



Troop Ideas for Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors:

Troop meeting activities for J, C, S, and A

Welcome back to Girl Scouts! This month we focus on Girl Scout traditions. Sharing traditions gives Girl Scouts a sense of history. It reminds girls they are part of a greater sisterhood. Community Service and Ceremonies have been a long-standing tradition with Girl Scouts. The following are activities your troop can participate in this month to celebrate traditions.

An **investiture ceremony** welcomes all new members to Girl Scouts, while a **rededication ceremony** is a great way for returning members to kick off the troop year and renew their commitment to the Girl Scout Promise and Law. Both ceremonies are traditions that allow us to reflect on the ideals of the Girl Scout Movement and the empowering journey girls—and the millions of Girl Scouts who came before them—will undertake. Depending on your troop's members, you might decide to hold a combination investiture/rededication ceremony. An investiture ceremony itself does not need to be formal or elaborate; in fact, it has only three requirements. Let girls lead and decide how they want to celebrate!

Community Service has been a part of Girl Scouts fabric since its beginning. The first Girl Scouts in the USA offered a helping hand to those in need and worked together to improve their corner of the world. Let's continue that tradition!

Try one or more of these activities

Meeting activity:	Virtual adaptation:
<p><u>Host a Themed Investiture/ Rededication Ceremony</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Come up with a troop song or secret handshake Examples from other troops: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I0prOb84w7g https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T2GGjCbbCg8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls can prepare parts of the promise and activities in person or online Have the girls create a work playlist of songs/games that correlate to a theme that the girls enjoy! Give girls a list of supplies to get or take supplies to them in a porch drop. Use google slides or power point
<p><u>Join Daisy Circle</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find more information on Daisy Circle here: https://www.gsksmo.org/en/donate/daisy-s-circle.html 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share information about Daisy Circle and discuss as a troop via Zoom or in Google Meets about traditions—Service and Giving
<p><u>Create your Scouts Own ceremony</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See explanation of Scouts own below Check out this fun older girl Scouts own ceremony: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v1P4JxTM-F8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls can create their ceremony in person or online. Each girl should take a piece to work on and bring back to the group in person or online.



<p><u>Participate in the Giving Parade on Oct. 31</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn more and register for the Giving Parade: https://www.gsksmo.org/content/dam/girlscouts-gsksmo/OtherDocuments/virtual/Service-Project-Oct.pdf 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families can participate individually but discuss as a troop
<p><u>Create your own collection Drive for your troop</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can create your own drive by connecting with one of our service community partners: www.gsksmo.org/community#service or selecting another great organization in your community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decide how each family would like to participate Can be done by family or as a troop virtually or in person Each girl can spread a flyer the troop produces to neighbors and/or a social media post, provide a porch or driveway drop of site then devise a plan to deliver the goods to the Giving Parade or Community Partner drop off site.

Definition of Scouts Own:

A Scout's Own is a special type of ceremony that expresses the spirit of Girl Scouting. It is called a Scout's Own because girls plan it themselves. It's an opportunity for girls to express their thoughts and feelings. Planned and carried out by the girls with the help of their leaders, the Scout's Own is a ceremony, but it is not a "performance".

The "audience" is expected to participate. It is NOT a religious ceremony and does not take the place of going to church, synagogue, or temple. It may be held on any day of the week, in troop meeting, at camp or outdoor space.

Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, describes the Scouts Own as "A voluntary uplifting of their hearts . . . in thanksgiving for the joys of life, and a desire to seek inspiration and strength for greater love and service for others."

A Girl Scouts' Own is a ceremony, not in the true sense of the word, but a ceremony in that it is inspirational in nature and that it is special and serious. It is a Girl Scouts' Own because it belongs to the girls themselves.

A Girl Scouts' Own usually lasts about 15-30 minutes. It should include some elements of formal staging as in the members of the troop entering a central area, perhaps some lighted candles (flashlights can be used), a friendship circle, or in the out-of-doors, a walk to a clearing in the woods. These simple rituals will in themselves set a special mood.

