

Objectives:

1. Learn songs
2. Start deciding what they would like to do as Juniors.
3. Develop their own troop traditions

About this meeting:

1. Learn about songs and match to an occasion
2. Discuss their goals and dreams
3. Create invitations and plans for the investiture ceremony.

With this First 4 Meeting plan, girls will earn the Girl Scout Way Badge

Girl Scout Way Badge

1. Match songs to an occasion
2. Celebrate the Girl Scout birthday
3. Share sisterhood
4. Leave a place better than you found it
5. Enjoy Girl Scout traditions!



Supplies:

Blank cards, pens or markers

Song lyrics

Kaper chart

Optional snack

Quarter-sheets of poster board, magazines, scissors, glue, markers

Meeting Agenda:

Pre-Meeting: (5-8 min)

As girls arrive, have them decorate a card that they will use later as an invitation to the special ceremony that will happen during meeting 4. There will be time later in the meeting to complete this activity. As part of today's meeting, they will make an invitation so that parents and caregivers can attend the special Investiture ceremony.

Opening: (5 min)

Learn one or two traditional Girl Scout songs together, such as "Girl Scouts Together" or "G for Generosity". Talk about what types of songs girls can use for different occasions. Ie. What songs do you sing on a birthday? During holidays? Talk about why songs are important. Have the girls write a song for the next meeting to celebrate investiture or they can pick a song they would like to use at the next meeting. See PDF for additional songs in Troop Leader Central on gsksmo.org.

Business: (10-15 min.)

1. Take attendance.
2. Have the girls sign up for jobs on the Kaper chart.
3. Collect any necessary forms.
4. *Investiture and Rededication Planning*
5. Have the girls choose a snack to serve at the ceremony. Simple refreshments should be served at the ceremony's end.
6. Teach them that they will serve their guests before they serve themselves.

Snack/Announcements

While the girls eat snack, they can finish their investiture invitation cards if not already done.

Have pre-printed inserts that girls can glue into the card so that everyone's invitation information is correct. Include the date, time, and location of the Investiture Ceremony, which will take place during the last 30 minutes of the next meeting. Seal the invitations in an envelope and have the girls address it to their parent or caregiver.

Major Activity: (10-20 min)

Have the girls make "Treasure Maps," posters that depict what they would like to do in their future. This could include a career, talent, hobby, trip, something they would like to achieve, and so on. They can use pictures from magazines, draw pictures, cut out words, and write on their posters. It should reflect their unique hopes and dreams. Talk about how visualizing dreams and setting goals helps our dreams come true. If possible, relate this to a badge or other Girl Scout award that the girls are working on or could earn. Also talk about badges, trips and other Girl Scout opportunities and how this can help them reach their goals. Collect these and bring them back for the next week so girls can share with their parents.

Clean-Up: (5 min.) All girls help clean up the area and leave the area better than you found it! Specific clean up duties can be assigned with the Kaper Chart.

Closing: (2-5 min.) Friendship Circle

Repeat the Friendship Circle closing from the previous two meetings. Before turning out remind girls to deliver their invitation.

Explain what will happen at the ceremony:

- *Flag Ceremony with Pledge of Allegiance and Girl Scout Promise*
- *Sing Junior song(s) or read/recite Junior poem(s)*
- *Share their Treasure Maps*
- *Ceremony-light candles*
- **New Juniors will receive their Junior Girl Scout pin; Girl Scout handshake*
- **Returning Juniors will receive their (optional) rededication patch and or membership stars; Girl Scout handshake*
- *Refreshments*
- *Clean-Up*
- *Closing Activity; invite guests to join*