

# Girl Scout Ambassadors – Grades 11 & 12

## Enhancing the Leadership Experience



The **Girl Scout Leadership Experience** can be infused into everything we do by linking the Activities to Outcomes (Intended Benefits) and emphasizing effective experiential Processes through our Girl-Adult Partnership.

Examples are provided below to create a Discover, Connect, Take Action project by linking several of the activities that are part of earning these awards:

### **LAW AND ORDER**

### **ON YOUR OWN**

Use these example sets as they are, modify the content, or link your own set of activities together according to a theme. The possibilities are endless. Let your girls take the lead.

## **LAW AND ORDER**

***Found in: Interest Projects for Girls 11 – 17 (at [www.studio2b.org](http://www.studio2b.org))***

Discover:

- Skill Builders – Activity #5
- Technology – Activity #4

Connect:

- Technology – Activity #1
- Career Explorations – Activity #4

Take Action:

- Service Projects – Activity #5

## **ON YOUR OWN**

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Discover:

- “Required” Activity
- “Learn” Activity #3

Connect:

- “Share” Activity #3

Take Action:

- “Do” Activity #2

## LAW AND ORDER

DISCOVER Law & Order	Activity	Benefits (Outcomes)
	<p><b>Skill Builders – Activity #5</b> Girls investigate laws and lawsuits that affect students.</p>	<p>Being students themselves, girls will find this activity especially relevant. When what they learn can be directly related to their own lives, girls are more likely to develop positive attitudes towards learning new things and to hopefully seek opportunities to expand their knowledge further (<u>seek challenges</u>).</p> <p>Holding a debate on an issue of interest will have girls see an issue from various points of view – a crucial ability in development of <u>critical thinking skills</u>.</p>

DISCOVER Law & Order	Activity	Benefits (Outcomes)
	<p><b>Technology – Activity #4</b> Girls hold a “privacy matters” discussion in their group.</p>	<p>In an increasingly technology-saturated world, learning about privacy is increasingly important. Facilitate a discussion on this topic and help girls <u>develop critical thinking skills</u> by having them see an issue from multiple perspectives.</p> <p>In the process, they will also increase their knowledge about their legal rights, enabling them to effectively <u>advocate</u> for themselves and others in the future.</p>

### Partnership Tips

To make use of the Cooperative Learning process, encourage girls to do these activities in groups. Encourage girls to work in pairs or small groups as they research the topic, and then bring them all together for a debate on an issue that interests them.

CONNECT Law & Order	Activity	Benefits (Outcomes)
	<b>Technology – Activity #1</b> Girls watch a crime and justice-related movie or TV show and discuss the issues presented.	A slumber party is a great context for girls to engage in discussions while having fun. Thinking about the issues of justice and injustice in society will help girls clarify their own values and may strengthen their commitment to <u>take action in their communities</u> regarding those issues – all of which contribute to the <u>development of positive values</u> .  Talking and working together presents good opportunities to practice <u>conflict-resolution</u> and <u>cooperation</u> and <u>teambuilding skills</u> .

CONNECT Law & Order	Activity	Benefits (Outcomes)
	<b>Career Explorations – Activity #4</b> Girls hold a mock trial on an issue that affects teens.	This activity requires true collaboration among girls. Working interdependently on this task can have girls practice important <u>cooperation and teambuilding skills</u> – crucial components of leadership.

### Partnership Tips

Both of these activities will be more engaging and effective for girls if you let them drive the process. Let girls choose what themes or issues are important to them, and let them decide how, where, and with whom they want to make a mock trial. If you let them take the lead and follow their own inspirations, these activities will truly be Girl-Led.

This activity may also provide a unique opportunity for girls to let you know what issues are on their minds, and to initiate discussions with you that they might not otherwise have.

TAKE ACTION Law & Order	Activity	Benefits (Outcomes)
	<b>Service Projects – Activity #5</b> Girls dramatize an issue related to the law and teens in an art form of their choice, and present it to peers.	Girls get to expand their knowledge of legal issues through this hands-on activity, but more importantly for their leadership development, they can get an opportunity to <u>educate and inspire others</u> through their creative work.

### Partnership Tips

In formal learning settings such as school, girls would be lectured about issues related to the law. But, in the informal and fun setting of Girl Scouting, girls can utilize the Hands-on process by making their own creative interpretation of the issues – thereby making it a more dynamic and meaningful learning experience.

Also, let girls choose the issue to explore so that they can feel the relevance of the topic to their own lives. Encourage Reflection by asking girls to write in a journal throughout each stage of the project of researching, creating, and presenting the piece.

## ON YOUR OWN

<b>DISCOVER On Your Own</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Benefits (Outcomes)</b>
	<p><b>“Required” Activity</b> Girls go apartment hunting in their community- -- they talk to a real estate agent, search local listings, and practice budgeting.</p>	<p>These activities are full of <u>practical life skills</u> girls can learn to prepare for a positive and independent future.</p> <p>Becoming aware of their increasing ability to be independent will boost their self-confidence and work wonders for development of a <u>strong sense of self</u>.</p>

<b>DISCOVER On Your Own</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Benefits (Outcomes)</b>
	<p><b>“Learn” Activity #3</b> Girls go through the “Moneysmarts” website and play the “Making Cents of Her Life” game.</p>	<p>These activities are full of <u>practical life skills</u> girls can learn to prepare for a positive and independent future.</p> <p>Becoming aware of their increasing ability to be independent will boost their self-confidence and work wonders for development of a <u>strong sense of self</u>.</p>

### Partnership Tips

Both of these activities clearly use the Hand-on process in an engaging way. Sitting through a lecture on budgeting or money management is unlikely to interest girls – whereas discovering the ins and outs of real apartment hunting or playing interactive games will help girls learn the basics in a more relevant and fun way.

Encourage Reflection by asking girls questions like:

- How much money will you need to make to live in the apartment you’d like to live in?
- What careers would provide that level of income?
- What education or training would you need to get that job?

CONNECT On Your Own	Activity	Benefits (Outcomes)
	<p><b>“Share” Activity #3</b> Girls create a public service announcement for a newspaper or poster, about the dangers of credit-card debt.</p>	<p>Make this a Connect activity by encouraging girls to work together on this task. In the process, girls can improve many leadership skills such as: learning better <u>cooperation and teambuilding</u> techniques and raising awareness about an important social issue (<u>educate and inspire others to act</u>).</p> <p>Partner with girls to make this activity a success and watch them gain a new sense of empowerment in their ability to <u>make a difference in their communities</u>.</p>

### Partnership Tips

Let girls work together on this task. To utilize the Cooperative Learning process, let girls brainstorm all aspects of the project together – from the issues they want to raise to what kind of announcement they want to create.

Consider writing all the ideas on a large chart and then have the group vote on the plan of action. If tasks are broken down (writing, design, etc.), encourage girls to work in smaller groups rather than individually.

TAKE ACTION Own Your Own	Activity	Benefits (Outcomes)
	<p><b>“Do” Activity #2</b> Girls volunteer their time to participate in a Premature Birth Awareness event in your area.</p>	<p>Volunteering for an event can help girls recognize that they have important skills to contribute to their environments, and that in turn, they are seen as valuable and important members of communities.</p> <p>This recognition contributes to girls feeling empowered to further <u>make a difference in their worlds.</u></p>

### Partnership Tips

Girls this age can and want to plan and implement activities on their own. To make this a Girl-Led activity, let girls decide which community event they want to participate in, and stand back and watch them as they are inspired to create their own event.