

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.



Virtual Spotlight Strategy | Make your Girl Scouts Co-Hosts of your troop meeting!

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 [renaming feature](#) 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

Try out these virtual tools to help your Girl Scouts take the lead. Leadership skills build on each other. Even for older Girl Scouts, start with the basics and stay flexible. Try all these fun ways to grow your skills together as a group. Remember to ask for feedback and encourage reflection.

- **Daisies (K-1): Talking** | Help Girl Scouts learn to take turns talking with [virtual hand-raising](#). 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 [gsZoom Whiteboard](#), then Girl Scouts can vote with a unique stamp. [Or try these other free brainstorming tools!](#)
- **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 [Prezi](#) to share ideas and make troop decisions. [Or try these other free presentation tools!](#)
- **Seniors (9-10): Budgeting** | Teach Girl Scouts to manage money by linking the troop bank account to [Mint](#), setting & tracking financial goals. [Or try these other free budgeting tools!](#)
- **Ambassadors (11-12): Project Management** | Explore [Trello](#), a Kanban app to help Girl Scouts coordinate their own projects. [Or try these other free project management tools!](#)

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](#)