

Meeting Outline and Log for Brownie Girl Scout Troop # _____

Meeting # 3

Adults conducting _____

Meeting date _____

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Meeting Location _____

Before the Meeting Preparation:

Make four or five different "scent" containers. Make 4 of each scent so a trail can be laid outside with one of each left inside for the pre-meeting activity. Use flim containers, cotton ball and various liquids/oils that have a scent (the spice rack at the grocery store usually can provide at least four, fresh fruits like oranges, lemons, and limes are other sources and perfume could be another). Prepare record cards with visual symbols and name of each scent.

Laying a trail - See details on page 2. Collect several articles of bigger children/adult size clothing representing different seasons and weather conditions. Three sets will be required for a weather relay race.

"It" bag

Goal: Contributing to Society

Supplies and Equipment

Pre-Meeting Activity - approximately 5 minutes

Distribute the different scent containers around the room (so the girls will automatically spread out) and place index cards and pencils on a starting table. Girls attempt to identify the scents and record their findings on the card.

Prepared scent containers, record-keeping cards, pencils.

Opening Activity - approximately 5 minutes

Grasp the hand of a girl and begin singing make New Friends. Circulate room collecting girls in a chain as you skip along. Skip into a circle and sing the song in a round. Go around the circle each girl giving her name and something she likes starting with the same letter as her first name (i.e. Barbara and I like bananas). Say Girl Scout Promise and welcome girls to the meeting.

None needed

Brownie Ring (Business & Snack) - approximately 10 minutes

Introduce the IT Bag and its purpose of determining helpers. Explain that girls will take turns doing different tasks that are routine for the troop such as setting up the room, conducting a flag ceremony, helping the leaders to handout materials or put supplies away, and to clean-up before the meeting ends. Pass out treat.

"It" bag
Paper to record girls suggestions of what to do during the Girl Scout year
Marker

Note that during the last meeting you found out what the girls like to do. This meeting they will help determine what they will be doing during Girl Scouting this year. Go around the circle asking each girl one thing that they would like to do this year.

Main Activity - approximately 45 minutes

Divide girls in two - three teams (groups of 6-8 work well). Have the teams stand on one side of the room. Place the clothing opposite them on the other side of the room. On the word "go", girls quickly cross the room and put all the clothing on and return to their line. There, they take everything off and the next person puts it on and returns to the other side and take the clothes off. She tags the next person in line who repeats the pattern until everyone in the group has gone. Have girls sit down as they complete their turn. Discuss the different types of clothing and which are appropriate for each season and weather condition (should take 10 minutes for game and discussion).

Clothing

Read the second half of the Brownie story (the "modern" story). Announce that while on their short hike they may see places where Brownie Girl Scouts could help. Explain the scent hike and complete the hike. At each stop on the hike, girls should identify the smell and look around the area to see if there is something Brownies could do to help.

Brownie Girl Scout Handbook, p.29

Marked trail with scent containers, record keeping cards, pencils

Clean-Up - approximately 10 minutes

Select names from the "It" bag to assist with picking up the clothing and materials from the pre-meeting activity, sweeping the floors, cleaning bathrooms.

"It" bag

Closing Activity - approximately 5 minutes

Join in a Friendship Circle. Go around the circle asking girls if they could identify things on the hike where Brownie Girl Scout could be helpful in keeping the environment cleaner or attractive. Remind girls to keep working on the Promise and Law worksheet and to bring the worksheet and their handbook to the next meeting. Say, "Goodnight Brownie Girl Scouts" and twist out.

Extra copies of the Promise and Law worksheet for those who have "misplaced them"



Girl Scouts.

Notable successes:

Difficulties encountered and actions taken:

Awards activities begun/completed:

What is happening with the girls (interactions, individual behaviors, etc.):

What arrangements or supplies are required for next meeting based on decisions made during this meeting:
Need adult helpers for the next meeting (finger printing activity)

Laying a Trail for a Scent Hike

- (1) Place the outside containers in areas that will be protected from someone just wandering by and picking them up but also in an area that there is something interesting to notice, smell or talk about (such as next to the recycling containers!), a tree that you can identify, a flower bed where other smells can be found, or a place where erosion is ruining the land. Space the five - six scents approximately 100 feet away from each other and as much as possible, lay the trail in a circular pattern around the meeting location
- (2) Place one scent (all three containers) at each stop on the trail. **DON'T FORGET YOUR TRAIL - YOU WILL BE LEADING THE REST OF THE GIRLS IN A BUDDY LINE ON THE HIKE!**
- (3) Start the trail just outside the meeting door.
- (4) Using a recording card, girls mark down each scent. By having three containers at each stop, girls should be able to quickly smell the scent and make their recordings.
- (5) Spend approximately 3 minutes at each stop on the hike to smell the scent, record the findings, and discuss the reason for having placed the stop at this location. With five stops on the trail and travel time to each location, it should take approximately 25 minutes to complete the activity.