

Girl Scout Planning Calendar

The following “Girl Scouting Through the Year” calendar is a helpful framework for programming troop activities through the year. Including these activities helps ensure that girls receive a good foundation for the Girl Scout experience and program, while at the same time giving you as leader the “building blocks” to tie into the larger programming goals of your troop.

To ensure girl participation in planning, review this calendar with them at the beginning of your troop year and ask them how they would like to incorporate these ideas - Badgework? Ceremonies? Crafts? Games? Service Projects? Trips?

For younger girls, offer limited choices (perhaps a choice of three activities that would apply to an appropriate Daisy Petal; or a choice of three appropriate Brownie Try-Its) and have them vote on their favorite. Juniors and Teens should take the lead in selecting, planning and carrying out the activities - as troop leader and advisor to older girls, you can help guide them through the process, but be sure to step back and allow them to do the actual work.

GIRL SCOUTING THROUGH THE YEAR CALENDAR

August

- Time to rev up your planning! Make sure you have all necessary forms
- Watch for the Council Program Calendar to plan the trainings you need to take this year, and council events for girls to participate in
- Register for Fall School - a fun weekend at Camp Grove Point for adult volunteers
- Organize your troop notebooks, binders, files
- Plan to attend the monthly SU leader meetings for updated information, ideas and networking
- Get in the habit of checking the Council website for information on trainings and girl events (www.cbgsc.org) and GSUSA site for general information and updates on the Emerging Program Model (www.girlscouts.org)

September

- Troop year starts! Make sure all girls and adults working with girls are registered
- Hold a Parent Meeting to recruit Troop Committee Members, explain policies & procedures
- Make sure adults have been or will be receiving the trainings necessary for their positions
- Have girls develop troop rules, goals, activities, badges to work on, and budget
- Introduce Girl Scout history (some great badges and patch programs tie in nicely)
- Teach/review Girl Scout Promise and Law; Sign, Handshake, Motto and Slogan
- Programming for the next two or three months should emphasize Team Building activities

October

- Fall Product Sales (QSP - magazine subscriptions and nut/candy)
- Juliette Low's birthday - October 31

November

- Investiture/Rededication Ceremony

December

- Service Projects

January

- Cookie Sales!
- Winter Activities and/or Winter (Cabin) Camping

February

- Cookie Booths
- World Thinking Day - February 22

March

- Girl Scout Birthday - March 12
- Girl Scout Sunday - Sunday before March 12

April

- Earth Day and other Environmental Activities
- Order end of year member star pins and bridging patches

May

- Bridging and Year End Activities
- Family Recognition
- Camping
- Prepare all necessary End of Year Documents and Paper Work (DCR, United Way form, etc)

June

- Attend the SU Adult Volunteer Recognition Dinner
- Optional - plan once a month fun activities to keep the girls in contact and involved in the Girl Scout experience through the summer