



Troop Ideas: Democracy for Daisies, Let's Learn about Voting!

Troop meeting activities for Daisy Girl Scouts. Daisies can learn about our democracy by learning about voting. Voting can be fun! When we vote we get to help make choices about things!

Try one or more of these activities	
Meeting activity:	Virtual adaptation:
<p>Activity 1 – Learning to Vote.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about how we decide things! What do we do when we have three choices, but we can only do one? We vote! • What are ways to vote for what we want? We can raise hands, we can give a thumbs up or thumbs down, we can stand up/sit down to show what we choose, or we can write it on a paper! • Collect colored paper, markers, balloons, etc. to hold up as examples of the colors the girls will vote on. <i>You say:</i> Let's try it! Everyone, please sit down. Stand up to choose your favorite color! The choices are blue, pink, purple, red, yellow. (Feel free to change the color choices!) I am going to say each color, when you hear your favorite, stand up! Please only stand for one color! <p>Now, lead the vote and see which color is the winner!</p>	<p>This activity can be done the same way on Zoom!</p>
<p>Activity 2 – Make a Ballot Box.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You will need a box (shoe box, Kleenex box, Amazon box, etc.) Gather any craft supplies you have laying around! Paper, crayons, markers, glue, yarn, foam, pompons, feathers, stickers, flowers, leaves they collect outside, anything that might be fun! Girls will decorate the box! Let them have fun and make it whatever they want it to be! • <i>You say:</i> We can vote with paper! Adults do this when we go vote for presidents. The paper is called a ballot. We can put our vote on our paper ballot and put it in the box we made! 	<p>Each girl can make their own decorated ballot box using household items. She can show her finished product to the group! You can tell the girls that they can vote with their families and use their ballot box. They can vote on what to eat for a snack, what movie to watch together, etc.</p>
<p>Activity 3 – Let's Vote with Ballots!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You will need: paper for ballots, pencils or crayons or markers, a large piece of paper and marker. You will also 	<p>Instead of voting with paper, the girls can vote by show of hands, thumbs up or down or another way the girls like. Vote on games that you can play during your Zoom meeting.</p>



<p>need an “I Voted” sticker. This can be a paper you made with tape on the back or a paper pinned to their shirts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have the girls give you three games they would like to play! They will have more but help them narrow it down to three. • Write the three choices on the large piece of paper with a marker and label the choices: 1, 2 and 3. Each girl will vote for the game she wants to play by writing the number on her ballot. • Have the girls put their ballot with their vote in the decorated ballot box. Give them an “I Voted” sticker. • Shake the box, then count the votes together as you take them out. 	
<p><u>Activity 4- Game Time and Reflection!</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play the game the girls voted on! Have fun! Run around, laugh and be silly!!! • At the end of the meeting, reflect on what everyone did and what they learned. • You might use these sentences to get the conversation going: Today we learned about voting. What is voting? How did we vote for a color we liked? What color did we like most? When we voted for the game, we voted differently. What did we do? Was this a fair way to choose, why or why not? Voting is a great way for everyone to help make choices. We might not always like how the voting turns out, but it is the fairest way to make decisions when everyone has different ideas! 	<p>Play the game on Zoom, then reflect!</p>

