



# Understanding Girl Scout Grade Levels

As a Girl Scout Volunteer, you have the opportunity to engage girls from all backgrounds in meaningful ways and help them develop leadership skills they can use now and as they grow - all in a safe and accepting environment.

**Flip to the next page to learn reliable and practical tips for helping Girl Scouts at all levels!**

The adult companions to almost every National Leadership Journey also includes useful information on preferences, skills and abilities by grade level under the heading: "You and Your Group of Daises/Brownies/Cadettes, etc." You will also get to know what your unique group likes and is capable of as you work together throughout the year.

For more information on the healthy growth and development of girls in your care, refer to Chapter 3: Engaging Girls at All Grade Levels in *Volunteer Essentials*.

For more detailed information on your ability to manage group finances, refer to Chapter 5: Managing Finances in *Volunteer Essentials*.



## Daisy Girl Scouts

*Grades K - 1*

- Are very energetic and need opportunities to move
- They are developing fine motor skills
- They are creative and enjoy building
- Daises can follow simple directions and respond well to recognition for doing so



## Brownie Girl Scouts

*Grades 2 - 3*

- Also energetic
- They are sociable and enjoy working in groups
- Great helpers who love simple tasks
- They need clear directions and like knowing what to expect



## Junior Girl Scouts

*Grades 4 - 5*

- Want to make decisions and express their opinion
- They are sociable and enjoy group work
- Aware of expectations and sensitive to judgement
- They have strong motor skills and coordination
- They may be starting puberty



## Cadette Girl Scouts

*Grades 6 - 8*

- Starting to spend more time in peer groups and are concerned about friends and relationships
- Can be great problem solvers and critical thinkers
- Can be self conscious
- Interactions with adults greatly impacts their lives



## Senior Girl Scouts

*Grades 9 - 10*

- Clarify their values, considers alternative points of view and sees multiple aspects of a situation
- Can be great problem solvers and critical thinkers
- Enjoy expressing their individuality
- Interactions with adults greatly impacts their lives



## Ambassador Girl Scouts

*Grades 11 - 12*

- Can see the complexity of situations and controversial issues
- Are great problem solvers and critical thinkers
- Relationships with peers and adults are crucial
- Take on more responsibility in and out of the home