually talk about being strong as a physical thing, like having muscles or being able to lift heavy objects. Did you know that you could also be strong in your mind?
- How do you think Tula felt when she acted courageously?
- Do you think she was scared? Can you be scared and courageous at the same time?
- How do you think Darla felt when Tula asked the dandelions to stop teasing her?
- How can you show you are courageous and strong?

Activity 3: Snack Chat

- For each girl, take a strip of paper and write one thing she thinks is good about being courageous and strong
- Let girls decorate freely
- Once girls are done decorating, wrap the strip around each girl’s head and tape the crown at the ends so she can wear it to remind her that she is courageous and strong

Activity 4: Take Action Pause

- Help the girls think of a way to Take Action like Tula. Taking Action means finding a need, coming up with a plan to help, and putting the plan into action.

Ask the girls:

- Remember in Tula’s Story, when Tula noticed that Darla was being treated unfairly and came to her defense?
- Why do you think it’s important to help other people?

Activity 5: Closing Ceremony

- Remind the girls what they have learned together about being courageous and strong.
- Close with a Friendship Circle, singing “Make New Friends” and passing a gentle squeeze around the circle (page 13)

Materials:

- Girl Scout Promise & Law*
- Tula the Tulip Coloring Sheet*
- Tula's Story*
- Crayons
- Markers
- Strips of Red Construction Paper (Long enough to wrap around a girl’s head)
- Decorations

*found in the VTK, see page 15

This Week’s Petal:
9 | Mari: Responsible for What I Say and Do

Materials:
- Girl Scout Promise & Law*
- Mari the Marigold Coloring Sheet*
- Mari’s Story*
- Crayons
- Index Cards for Responsibilities Game

*found in the VTK, see page 15

This Week’s Petal:

Activity 1: Welcome
- Have girls color pictures of Mari the Marigold as they arrive
- Tell them that Mari stands for being responsible for what you say and do

Activity 2: Opening Ceremony
- Gather the girls into a circle to read the Girl Scout Promise and Law
- Tell the girls they will be learning more about Mari and being responsible for what they say and do. Ask the girls to share examples of being responsible
- Read Mari’s Story, Keeping a Cupcake Promise
- Have the girls act out words they hear like:
  * Jump—jumping rope
  * Spin—spinning in a circle

After the story, ask the girls:
- Sometimes, being responsible for what you say and do can be difficult. How do you think Mari felt when she couldn’t get ice cream with her cousins when they invited her?
- Mari proved that she was responsible for what she says and does when she decided to finish decorating the cupcakes before playing with her cousins. How do you think she felt when she finished her task and then could join the others?
- How can you show that you are responsible for what you say and do?

Activity 3: Responsibility Guessing Game
Prepare ahead index cards with responsibilities on them. The girls can take turns picking a card and acting out the responsibility without using words—such as picking up their clothes, feeding pets, brushing teeth, etc.

Activity 4: Take Action Pause
- Help the girls think of a way to Take Action like Mari. Taking Action means finding a need, coming up with a plan to help, and putting the plan into action.
- Ask them: Can you think of some ways that you can help others each day and show that you are responsible?

Activity 5: Closing Ceremony
- Form a Friendship Circle and remind the girls what they have experienced and learned together:
  * Now that we’ve acted out Mari’s Story and played the Guessing Game, you’ve learned about being responsible for what you say and do.
  * What are some ways you can be responsible for what you say and do at home or at school?
  * You can let us know at the next meeting what you tried and how it went.
- Close with a Friendship Circle, singing “Make New Friends” and passing a gentle squeeze around the circle (page 13)

10 | Next Meeting: Girl’s choice!
Talk to your troop about what they’d like to do for the second meeting of the month. Choose from:

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12 | Next Meeting: Girl's choice!

Talk to your troop about what they’d like to do for the second meeting of the month. Choose from:

Activity 1: Welcome

- Have girls color the Gloria the Morning Glory and Gerri the Geranium coloring sheets as they arrive
- Tell them that Gloria stands for respecting myself and others, and Gerri stands for respecting authority

Activity 2: Opening Ceremony

- Gather the girls into a circle to read the Girl Scout Promise and Law
- Read Gloria’s Story and Gerri’s story

For Gloria, ask the girls:

- How did Gloria show that she had respect for herself?
- How did she show she had respect for others?
- How do you show you have respect for yourself and others?

For Gerri, ask the girls:

- How did Gloria show that she had respect for herself?
- How did she show she had respect for others?
- How do you show you have respect for yourself and others?

