

PLAN FOR THE FIRST FOUR JUNIOR MEETINGS

Junior Girl Scout meetings should last long enough to meet the needs of the girls. Each meeting will be different and plans should be flexible. The girl/adult partnership in planning is vital to Girl Scouting. A suggested meeting flow is as follows:

Start-up Activity	An activity that girls do as they arrive.
Opening	A calling together of all girls to begin the meeting. Should be a small amount of time.
Activities	The major part of the meeting should be spent doing activities, ceremonies, songs, games, and programs.
Closing	A song, game, or friendship circle that officially ends the meeting.

THE FIRST MEETING

Objective: To learn the principles underlying the Girl Scout Promise and Law and to learn the Juliette Low story.

Start-up Activity	Have girls create "Fame Tags" by spelling out their names on a card. For each letter in her name, she should then identify at least one positive attribute for which she is "famous".
Opening	Say the Girl Scout Promise. Review/learn what it means. Read the Law. Review GS traditions – motto, handshake, quiet sign. (Pages 12-14 <i>Junior Girl Scout Handbook</i>)
Activities	Get to know each other. Share your Fame Tags. Complete "Who Am I Now" and "This is Me" activities (Pages 32-33 <i>Junior Girl Scout Handbook</i>) Talk about the kinds of troop government.
Closing	Friendship circle, sing <i>Taps</i> , friendship squeeze.

SECOND MEETING

Objective: To learn about the structure of Girl Scouting and about the meaning of the Law.

Start-up Activity	Write an advertisement for someone to replace you. In the ad list the qualities you have that you feel are most important. You can list some of the things you like and don't like, places you have
-------------------	---

always wanted to visit, and information about your family. After you have written it, try to think of someone who can take your place. You probably can't find anyone who even comes close.

Opening	Say the promise. Discuss your ad with the troop.
Business	Dues, attendance, announcements Complete the Girl Scout Pyramid on page 21 of the <i>Junior Girl Scout Handbook</i> (photocopy for each girl as necessary). Have girls look at books (handbook and badge). Show them the Girl Scout catalog. Look at uniforms, equipment and fun items.
Major Activity	Discuss the Girl Scout Law. Copy each law onto a separate piece of card stock or stiff paper. Let girls cut pictures out of magazines to illustrate each law. Have them explain to the troop why they chose the pictures they did. Break girls into patrols.
Closing	Friendship circle, sing <i>Taps</i> , friendship squeeze

THIRD MEETING

Objective: To clarify values and give girls a chance to explore the badge book.

Start-up Activity	Play cooperative musical chairs.
Opening	Say the promise. Sing <i>Make New Friends</i>
Business	Dues, attendance, announcements.
Major Activity	Read "Lorraine's Values". Discuss with girls. Have them brainstorm about things Lorraine could do. Remember that all ideas are equal in brainstorming. Lorraines Values: For several years, Lorraine, Holly, Carmen, and Linda have been very good friends. But now they are all living in different towns. When Lorraine found out that they were all going to be in town on May 7 for a school reunion, she was very excited. She couldn't wait to see them! Then she remembered that May 7 th was her mother's birthday and her dad was planning a special party. It was going to be an important celebration. What should Lorraine do?

Meet in patrols to look at badges and talk about what they would like to earn.

Closing

Friendship circle, sing *Taps*, friendship squeeze

FOURTH MEETING

Objective To discuss and plan investiture/rededication ceremony.

Start-up Activity

Play the Name Game. Stand in a circle. One person begins by throwing a ball to someone and calling that person's name. If the thrower calls the wrong name, the ball is returned. The ball continues to be thrown and caught. You can make it more fun by adding more balls.

Opening

Say Promise. Sing Make New Friends in a round.

Business

Dues, attendance, announcement.

Major Activity

Talk about investiture/rededication ceremony. Girls can set date, create invitations, decide on refreshments, make decorations, and plan the program. They can work as a group or in patrols with each patrol being in charge of something. Look in the Ceremonies book for ideas.

Closing

Friendship circle, sing *Taps*, friendship squeeze.