



Girl Scout Junior Home Study Course

Welcome to Junior Girl Scouting! Thank you for giving of your time and energy to help girls in grades 4, 5, and 6 discover the fun and adventure of Girl Scouts. The Junior Home Study Course will help you become a confident, knowledgeable, and competent leader.

You may complete this training individually or with other Girl Scout Junior leaders and volunteers. If more than one person does this training, each of you must submit the answers to the questionnaire booklet separately. Additional copies are available if needed.

To ensure that you receive credit for taking this workshop, please fill out the information on this page, along with the answers to the questions and send it to:

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Before you begin

You will need your *Council Policies and Standards*, Junior grade level books, and the *Safety-Wise* book to complete the course. All of these were provided to you at either your Orientation or Intro to GSSI training. Please see your Service Unit Director if you do not have these resources. The GSSI *Council Policies and Standards* are available at www.gsofsi.org

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About Your Girls

At this age, girls have become busy and more involved in many activities and interests. In accordance with this, the Girl Scout Junior program adapts itself to meet the interests of our girls. For this section, the information can be found in the *Junior Girl Scout Leader Guide Book*.

Girl Scout Juniors are girls in grades _____ or _____.

1. Read the section on "Working with Junior Girl Scouts". Name four characteristics of girls this age.
 - 1)
 - 2)
 - 3)
 - 4)

2. In the Girl Scout Promise, it is okay for a girl to replace the word "God" with what ever word her spiritual beliefs dictate.

- True False

3. List the eleven tips for planning with Girl Scout Juniors.

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4. Every Girl Scout troop is different... different needs, different interests and different abilities. Name two ways in which you can adapt the program to meet the needs of your troop.

1)

2)

Troop Government

The information for this next section is found in the Leader Guide, under "The Key to Successful Planning".

5. What are the 3 Models of Troop Government? Describe each and how it would work in your troop. Give detailed examples.

1)

2)

3)

6. Since the girls must help select activities, describe two ways to be sure you are getting and using their input.

1)

2)

7. In the section marked "Questions and Answers About Behavior", name a few things you can do to increase involvement of parents and guardians.

8. What should you do if the girls in your troop express interest in a topic that you have absolutely no experience or knowledge?
9. Girl/Adult partnership in planning is key for Girl Scout Junior troops. When girls are active decision makers, their competence and self-esteem grow.
- True False

Trip Planning

10. According to P. 69 of the *Safety-Wise*, for trips and events, you must have _____ adults to every _____ Girl Scout Juniors.
11. What are the requirements for taking a Girl Scout Junior troop/group on an overnight trip? (Refer to Troop/Group Travel in *Council Policies and Standards and Safety-Wise*.)
12. Is it appropriate for the leader to decide on a trip for the girls? Explain.

Planning Your Troop Meetings

On Pp. 36 of your *Junior Girl Scout Leader Guide Book*, you will find useful suggestions for planning a meeting. For this page, you will create a sample troop meeting agenda. Include a time frame and materials for each activity. (later on—you can plug in “who” will be doing each)

Start-up Time:

Opening Time:

Business Time:

Activities Time:

Clean up Time:

Closing Time:

13. You and the girls are selecting between a trip to the zoo and a trip to a ballgame. Describe how you and they will consider the troop budget and decide on plans for money-earning as necessary to support at least one activity.

14. What is an "extended trip" as defined by *Safety-Wise*?

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15. What are the 8 "Important Times for Ceremonies?"

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16. Read the section "Adventures in Girl Scouting". Here the girls learn how to work in a group. What are the 7 items girls learn.

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17. Girls also learn how to deal with conflict. Name the 5 steps in "Getting Groups on Track".

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2)

3)

4)

5)

18. What is a Girl Scout Junior "Sign"?

19. What is "A Girl Scout's Own Ceremony"? Give a sample of one you might do with your girls.

Insignia and Awards

20. Name the 3 steps for girls to earn the Junior Aid Award.

1)

2)

3)

21. What resource and page can you find the steps to earning the Junior Leadership Award.

Resource:

Page:

22. The Girl Scout Bronze Award is the highest award a Girl Scout Junior can earn. What resource and page can you find the steps to earn the Bronze Award.

Resource:

Page:

23. Where can you find an illustration detailing placement of items on a Girl Scout Junior sash or vest?

Resource:

Page:

24. List two "unofficial" or participation patches girls can wear on their uniforms. (*Safety-Wise 150-151*)
- 1)
 - 2)
25. Where are "unofficial" or participation patches placed on a sash or vest?
26. What is WAGGGS?
27. During this time in the girls' life, they start to become very busy. What are some ways we can keep the interest of the girls?
28. According to the *Safety-Wise*, what is a "Sensitive Issues"?
29. When dealing with Sensitive Issues, special guidelines must be followed. One of those is to obtain permission from parents/guardians if the Troop will be talking about it. According to the *Safety-Wise*, what are some other things they suggest?
30. If your Troop decides to discuss a Sensitive Issue and you are not a certified professional in the field, name some resources to visit or have a professional attend your Troop meeting:

Notes and Additional Info.:

- Now that you have completed this course remember to attend your monthly Service Unit meeting for updates, new information and networking.
- Revisit your Orientation packet for ideas on communicating with your parents, troop meetings, and necessary forms.
- Additional forms and many other resources are available at the GSSI website:
www.gsofsi.org
- The GSUSA web site is an excellent resource. Some of the items you can find include a wide selection of ceremonies as well as a section just for girls.
www.girlscouts.org
- Other great web sites:
www.familyfun.com
www.scoutingweb.com
- A "Sensitive Issue" is defined in Safety-Wise as:
Topics highly personal in nature or rooted in beliefs and values, i.e., AIDS child abuse, human sexuality, and religion.

If planning an event around a Sensitive Issue, a special permission form is needed. Please make sure you discuss it with your Membership Development Manager.

Junior Home Study Course Evaluation

Thank you for completing the Girl Scout Junior Home Study Course. Please take a few moments to answer the following questions.

- 1) Which topic would you consider as being most useful to you? Why?
- 2) Which part(s) of the course should be covered in greater depth? Why?
- 3) Now that you have completed the course, utilizing this information, what is the next step you will take with your Troop?