Activity 3: Snack Chat & Manners Game

- Have girls set the snack table with napkins, plates, and utensils
- Everyone will sit at their place and begin eating their snack. Go around the table, and for each girl, call out an action and they will say good or bad manners. Then call on the next girl with another action. Some sample actions:
  - Chew with your mouth open
  - Greet someone by saying hello
  - Say please and thank you
  - Get up from table during the meal without asking
- Then ask:
  * Did you agree with how everyone said good or bad to these actions?
  * How can you show good manners at home and school?

Activity 4: Take Action Pause

Help the girls think of a way to Take Action like Gloria and Gerri. Taking Action means finding a need, coming up with a plan to help, and putting the plan into action.

Activity 5: Closing Ceremony

- Form a Friendship Circle
- Have each person say one thing you will do to show respect for yourself, others, or authority
- Close with a Friendship Circle, singing “Make New Friends” and passing a gentle squeeze around the circle (page 13)

Materials:

- Girl Scout Promise & Law*
- Gloria and Gerri Coloring Sheets*
- Gloria’s Story*
- Gerri’s Story*
- Crayons
- Snack

*found in the VTK, see page 15

This Week’s Petals:

- Have girls color the Gloria the Morning Glory and Gerri the Geranium coloring sheets as they arrive
- Tell them that Gloria stands for respecting myself and others, and Gerri stands for respecting authority

Activity 2: Opening Ceremony

- Gather the girls into a circle to read the Girl Scout Promise and Law
- Read Gloria’s Story and Gerri’s story

For Gloria, ask the girls:

- How did Gloria show that she had respect for herself?
- How did she show she had respect for others?
- How do you show you have respect for yourself and others?

For Gerri, ask the girls:

- How did Gloria show that she had respect for herself?
- How did she show she had respect for others?
- How do you show you have respect for yourself and others?

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Activity 5: Closing Ceremony

- Form a Friendship Circle
- Have each person say one thing you will do to show respect for yourself, others, or authority
- Close with a Friendship Circle, singing “Make New Friends” and passing a gentle squeeze around the circle (page 13)
13 | Clover: Use Resources Wisely

Materials:
- Girl Scout Promise & Law*
- Clover Coloring Sheet*
- Clover's Story*
- Crayons
- Assorted Containers (Soup cans, deli tubs, yogurt containers, etc.)
- Scissors
- Tape or Glue Stick
*found in the VTK, see page 15

This Week's Petal:

Activity 1: Welcome
- Have girls color the Clover the Clover coloring sheet as they arrive
- Tell them that Clover stands for using resources wisely

Activity 2: Opening Ceremony
- Gather the girls into a circle to read the Girl Scout Promise and Law
- Ask your girls:
  * What do you think ‘use resources wisely’ means?
  * One way to use resources wisely is to reuse something instead of throwing it out. Another way to use resources wisely is to save water. Another way to use resources wisely is to recycle. Do you recycle at home or school?
- Read Clover’s Story, A Visit to the Busy, Buzzy Bees
- Have the girls act out words they hear like:
  * Honeybee—stand up and buzz around like a bee
  * Car—call out “vroom vroom!”

After the story, ask the girls:
- How did Clover save water?
- Why do you think she came up with the idea to have a tea party?
- What do you think would happen to the leftover yogurt and apples if Clover hadn’t suggested making a dip?
- What have you done that shows you use resources wisely?

Activity 3: Recycled Pencil Holders
- Color strips of scrap paper with flowers, bees, plants, and trees
- Tape or glue the paper, magazine clippings, etc., to the used containers
- Remind the girls:
  * These holders are made from things that would have gone into the trash. You can use it to put your crayons, markers, and pencils in. This is a good start to using resources wisely!

Activity 4: Take Action Pause
- Help the girls think of a way to Take Action like Clover. Taking Action means finding a need, coming up with a plan to help, and putting the plan into action.

Ask the girls:
- Can you think of some ways that you can use resources wisely or teach others how to use them wisely too?

Activity 5: Closing Ceremony
- Remind the girls what they have experienced and learned together.
- Invite girls to make a pledge, about using resources wisely, such as picking up trash, recycling, or reusing things instead of throwing them away.
- Close with a Friendship Circle, singing “Make New Friends” and passing a gentle squeeze around the circle (page 13)

14 | Next Meeting: Girl's choice!
Talk to your troop about what they'd like to do for the second meeting of the month. Choose from:

See page 15 for more
Activity 1: Welcome
- Have girls color the Rosie the Rose coloring sheet as they arrive
- Tell them that Rosie stands for making the world a better place

Activity 2: Opening Ceremony
- Gather the girls into a circle to read the Girl Scout Promise and Law
- Tell the girls they’ll be learning more about making the world a better place.
- Ask the girls: What are some things you can do to make the world a better place? For example, pick up trash? Recycle? Plant flowers? What other things can you think of?
- Read Rosie’s Story, A Better Beach for Everyone
- Have girls act out words they hear like:
  * Trash—pretend like you’re throwing out a piece of trash
  * Beach—pretend like you’re swimming

After the story, ask the girls:
- How did Rosie show that she wants to make the world a better place?
- How did the Flower Friends make the world better when they gave other people tips about reducing the amount of trash they have to throw out?
- What have you done that helps make the world a better place?

