

## Troop Meetings

The main components of a meeting are:

**Start Up Activity** – A fun activity planned for the early arrivals to do while waiting for the rest of the troop.

**Opening** – Official beginning to the meeting.

**Sharing or Business** – A brief segment including taking attendance and any old business.

**Activity** – A fun, learning activity that takes up most of the time of the meeting.

**Planning** – Thinking up future activities and/or trips.

**Clean Up** – The girls or patrols of girls make the meeting space better than they found it.

**Closing** – A song, game or ceremony that wraps up the meeting.



## Daisy Girl Scout Sample Meetings

	<b>Meeting 1</b>	<b>Meeting 2</b>	<b>Meeting 3</b>	<b>Meeting 4</b>	<b>Meeting 5</b>
<b>Opening</b>	Teach Friendship Circle (Join hands right over left, start squeeze with everyone silent.	Learn a song together. Say the Promise for the girls.	Sing the song learned last meeting.	Practice the song to sing at the Investiture. Say the Promise.	The Investiture – Greet guests. Let the girls do their best & enjoy!
<b>Sharing</b>	Each girl introduces herself to the rest of the troop. She also shares a favorite thing e.g. color.	Let each girl tell about an important event of the past week.	Ask each girl to share one thing they like to do with their family.	Talk about the events of the last week.	
<b>Activity</b>	Read Daisy GS story to troop. Have girls listen carefully so they can draw a picture about a favorite part of the story.	Talk about what the Promise means and how they can practice it. Introduce the Daisy GS Circle and what happens in it.	Make invitations for the Investiture (the girls will probably not finish them.) Talk about the meaning of “to try.”	Introduce the GS Law. Complete the invitations for the Investiture. Practice the parts of the Investiture.	
<b>Planning</b>					
<b>Clean Up</b>	Each girl does her part to clean up.	Each girl does her part to clean up	Each girl does her part to clean up	Each girl does her part to clean up	Each girl does her part to clean up
<b>Closing</b>	Friendship Circle including making a wish.	Friendship Circle including a wish and a squeeze.	Stand in the Friendship Circle and review Promise. Have girls say their statements for the Investiture.	Friendship Circle and review the Investiture plans. Send invitations home.	May want to close with a Friendship Circle that includes the troop's guests.

## Brownie Girl Scout Sample Meetings

	<b>Meeting 1</b>	<b>Meeting 2</b>	<b>Meeting 3</b>	<b>Meeting 4</b>	<b>Meeting 5</b>
<b>Opening</b>	Teach Friendship Circle. Explain “openings” and “closings.”	Sing a song together. Play a game that helps everyone remember names.	Say the GS Promise together. Sing the song that was taught at the last meeting.	Say the GS Promise. Let the girls take turns reading one part of the Law.	The Investiture. Greet guests. Let the girls do their best. Enjoy!
<b>Business</b>	Talk about Troop Dues. Let the girls take attendance.	Form a Brownie Ring and talk about its purpose. Introduce the GS Law.	Form a Brownie Ring and talk about how each girl can implement the GS Law.	In the Brownie Ring, talk about inviting people to attend the Investiture.	
<b>Activity</b>	Read or tell the Brownie Story. Have the girls tell a part of the story by drawing a picture. Introduce the GS Promise.	Continue to plan for the Investiture. Include as many of the girls’ ideas as possible e.g. songs, skits, poems, etc.	Learn a song to sing at the Investiture. Play a game chosen by the girls.	Practice the Investiture ceremony including the songs that will be sung.	
<b>Planning</b>	Introduce the Brownie Ring and what it is used for. Use the Ring to begin planning for the Investiture.	Divide the troop into groups to plan the Investiture. Each group should have a specific part to plan.	Complete plans for the upcoming Investiture. Make invitations. Discuss the meaning of “to try.”	Finish making invitations. Make any decorations needed.	
<b>Clean Up</b>	Each girl does her part to return the meeting place to its original arrangement.	Each girl does her part to return the meeting place to its original arrangement.	Each girl does her part to return the meeting place to its original arrangement.	Each girl does her part to return the meeting place to its original arrangement.	Each girl does her part to return the meeting place to its original arrangement.
<b>Closing</b>	Use Friendship Circle to review the Brownie Story.	Use Friendship Circle to sing a song, review the Promise and Law.	In a Friendship Circle, sing the song that was chosen for the Investiture.	Close with a song. Remind the girls to take their invitations with them.	May want to close with a Friendship Circle that includes the guests.

