

PLAN FOR THE FIRST FOUR CADETTE/SENIOR MEETINGS

You should have copies of the *Cadette Girl Scout Handbook*, *A Resource Book for Senior Girl Scouts*, and *Interest Projects for Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts*. These may be purchased from council Shops.

MEETING OUTLINE

Cadette and Senior troop meetings can be less formal in plan, but girls will appreciate a well-organized meeting. They typically are involved in many activities and their time is valuable to them.

FIRST MEETING

Objective: To get to know each other and get an overview of Girl Scouting.

Have the girls make name tags with their name, hobby, and a social issue they feel strongly about. Have them pair off and spend 2-3 minutes getting to know each other. The pairs should introduce each other to the group.

Read the Promise and Law. Discuss how the law is relevant to their lives.

Discuss troop dues and the forms of troop government. Look at the handbooks and interest project books. Show them a Girl Scout catalog and point out uniforms, insignia, books, and gear.

Break them into small groups to look through *Interest Projects for Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts*. They should look for badges that interest them. As a large group, discuss what badges they have selected.

Assign girls to prepare opening for the next meeting. End with friendship circle and a favorite Girl Scout song.

SECOND MEETING

Objective: To familiarize girls with opportunities available at these age levels.

Designated girl/girls do the opening. Collect dues and take attendance.

Decide on troop government and explain jobs of officers. Election to be held at next meeting.

Read over Wider Opportunity booklet. Ask if anyone has attended a Wider Op before. If so, ask them to talk to the group about it. You can also ask for someone from your area to come and speak to the girls about Wider Ops. Encourage them to apply for any

that interest them.

Discuss the leadership projects that can be done at this age level. Explain that these are individual projects and not done as a group.

Assign girls to do opening for next meeting. Close with friendship circle and appropriate song.

THIRD MEETING

Objective: To brainstorm ideas for badges and events. Learn to use Council Calendar and resources.

Designated girl/girls do the opening. Collect dues and take attendance. Elect troop officers.

Brainstorm about things the girls want to do this year. Put on newsprint as you go. Show them the Council Calendar and have them see if anything matches up. Ask them if there are events they would like to attend.

Discuss the importance of using *Safety Wise* when they do planning. Take some of the ideas from brainstorming and look them up in *Safety Wise*. Can they be done safely?

Decide on events to attend and badges to work on.

Assign girls to do opening for next meeting. Close with friendship circle and appropriate song.

FOURTH MEETING

Objective: To learn about and plan investiture/rededication ceremony.

Designated girl/girls do the opening. Collect dues and take attendance.

Explain investiture ceremonies and rededication to girls. Select a date for investiture. Look in the Ceremonies book for ideas. Talk about what the girls want to include. Each girl should choose something to work on for the investiture. The ceremony can include songs, poetry, speeches, or skit and can be held either indoors or outdoors. Make sure each girl has a part and that her ideas are heard.

Assign girls to do opening for next meeting. Close with friendship circle and appropriate song.