



# What is Troop Government?

It's an easy, structured way for girls to govern and manage their Girl Scout troop decisions and discussions.

It facilitates the implementation of the processes of girl-led, learning-by-doing, and cooperative learning in all Girl Scout activities.

It helps girls work together toward shared goals gives each girl the opportunity to have a voice in the troop and be a leader.



## **Troop Government Quick Facts**

- Practiced at every program level
- Encourages responsibility and independence
- Creates a progressive experience
- Allows for older girls to take the lead in more meaningful ways



## Best Practices- General

- No putting down people or ideas
- Everyone speaks
- Adults model positive behavior
- Adults lead first





## Best Practices- Older Girls

- Use focused, single-topic version
- Run discussion like a Brownie Ring
- Adults lead first
- Rotate discussion leaders





## Daisy Circle

- Co-leader moderates discussion
- Give girls 2-3 choices
- Keep it short (5-10 minutes)
- All girls sit in a circle





## Brownie Ring

- Similar to the Daisy Circle
- Expands on abilities of older girls
- Girls lead discussions & brainstorm ideas
- Designate a “ring leader”



# Patrol System

- Most versatile system
- Divide troop into small units (“patrols”)
- Troop business is handled within the patrol
- Patrol leaders are elected and rotated out
- Volunteers facilitate patrol work for younger girls
- Name the patrol



## Patrol System's Court of Honor

- Patrol leaders come together to represent
- Other troop officers are included
- Plan troop activities







## Executive Board

- Girls elect one another
- Number of officers and positions may vary
- Typically used by older Girl Scouts
- Hold board meetings





## Town Meeting

- Works best for small groups
- Used mostly by older Girl Scouts
- No formalized structure
- Girls make decisions together
- Have a girl moderator