Activity 3: A Better Beach Magnet
- Girls spread a layer of glue on their cardboard square
- Girls can add small objects to make beautiful pictures out discarded and found objects (Make shapes like flowers, birds, etc)
- Sprinkle sand over the exposed glue to remind them of the beach
- When dry add magnetic tape to turn their art into a refrigerator magnet

Activity 4: Make a Better World Pledge
- Ask the girls: Now that you’ve learned about how to make the world a better place. What are some ways you can help to make the world a better place?
- Help the girls write their pledges on their Rosie coloring sheet. Tell them to take home their Rosie sheet as a reminder of their promises

Activity 5: Closing Ceremony
- Form a Friendship Circle. Remind the girls what they have learned together. You might say:
  * Now that we’ve listened to Rosie’s story, learned about keeping our world clean, and made your pledge, we will all remember to make the world a better place everyday!
- Close with a Friendship Circle, singing “Make New Friends” and passing a gentle squeeze around the circle (page 13)

Materials:
- Girl Scout Promise & Law*
- Rosie the Rose Coloring Sheet*
- Rosie’s Story*
- Crayons
- Cardboard Squares
- Glue
- Magnetic Tape
- Sand
- Objects No Longer Being Used (Wrappings, cards, jewelry, etc.)

*found in the VTK, see page 13

This Week’s Petal:

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16 | Next Meeting: Girl’s choice!
Talk to your troop about what they’d like to do for the second meeting of the month. Choose from:
17 | Vi: Be a Sister to Every Girl Scout

Materials:
- Girl Scout Promise & Law*
- Vi the Violet Coloring Sheet*
- Vi’s Story*
- Crayons
- Colorful Beads (Including purple and green)
- Elastic Cord
- Poster Board
- Drawing Paper
- Stickers
- Tape

*found in the VTK, see page 15

This Week’s Petal:

Activity 1: Welcome
- As girls arrive, lead them in making bracelets: Make one bracelet using Vi the Violet’s colors - purple and bright green. Then make another bracelet, in any colors you want, for a Girl Scout sister.
- Optional: have girls color the Vi the Violet coloring sheet as they arrive

Activity 2: Opening Ceremony
- Gather the girls into a circle to read the Girl Scout Promise and Law
- Tell girls they’ll be learning more about being a sister to every Girl Scout
- Share Bracelets. Tell your girls:
  * Today you’ll earn your Vi Petal, which stands for being a sister to every Girl Scout! That’s another way of saying that you should always treat other Girl Scouts with kindness and respect. To show kindness, let’s offer our colored bracelet to the girl on your right. This bracelet will remind you of sisterhood.

- What other ways have you shown kindness and respect to another Girl Scout?
- Read Vi’s Story, Friends Around the World.

After the story, ask the girls:
- How were the flowers from other countries the same as the Flower Friends from home?
- How were they different?
- Which country do you want to know more about? Why?
- How can you show you are a sister to every Girl Scout?

Activity 3: Hands Across the Daisy World Mural
- Help the girls make a poster that will show solidarity with other Girl Scouts
- The girls can trace each other’s hands (with fingers touching) and decorate them with stickers or crayons
- Write the phrase “Hands Across the Daisy World” on the poster
- You can display it at your meetings to remind all to be a sister to every Girl Scout

Activity 4: Closing Ceremony
- Form a Friendship Circle
- Say something like:
  * Great job, everyone! Imagine that all the hands in this mural connect to all the hands of Girl Scouts around the world! How exciting would that be? As a Girl Scout, you are part of a worldwide group of sisters. Try and remember to act like a sister to every Girl Scout when a new Daisy joins your troop and when you attend Daisy meetings.
- Close with a Friendship Circle, singing “Make New Friends” and passing a gentle squeeze around the circle (page 13)

18 | Next Meeting: Girl’s choice!
Talk to your troop about what they’d like to do for the second meeting of the month. Choose from:

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If you have a private matter, a conflict to discuss, issues with registration, or any other needs, your GSWNY council can help!

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