

The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting

Troop Family Fun Fair

Include the entire family in a celebration launch of the 100th Anniversary edition of *The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting*! Hold a fall weekend event for girls and families to enjoy a sampling of activities from *The Girls Guide to Girl Scouting* and to learn how Journeys and badges fit together. Set up stations with self-directed activities that allow families to move from station to station on their own. Activity stations could include:

- Get Your Girl's Guide Station:** Work with your council shop to have books available for purchase as girls and their families enter. Hand out a 100th Anniversary bookplate to each girl, then help them dive into their new books and get excited about what's ahead. Once girls know what they are most looking forward to in the next year, they could create a "Letter to Myself" with a family member and put it in their Girl's Guide.
- Badge Station:** Pick a Journey theme, then do a couple of activities from the Journey and from badges that fit that theme.
- Games Station:** Pin the Badge on Juliette! Set up games that can be played by an individual or a small group, such as bean bag tosses or old time sack races. Or come up with your own games—how about Pin the Badge on Juliette?
- Family Photo Station:** Use a photo of Juliette to make a standee which families can stand next to. You could also create Flower Friends or Dez standees with cut-outs for family members to put their faces in. Take digital photos and print them on the spot or e-mail them to families with an electronic thank you.
- Fun with History Station:** Try a few activities that girls did long ago—many can be found in *The Girls Guide to Girl Scouting*. Use a video camera to capture all the fun!
- Girl Scouts Together:** Have sign-up sheets for adults to help with Journey and badge activities in the year ahead. What do girls want know about and who can help? Are any parents connected with community partners? Ask!
- Snack Station:** Families could make a snack based on ideas in the Girl's Guide or Journey books.
- Closing Remarks:** Thank families for being a part of the celebration launch of the 100th Anniversary edition of *The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting*! Remind them how Journeys and badges fit together. Tell girls about the importance of their new, first edition 100th Anniversary handbooks, and hand out bookplates to girls.

Successful Planning Tips

Educate, don't decorate! Don't plan badge days/events where girls complete an entire badge in one day. Instead, let girls do each badge over time and build a real skill.

Think PB & J!

Proficiency Badges and Journeys always go together and are more fun for girls. It's not okay to focus solely on badges, without developing girls' leadership ability through Journeys.



Make memories with a book for every girl. No photocopying...no exceptions—ever!