Girl Scout Journeys

Helping Girl Scouts Develop Leadership Skills

Overview:
- Girl Scout Leadership Experience
- Discover Ways to customize the Journey
- Connect Badges to Journeys
- Take Action in Traditions
- Navigate the Journey

What You Need
- Girl Book and Leader Guide for Selected Journey
- Guide to Girl Scouting
- Download and Print the Following:
  - PowerPoint Notes
  - Session Planning Worksheet
  - The Usual... pencil, pen, bookmarks, etc.
The Girl Scout Leadership Model ...an overview

Through the journey, girls will participate in activities that help prepare them for the journey leadership.

There are lots of suggestions for incorporating the Girl Scout process.

The Whats and Hows...

- Earliest Memory of Making a Decision/Choice
  - How did it make you feel?

- Earliest Memory of Not Having a Choice
  - How did it make you feel?
Progression in 3 Processes

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<th>Daisy</th>
<th>Girl - Led Learning by Doing</th>
<th>Cooperative Learning</th>
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<td>Help girls decide the who, what, when, where, why, how</td>
<td>Set up opportunities for girls to explore and learn</td>
<td>Promote social skills, such as listening and empathy</td>
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<td>Brownie</td>
<td>Encourage girls to create and decide their own plan for projects</td>
<td>Encourage girls to answer some of their own questions through hands-on activities</td>
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<td>Junior Girl Scouts</td>
<td>Brainstorm possible ways of doing supported activities</td>
<td>Brainstorm, discussion, and reflection on what they learned</td>
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<td>Cadette Ambassadors</td>
<td>Girls decide the how and when of meetings</td>
<td>Girls will call, interview, and email partners</td>
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The Benefits...

1. National Leadership Outcomes
   - Girls gain knowledge, skills, attitudes, behaviors, and values in Girl Scouting
   - Long-Term Outcome: Girls lead with courage, confidence, and character to make the world a better place

Why?

To Fulfill Our Mission!
Choosing a Journey:

• Get to Know Your Girls and Set Goals for the Year.
• Choose a Journey Together Based on Interests.
• Then You Can Get Started Down the Road.

It's Your World - Change it

It's Your Planet - Love it
It's Your Story – Tell it

Specific Examples

- Your Daisies love to cook!
- Your Brownies love the outdoors!
- Your Juniors are drama queens!

Getting Started on the Journey

- Read Girl Book then Leader Guide
- Look Through Journey with Girls
- Make a Wish List
- Review Leader Guide with Team
- Consider Sample Session Options
- Be Flexible!
The Leader's Guide
• Statement of Theme
• Sample Sessions
• Theme Related Activities
• Characteristics of Girls at That Level
• Journey Awards
• Customizing Tips
• Help for Planning a "Take Action" Project
  So Much More!!!

Using a Sample Session
• At a Glance
  – Goal
  – Activities
  – Material List
  – Advance Preparations
  – What to Do as Girls Arrive
• Session Details

Customize!
• The Sky's the Limit!
• Consider a Theme-Approach
• Have a Journey Day, or Visit One!
Tips for Journeys

- Change Activities - Meet the GOAL
- Time – Long or Short – Meet the GOAL
- Activities – All or Some – Meet the GOAL

Let’s Connect with Detours!

Detour #1: Traditions

- We Will ALWAYS Honor Our Traditions
- Traditions are an Integral Part of GSLE
- Discover, Celebrate and Pass Along Traditions
- Take a Break From the Journey to Celebrate Traditions
Detour #2: Cookies

- Polish Cookie Sale Techniques
- 5 Skills
  - Goal Setting
  - Decision Making
  - People Skills
  - Business Ethics
  - Money Management

Detour #3: Trips

- Trips, Trips, and More Trips!
- Tie Into Your Journey...Or Not.
- Check out the Community Resource Guide.

Detour #4 Badges

- Girl Scout Program Levels Brownie through Ambassadors Have Many Choices for Badges.
Daisies and Petals

Detour #4: More Badges

- The Skill-BUILDER Badges for Brownies through Seniors

Other Awards

- Journey Summit Award
  - Earned by Doing All Three Level Journeys
- Safety Award
- My Promise, My Faith Award
  - Girl Scout Faith-Related Award
Detour #5: Outdoors
- Girls LOVE to be Outside!
- Add a Camping Trip or Other Outdoor Adventure to Your Calendar (Girls-Choice, of Course!)

Detour #6: Bronze, Silver & Gold
- Highest Awards in Girl Scouts
- Gold Award –
  - Scholarships
  - Military Advancement
  - Only 5% Nationwide Earn

Detour #7: Service
- In 2013, Girl Scouts of Silver Sage did over 250,000 hours of Community Service
Take Action Projects

- Take Action Projects:
  - Identify Community Needs
  - Learn to Think Creatively to Solve Problems
  - Advocate for Themselves and Others
  - Educate and Inspire Others to Act

- Girls feel empowered to make a difference in the world

Choosing a Take Action Project

Q: What do people in our community need to improve their lives?
A: We need to look at the community
   Who can we ask?
   Where can we go?

Let's Draw a Map of Our Community!
Community Map

Creative Problem Solving
(after the project is chosen)

- Brainstorm Ideas
- Narrow Ideas Down
- Who Will Do What

Advocate and Educate

- You are Speaking for Those You Want to Help
- Tell Community What You Hope to do to Make it Better
- Why is it Good for Community?
- How Can the Community Help?
- Ask for Volunteers
- Donations of Time and Supplies
Celebrate!

- Reflect
- Girls Have Made the World a Better Place
- Their Success Will Give Them a Sense of Empowerment.

Some Final Hints...

- Keep it Girl-Led, Interactive, and Cooperative.
- Timeline? Enjoy Some Detours!
- Use the Resources. Read the Girl Journeys and Leader Guides, Twice (at least!)
- And remember...

Thank you and HAVE FUN!

Questions?
Contact the Girl Experience Manager at program@girlscout-ssc.org