

# First Four Junior Girl Scout Meetings

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**TROOP MEETING PLANNER for JUNIOR - MEETING #1**

**Meeting Goals:** Get (re)acquainted; Team building; Refresh the Promise and Law; Begin planning program for the year

TIME	M	ACTIVITY	WHO	MATERIALS	NOTES
		<p><b>PRE-OPENING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Human Knot Game. Form a circle; take the hands of 2 different people (right hand to right hand, left to left), neither of whom are next to you. The group untangles itself into a single circle.</li> </ul>		•	
		<p><b>OPENING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simple flag ceremony, Pledge of Allegiance, Girl Scout Promise, song.</li> </ul>		• Before meeting: Post agenda	
		<p><b>BUSINESS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome everyone to an exciting year of Junior Girl Scouting</li> <li>• Ask returning members to introduce themselves and share something(s) they've enjoyed in Girl Scouting. New members introduce themselves and tell what kinds of things they like to do.</li> <li>• Leaders introduce themselves (tell girls what they are to call the adults) and share their favorite Girl Scout activity(ies).</li> <li>• Review agenda.</li> <li>• Develop rules of conduct . Record the suggestions; phrase them in the positive. Make them into a sign to post at future meetings.</li> <li>• Remind them of the quiet sign and how they are to respond to it.</li> </ul>		• Simple agenda • paper/marker	
		<p><b>PROGRAM ACTIVITIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Junior Badges and Signs Scavenger Hunt:</u> Divide girls randomly into small groups - make sure each group has a set of Junior books. Give each group the questions,(attached to this packet) paper and pencil. When groups are done with the answers, have them share. Ask the troop which sign they'd like to earn first this year.</li> <li>• <u>Girl Scout Law Relay:</u> Write small bits of the wording of the Girl Scout Law on 3x5 index cards. Make as many sets as needed for the number of teams (each in a different color ink). Divide the troop randomly into 2 or more teams of 4-6 each. Mix up and place the cards face down on a table. Each team lines up facing the table 8+ feet away from it. Recite the Girl Scout Law. Give directions: The first person on the team will run to the table, find the card that has the first phrase of the Law, and place it right side up. She will run back, high five the next person, and go to the end of the line. The second person will then run up and find the second card, and so on. If a Scout finds that one card is misplaced, she can move or remove that card for her turn. The team that completes the Law in order first is the winner. Hints: If teams seem at a loss, say the Law loudly; as a last resort, give them the Law as a resource.</li> </ul>		• Junior Handbooks and Badge Books  • Sets of cards with Girl Scout Law phrases	
		<p><b>CLOSING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form a friendship circle and do the friendship squeeze</li> <li>• Distribute any flyers, newsletters, notices, etc.</li> </ul>			

**REFRESHMENTS:** Serve anytime before, during, after the meeting, depending on meeting time, etc.

**TROOP MEETING PLANNER for JUNIOR - MEETING #2**

**Meeting Goals:** Troop Government and Kaper Chart; Focus on the Girl Scout Law; Plan the Investiture; Learn about Juliette Low

