

Daisy Grade Level Essentials

(Grades K-1) | Characteristics of a Daisy Girl Scout

At this level, Girl Scouts...	This means...
Have lots of energy and need to run, walk, and play outside.	Daisies will enjoy going on nature walks and outdoor adventures.
Are great builders and budding artists, though they are still developing their fine motor skills.	Encourage Daisies to express themselves by making things with their hands. Daisies may need help holding scissors, cutting in a straight line, and so on.
Love engaging activities with lots of movement.	They'll enjoy marching like a penguin, dancing like a dolphin, or acting out how they might care for animals in the jungle.
Are concrete thinkers and focused on the here and now.	Showing is better than telling. For example, show Daisies how animals are cared for by planning a visit to an animal shelter or zoo.
Are beginning to learn basic number concepts, time and money.	Take opportunities to count out supplies together (and maybe even the legs of a caterpillar!)
Are beginning to write and spell and don't always have the words for what they are thinking and feeling.	Drawing a picture of what Daisies are trying to communicate can be easier and more meaningful for them.
Know how to follow simple directions and respond well to recognition for doing so.	Be specific and offer one direction at a time. Acknowledge when Daisies have followed directions well to increase their motivation to do so again.
Are just beginning to write and spell and they don't always have the words for what they're thinking or feeling	Having Daisies draw a picture of something they are trying to communicate is easier and more meaningful for them.

Tips for working with Daisies

- Develop a friendly relationship with each Daisy
- Talk to Daisies at their eye level
- Use simple words and quiet, pleasant tones
- Be flexible – Daisy attention spans are short
- Tasks might take longer than you anticipate
- Encourage Daises to solve problems
- Keep troop meetings to about an hour long
- Offer a snack -- especially if meeting after school
Daisies will be hungry and will need some time to talk and release some energy
- Show where bathrooms and exits are located
- Keep activities short and varied

Daisy Circle

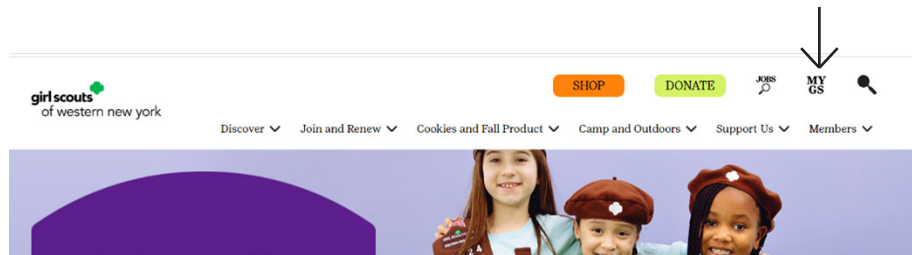
As the troop leader, your goal is to act increasingly as facilitator, enabling Daisies to take the lead and experience planning, decision-making, problem solving, leadership, and yes, even failure! Our favorite way to help Daisies take the lead is with a Daisy Circle. Aim to include a Daisy Circle in your troop meetings:

1. Have Daisies form a circle and share their ideas
2. Stimulate discussion by asking concrete questions:
“What would you like most: Go on a hike or build a robot?”
3. Allow Daisies to vote on activities they'd like to do for the next month

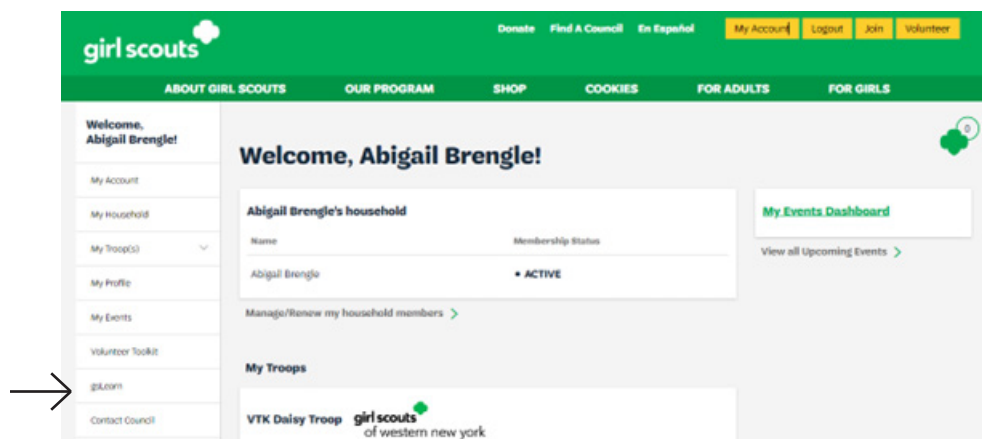
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