## Junior Girl Scout Sample Meetings

	<b>Meeting 1</b>	<b>Meeting 2</b>	<b>Meeting 3</b>	<b>Meeting 4</b>	<b>Meeting 5</b>
<b>Opening</b>	Play a get acquainted game.	In a Friendship Circle say the Promise.	Say Promise and Law. Give GS sign, handshake to each other.	As planned by those responsible on the kaper chart.	Welcome guests.
<b>Business</b>	Discuss troop routines and responsibilities (dues, snacks, etc.) Make kaper chart. Introduce 3 forms of troop government, explain each.	Hold elections for the needed offices. Leader meets with officers while the rest read about Daisy Low in the Handbook pp.2-4	Make kaper chart for the Investiture Ceremony.	Make invitations. Make any decorations.	Use kaper chart to insure that everyone does her assigned task.
<b>Activity</b>	Do the Who Am I Now? Activity in the Handbook p. 42-3. Share some of your favorite things with the troop.	Leader and officers choose a basic outline for the Investiture. Then, in small groups, the troop completes plans for the Investiture.	Read and discuss the Girl Scout Story. Do an activity from one of the badges that the girls chose last meeting.	Rehearse the Investiture. Allow time for speaking roles, songs or poems to be included.	
<b>Planning</b>	Begin to plan the Investiture by gathering ideas from the girls.	Introduce Jr GS awards, have girls brainstorm a list of those they want to earn.	Quickly run through the Investiture Ceremony. Decide on decorations if any.	Remind the girls to wear their sashes to the ceremony. Discuss the meaning of "promise to try."	Close ceremony with Leader remarks about plans, expectations, needs of the troop.
<b>Clean Up</b>	Each girl should do her share to return the meeting place to its original state.	Clean up according to the kaper chart.	Clean up according to the kaper chart.	Clean up according to the kaper chart.	Clean up according to ceremony kaper chart.
<b>Closing</b>	Friendship Circle with a wish and a squeeze.	Play a quick game.	Closing as planned by those on the kaper chart.	Closing as planned by those on the kaper chart.	

## Older Girls Ages 11-17

	<b>Meeting 1</b>	<b>Meeting 2</b>	<b>Meeting 3</b>	<b>Meeting 4</b>	<b>Meeting 5</b>
<b>Opening</b>	Everyone introduces themselves then discussed "What is a good Leader?"	Paired interviews to discover if first impressions are accurate. Share some, then discuss as a group.	Lap seat – in a circle each person sits on another's lap. Need a min. of 4 people. Discuss how this relates to being part of a group.	Song, GS Promise & Law, or watch a GS video e.g. 4 World Centers.	Welcome guests. Use kaper chart to insure that all tasks are done. Then let the girls run the evening.
<b>Business</b>	Choose a form of gov't., set up for elections, Set troop routines for dues, snacks, &tc.	Hold elections for needed offices. Make a meetings kaper chart.	Complete plans for the Investiture by dividing up the tasks and making a kaper chart.	Make invitations and any decorations needed.	
<b>Activity</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> impressions about Girl Scouts, why do these impressions exist, are they true or false, positive or negative, discuss peer pressure.	Discuss what the Promise & Law really mean and how do they fit in to daily life. Discuss what it means to "promise to try."	Discuss the 2 Program Goals, how can they help to strengthen weaknesses	Talk about Destinations and the World Centers. Practice for Investiture Ceremony. Discuss the awards for Older Girls.	
<b>Planning</b>	Explain brainstorming then brainstorm a list of activities e.g. awards, projects, fundraisers, &tc.	Begin plans for Investiture and/or rededication ceremony.	Chart personal plans for 1 month include, school, social, work, family activities. Share then add in time for GS projects.		Leaders' remarks about plans, expectations, needs, &tc.
<b>Clean Up</b>	Everyone cleans up.	Clean up according to kaper chart.	Clean up according to kaper chart.	Clean up according to kaper chart.	Clean by ceremony kaper chart.
<b>Closing</b>	Friendship Circle.	Song, poem, &tc.	Song, game or poem.	Rehearse part of ceremony.	