TIME	M	ACTIVITY	WHO	MATERIALS	NOTES
		<p><b>PRE-OPENING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Who Am I Now?" (pages 42-43 in the Junior Handbook). Girls share what they wrote for their favorite things.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post troop rules</li> <li>• Junior Handbook</li> <li>• Paper, pencils</li> </ul>	
		<p><b>OPENING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simple flag ceremony, Girl Scout Promise, teach the song "Girl Scouts Together"</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• flag (with stand)</li> </ul>	
		<p><b>BUSINESS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review the meeting agenda</li> <li>• Discuss the options for Troop Government (Handbook, page 25). Decide which to use and set it up (election, rotation of officers, whatever). If officers are used, announce a brief meeting after the closing.</li> <li>• Develop a Kaper chart for troop meetings</li> <li>• Inform the troop of the date, time, place for the Investiture/Rededication ceremony. Explain the meaning of the ceremony: to (re)dedicate oneself to the Promise and Law. Ask for ideas for the ceremony: what to do, serve, etc. Develop a plan for the ceremony with a role for each girl.(see Handbook pages 12-13).</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simple agenda</li> </ul>	
		<p><b>PROGRAM ACTIVITIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Focus on the Girl Scout Law</u> - if little time: ask girls to share their ideas for what each part means; if time allows, do role plays or simple skits in small groups.</li> <li>• <u>Juliette Low Action Story</u> - (see attached) Girls sit on the floor. Assign each action part to 2 or more Scouts. Do a slow run-through, including actions by the Scouts. Then do it normal to fast. Have fun!</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Role play scenarios, if time (optional)</li> <li>• Juliette Low Story</li> </ul>	
		<p><b>CLOSING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form a friendship circle and friendship squeeze; sing, if time.</li> <li>• Hand out any notices, newsletters or flyers.</li> </ul>			
		<p><b>POST-CLOSING</b> (depending on the Troop Government selected)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Officer Meeting: Discuss plans for the ceremony and what needs to be done next on the action plan. Discuss the responsibilities for each officer, running the business meeting, encouraging all Scouts to share their ideas. Review the steps in a meeting and who will do what.</li> <li>or</li> <li>• Patrol Leader Meeting: Discuss plans for the ceremony and what needs to be done next on the action plan. Discuss what responsibilities the Patrol Leaders will have during the next business meeting: run patrol meetings, encourage all members to share ideas, reporting the patrol's decisions to the whole troop.</li> </ul>			

**TROOP MEETING PLANNER for JUNIOR - MEETING #3**

**Meeting Goals:** Finalize Ceremony plans; Learn more about Girl Scout values; Ongoing training of girl troop leaders

TIME	M	ACTIVITY	WHO	MATERIALS	NOTES
		<p><b>PRE-OPENING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "What Kind of Friend Are You?" activity, Handbook page 67. Discuss some of the questions, especially any question a Scout may not understand and how it could be a "yes". Be careful not to make any one feel put down for her ideas.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post troop rules</li> <li>• Post Kaper Chart</li> <li>• Post Meeting Agenda</li> </ul>	
		<p><b>OPENING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do the flag ceremony that will be done next week at the Investiture/Re-dedication. It can be simple to formal. Say the Girl Scout Promise.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• flag (with stand)</li> <li>• additional flag ceremony. accessories</li> </ul>	
		<p><b>BUSINESS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review the meeting agenda.</li> <li>• Break into patrols or have the officers get into position in front of the group. Continue work on the ceremony's action plan. Encourage patrol leaders or officers to check on the progress of all aspects of the ceremony.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investiture 'program' written out for all to see</li> </ul>	
		<p><b>PROGRAM ACTIVITIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rehearse any portions as necessary, especially reciting the Promise and making the Girl Scout Handshake.</li> <li>• Make Investiture invitations and decorations (if desired).</li> <li>• Play <u>The Game of Girl Scouting</u> (attached), or a Girl Scout Information/Trivia Game.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• paper, pens or what-ever method chosen to make and decorate the invitations</li> <li>• Game materials</li> </ul>	
		<p><b>CLOSING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form a friendship circle and friendship squeeze.</li> <li>• Hand out invitations to take home. (If time, these can be mailed)</li> </ul>			
		<p><b>POST-CLOSING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brief Patrol Leader/Officer Meeting: If these Scouts are new to their positions, discuss the importance of these Scouts encouraging all troop members to have a chance to share their ideas and to be role models for the Girl Scout values. Briefly discuss how this meeting went and focus on the meeting after the ceremony: Service Projects. Have these leaders begin thinking of ideas.</li> </ul>			

**TROOP MEETING PLANNER for JUNIOR - MEETING #4**

**Meeting Goals:** Greet family & friends; Hold the Investiture/Rededication Ceremony; Inspire support for the year's program

