Spotlight On...

Girl Scout-Led

Girl Scout-Led means Girl Scouts of every age taking an active role in figuring out the what, where, when, why, and how of their experience. Virtual troops can be a great place for Girl Scouts to lead, especially since they may know the technology even better than adults!

Three Paths to Girl Scout-Led

- 1. **Choices** | Involve Girl Scouts in choosing which activities they want to do.
- 2. **Decisions** | Challenge Girl Scouts to decide how they will participate in activities.
- 3. **Learning to Lead** | Offer age-appropriate opportunities for Girl Scouts to lead activities.



<u>Virtual Spotlight Strategy | Make your Girl Scouts</u> <u>Co-Hosts of your troop meeting!</u>

Pro Tip: To empower your Girl Scouts as virtual meeting leaders, start by building basic facilitation skills like sharing screens and partnering to monitor the chat and non-verbal feedback.

Try using the <u>renaming feature</u> in gsZoom to assign responsibility for leading different parts of the virtual meeting: Opening, Business, Activity, Clean-Up, and Closing. Be clear about tasks and provide materials like announcement sheets ahead-of-time to set Girl Scouts up for success!

Adaptable Activities |

Check out our Girl Scout-Led Strategies for more ideas!

Pro Tip: Girl Scouts build their leadership skills over time. Our Girl Scout – Adult Partnership Progression outlines how to involve Girl Scouts at each program level in shaping their experience.

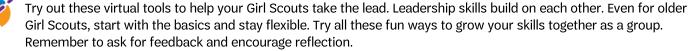








Learning to Lead Online



- **Daisies (K-1): Talking** | Help Girl Scouts learn to take turns talking with <u>virtual hand-raising</u>. Ask them to notice missing voices, and to actively invite everyone to participate.
- **Brownies (2-3): Brainstorming** | Type ideas for all to see on the <u>gsZoom Whiteboard</u>, then Girl Scouts can vote with a unique stamp. <u>Or try these other free brainstorming tools!</u>
- Juniors (4-5): Collaborating | Use Google Teamwork Tools for Girl Scouts to co-create documents, communicate, calendar, and more. Or try these other free collaboration tools!
- **Cadettes (6-8): Planning** | Work in teams to plan different parts of an activity, then use <u>Prezi</u> to share ideas and make troop decisions. <u>Or try these other free presentation tools!</u>
- **Seniors (9-10): Budgeting** | Teach Girl Scouts to manage money by linking the troop bank account to <u>Mint</u>, setting & tracking financial goals. <u>Or try these other free budgeting tools!</u>
- Ambassadors (11-12): Project Management | Explore <u>Trello</u>, a Kanban app to help Girl Scouts coordinate their own projects. <u>Or try these other free project management tools!</u>

Virtual Voting

This classic decision-making strategy translates well to virtual by using gsZoom chat or non-verbal feedback features. Click here for more details on how to facilitate different types of voting.



Additional Resources

Girl Scouts at Home Volunteering at Home GSUSA Resources Troop Leader Blueprint