

Troop Ideas: October Girl Scout Tradition Activities

Troop meeting activities for Daisies

Welcome back to Girl Scouts! This month we focus on Girl Scout traditions. Sharing traditions gives Girl Scouts a sense of history and it reminds girls they are part of a greater sisterhood.

The Girl Scout Promise and Law have been the Foundation of our Movement from the very beginning in 1912 and is something we share with Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world. For more on the Girl Scout Promise and Law please check out our August Virtual Content <https://www.gsksmo.org/content/dam/girlscouts-gsksmo/documents/tl-docs/Promise-and-Law-Daisy-Brownie-Leader-Resources.pdf>



Try one or more of these activities

Meeting activity:

Teach the Girl Scout Sign

- Girls raise three fingers of the right hand with the thumb holding down the pinky— this is normally done when they say the Girl Scout Promise.
- The three fingers represent the three parts of the Promise.



Virtual adaptation:

Teach the Girl Scout Sign

- Take a picture of individual girls or on a Zoom call and create a collage of everybody doing the Girl Scout Sign
- Try out this Girl Scout Promise Craft from our August content - <https://www.gsksmo.org/content/dam/girlscouts-gsksmo/OtherDocuments/virtual/Promise-Craft.pdf>



Teach the Girl Scout Handshake

- The handshake is made by shaking hands with the left hand and making the Girl Scout sign with the right.
- The left hand is nearest to the heart and signifies friendship.
- Watch this video for girls to show you the Girl Scout Handshake - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JXjwhrZjH_U&t=3s



Teach the Girl Scout Handshake

- Practice the Girl Scout Handshake with a member of your household
- Have the girls choose an item/toy in their room to shake their hand with and show everybody on Zoom

Teach the Girl Scout Quiet Sign

- The Quiet Sign is a way to silence a crowd without shouting at anyone.
- The sign is made by holding up the right hand with all five fingers extended. It refers to the original Fifth Law of Girl Scouting: A Girl Scout is courteous.

Teach the Girl Scout Quiet Sign

- Practice the Girl Scout Quiet Sign by unmuting the girls and hold up the sign at random to have the girls recognize it and follow suit.



- Have girls talk to each other and practice being quiet when the sign is raised - they should raise their hand when they see it so other girls will see and know to be quiet.



- Play Simon Says virtually with the Girl Scout Sign, Girl Scout Handshake and Girl Scout Quiet Sign!
 - Have all the girls on mute except for Simon. One person is designated Simon. Simon tells players what they must do. However, the players must only obey commands that begin with the words “Simon Says.” If Simon says, “Simon says do the Girl Scout Sign,” then players must raise their three fingers to do the sign.

Host an Investiture Ceremony

- An investiture ceremony symbolizes the beginning of Girl Scouting. At this ceremony, families are invited to observe girls pledge the Girl Scout Promise and receive their Daisy Girl Scout Pin as well as the World Trefoil Pin.
- Complete the three requirements:
 - Recite the Girl Scout Promise, either individually or as a group.
 - Receive the appropriate membership pin—the Girl Scout Daisy pin, Girl Scout Brownie pin, or Traditional Membership pin, depending on the girls in your troop.
 - Be verbally welcomed into your troop and to Girl Scouting.
- Make a large daisy center of construction paper or on a virtual document and write each girl's name on a daisy petal. As the girls are welcomed to the troop one-by-one, have them attach their petal to the daisy center.
- Use real daisies and have girls place them in a flower container with the troop number on it.
- Watch a Daisy Troop at their Investiture Ceremony: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T2GGjCbbCg8>

Host an Investiture Ceremony

- Create friendship bracelets to represent being a sister to every Girl Scout
- Design a special ritual or ceremony specific to your troop. Ex: Song, handshake, dance, opening ceremony, etc.
- Check out this Pinterest board for more inspiration <https://www.pinterest.com/gprograms/daisy-resources/daisy-1st-4-meetings/>
- Feel free to adjust and add your own personalization to the ceremony as you see fit! The main point is to welcome girls to the Girl Scout sisterhood!