TIME	M	ACTIVITY	WHO	MATERIALS	NOTES
		<p><b>PREPARATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set up Investiture table and materials to be used.</li> <li>• Set up refreshments</li> <li>• Decorate the ceremony space (optional)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tablecloths (2), Girl Scout pins, supplies for parts of the ceremony, refreshments, flowers (opt).</li> </ul>	
		<p><b>OPENING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flag ceremony with Pledge of Allegiance.</li> <li>• Welcome everyone. Tell about what their girls have been doing.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• flag (with stand)</li> </ul>	
		<p><b>PROGRAM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform the Investiture Ceremony as planned.. Make sure each girl says the Girl Scout Promise, shares the Handshake with her leader and receives her Girl Scout pin (if the pins were not awarded at the Bridging/Court of Awards Ceremony at the end of the Brownie level).</li> <li>• Leader tells the audience all the activities the girls have identified as things they want to do this year.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ceremony Ideas: -Consult Helping Girls Grow Notebook; -GSUSA Ceremonies in Girl Scouting; -GSSFBA Ceremonies Booklet (1316x)</li> </ul>	
		<p><b>CLOSING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form a friendship circle with all in attendance. Teach about and do the Friendship Squeeze.</li> <li>• Thank guests for coming and invite to share refreshments.</li> <li>• Circulate during refreshments and ask each family for their assistance with troop activities during the year.</li> </ul>			

## Junior Badges and Awards Scavenger Hunt Questions

1. How many badges are in the Junior Girl Scout Badge Book?
2. What are the colors that badges can have as a background color?
3. Some badges tell you an activity or two is REQUIRED to earn the badge. Can you find one of these badges? Bonus: Can you find one of the two badges that have 2 required activities?
4. Find the badge that requires you to learn about maps and compasses.
5. What Junior award requires you to work with Daisies or Brownies?
6. Find a badge that you could complete at home on a rainy weekend.
7. What badges might an animal lover be interested in earning?
8. How many balls do you see in the pages for the Court Sports badge?
9. Which badge would you be working on if you visited an airport, made and flew a paper airplane and/or kite, ate some "space" food, and put on an air show?
10. Two badges are about being creative and solving things – which are they?
11. How many badges must you earn for each Sign?
12. What are the three kinds of hobbies that you can earn a badge for?
13. Which badge would you be working on if you learned more about clouds, interviewed a meteorologist and made your own barometer?
14. How many activities must you do to earn each badge?
15. Find a badge that helps you learn more about being a Girl Scout.
16. By the time you finish Junior Girl Scouting, you may earn this highest Junior award.
17. Find two badges that you could earn to show you care about the environment.
18. Find a badge that has an activity where you need to do something from the Handbook.
19. Which badge would you be working on if you make your own "fossil." Fight erosion, collect soil samples, and learn about geysers?
20. Find a badge that refers you to a web site.

## **Answers to the Junior Badges and Awards Scavenger Hunt**

1. 104
2. Tan/yellow, green, blue, and white. (There is no meaning to the colors)
3. Camp Together\*, Hiker\*, Earth Connections, Outdoor Fun, Rocks Rock, Small Craft, Swimming, Water Fun. (Bonus: the two starred badges each have 2 required activities)
4. Finding Your Way
5. The Junior Aide Award (Handbook, page 198-199)
6. Almost any one of the badges that does not require outdoor activities or group activities
7. Pet Care, Horse Fan, Horse Rider, Plants and Animals, Wildlife
8. Eight
9. Aerospace
10. Creative Solutions, Puzzlers
11. Each sign requires you to earn only one badge; the rest are activities from badges, the Handbook, another Girl Scout resource, or a service project.
12. Collecting, Doing, and Making Hobbies
13. Weather Watch
14. Six
15. Girl Scouting Around the World, Girl Scouting in my Future, Girl Scouting in the USA
16. The Girl Scout Bronze Award
17. Earth Connections, Eco-Action, Environmental Health
18. Careers, Lead On, Model Citizen, Money Sense, On My Way, Being My Best, It's Important to Me, Looking Your Best, Healthy Relationships, My Community, First Aid, Safety First!, Fun and Fit, Highway to Health, Stress Less, Your Outdoor Surroundings, Art to Wear, Discovering Technology, "Doing" Hobbies, Jeweler, Computer Fun, Making It Matter.
19. Rocks Rock
20. Girl Scouting Around the World, Girl Scouting in My Future, Girl Scouting in the USA, Global Awareness, Humans and Habitats, Becoming a Teen, It's Important to Me, Communication, Winter Sports, Water Fun, Aerospace.

## **The Game of Girl Scouting Betsy Woodford**

**Instructions:** Divide the girls into two teams and have a moderator read the questions. The team with the most correct answers wins!

