

# Hand-On Strategies

## Predict the Future

Making lectures or presentations hands on for your girl scouts.

- Ask Girl Scouts what they expect to happen during an activity before they do it.
- Have them brainstorm questions they hope to be able to answer when they are finished.
- Divide the questions between them and have them pay attention and write down the answer if the question they have is addressed.
- Encourage them to be courageous and ask any questions which weren't answered. If they don't have that opportunity, have them research the answers from other sources.

## Make it Concrete

Use props that your Girl Scouts can relate to to demonstrate abstract ideas.

- Ask your Girl Scouts to become part of demonstrations of concepts or events.
- Have them act out situations or actions that are being discussed.

## More Hands-On Options

- Create a Game
- Make a Video
- Do a Skit
- Write an Essay
- Write a Story
- Create Art
- Build Something
- Share a project

The key is for them to create something real, the physical embodiment of what they have learned. Much like a Take Action Project, their creation is something that exists because of what they have learned and because of the skills they have practiced. Because of them, it is here. This is empowering, because it shows your girl scouts that they can have an impact on the world around them. It shows them that they can use their education to achieve something.