

Being Girl-Led Worksheet

Is your troop Girl-Led? Here are 12 ways to tell if you are encouraging Girl-Led opportunities. If you find you need to work on one or more of these areas, Take Action to do so. Reflect upon your practices with your girl scouts and circle your responses:

1. You know that every girl scout's opinion counts, and you actively encourage them to speak up and share their ideas.

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I do okay

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2. You show respect for what they say and value their opinions regardless of their age. You recognize that even Daisies can begin to develop their leadership skills by sharing, voting, and choosing.

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3. You actively encourage girl scouts to follow the Girl Scout Law, which includes the statement "be a sister to every Girl Scout." You remind them how much they learn from each other.

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4. When the girl scouts suggest how they want to spend their time in Girl Scouting and where they want to take trips, your response is something along the lines of "How can we make that happen?" or "How can I help?"

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5. Your girl scouts are not afraid to disagree with your suggestions, but they are also open to your ideas.

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6. Your first reaction to an outrageous suggestion, such as a year off from school to cruise around the world, is not "That's impossible!" but rather "Why are you interested in doing that?" as an attempt to figure out what is behind the statement. Probing the suggestion could lead to another idea that might be a bit more realistic.

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7. If you're not comfortable with an activity suggested by girl scouts - maybe you'd rather not go skiing - you help them find an adult who can make their ideas a reality - as long as those ideas are okay, according to the Safety Activity Checkpoints.

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8. You help them evaluate the value of their experiences: What did you learn? What was the best part of the day? How did this experience affect you? What might you do differently next time?

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9. You share your ideas with the girl scouts in your group, but you don't expect or need them to jump up and down with excitement each time they hear one of them.

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10. Your girl scouts are clearly comfortable saying what they like and don't like about your ideas when you offer them as possibilities rather than as "must-do's."

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11. Your girl scouts know they can come to you for help whenever they decide they need it.

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12. You are always ready to offer support and encouragement.

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