**Q:** How does the color guard salute at the end of a flag ceremony?

**A:** Put hands over heart

**Q:** Show the Girl Scout quiet sign

**A:** Raise right hand

**Q:** About how many Girl Scouts are in the U. S.?

**A:** 3 million

**Q:** What grades are Junior Girl Scouts?

**A:** 4th, 5th, and 6th grades

**Q:** What is a Court of Awards?

**A:** A ceremony where awards, pins, insignia and patches are given out.

**Q:** Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world belong to an organization, whose pin we wear. What is it?

**A:** World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)

**Q:** Where is Our Chalet?

**A:** Switzerland

**Q:** Show the Girl Scout handshake.

**A:** Shake with left hand and raise right hand in Girl Scout sign

**Q:** Twist me and turn me and show me the elf. I look in the water and saw ... what?

**A:** Myself

**Q:** What is the Girl Scout slogan?

**A:** Do a good turn daily

**Q:** What is the Girl Scout motto?

**A:** Be prepared

**Q:** Where was Juliette Low born?

**A:** Savannah, Georgia

**Q:** What colors are in the Junior uniform?

**A:** green (teal) and white

**Q:** What is the last word in the "Star Spangled Banner?"

**A:** Brave

**Q:** What are the levels in Girl Scouts?

**A:** Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors

**Q:** Say the Girl Scout promise

**A:** On my honor I will try, to serve God and my country to help people at all times and to live by the Girl Scout law

**Q:** Where is Our Cabana?

**A:** Mexico

**Q:** Whose nickname was Daisy?

**A:** Juliette Low

**Q:** What is the highest award a girl can earn?

**A:** Gold Award

**Q:** What is the ceremony where girls and adults renew their Promise and Law each year?

**A:** Rededication

**Q:** How can you be a sister to every Girl Scout?

**A:** Many answers- i.e. help other Girl Scouts

**Q:** What is the first word in the "Star Spangled Banner?"

**A:** Oh

**Q:** What color is the Daisy uniform?

**A:** Blue

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**Q:** When is the Girl Scout birthday?

**A:** March 12, 1912

**Q:** When is Thinking Day?

**A:** February 22

**Q:** From whom did the Daisy Girl Scouts get their name?

**A:** Juliette Gordon Low's nickname

**Q:** From where do Brownies get their name?

**A:** From the story of the helpful Brownies

**Q:** What are Brownie awards called?

**A:** Try-its

**Q:** What does Thinking Day celebrate?

**A:** Girl Scouts and Girl Guides around the world.

**Q:** What does it mean to use resources wisely?

**A:** Not to waste supplies

**Q:** What are Cadette and Senior badges called?

**A:** Interest project patches

**Q:** When is Juliette Low's birthday?

**A:** October 31

**Q:** Where is Pax Lodge? And what is it?

**A:** England, a World Center

**Q:** Where is Sangam? And what is it?

**A:** India, a World Center

**Q:** What colors are the Brownie uniform?

**A:** Blue and brown

**Q:** The saying for the out of doors is "Take only photos and leave only ..." what?

**A:** Footprints

**Q:** What are the names for the three sizes of wood used to build a campfire?

**A:** Tinder, kindling, and fuel

**Q:** What happens at a fly-up ceremony?

**A:** Girls move from Brownies to Juniors

**Q:** What is an investiture ceremony for?

**A:** Welcome new girls into Scouting

**Q:** What grades are Cadettes in?

**A:** 6, 7, 8, and 9

**Q:** What Council do we belong to?

**A:** Girl Scouts of San Francisco Bay Area

**Q:** What is a Scout's Own?

**A:** An inspirational girl-planned program to express feelings about something

**Q:** On the World Association pin, what does the blue and gold stand for?

**A:** Blue is for the sky and gold is for the sun

**Q:** On the Girl Scout pin, what does the trefoil stand for?

**A:** The three parts of the Girl Scout Promise

**Q:** Who founded the Boy Scouts and inspired Juliette Low to found the Girl Scouts?

**A:** Lord Robert Baden-Powell

**Q:** Name two ways to protect and preserve the world around you

**A:** Many answers