

## A Year in the Life of Juliette

### November Patch Program

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At any grade level, Daisy to Ambassador, Girl Scouts have what it takes to lead the way! For this month's patch program, girls will experiment with decision-making and planning. Too often, the important Girl Scout concept of girl leadership is forgotten, because it is usually easier and less hectic when adults plan troop activities. This month's patch program is a reminder that Girl Scouts of any grade level can begin to be a leader in their troop.

Daisies and Brownies complete Decision-Making and Simple Planning. Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors complete Decision-Making, Simple Planning, and Advanced Planning .

## Decision-Making and Simple Planning

- Have a discussion with your troop about what activity you would like to do at a future troop meeting or on a weekend. It could be working on a certain badge, going on a hike, baking cupcakes, anything you can think of!
- Vote on an activity to plan and carry out.
- Make a list of all the different important things to think about when planning your activity. For example, how much will it cost to have this activity? Other things to consider: where can you go to do this activity? If this is an outdoor activity, can you do it now or do you need to wait until it is warmer outside? Do you need to bring anything with you?
- After making your list, discuss with your group whether you think the activity is doable, or if you should go back to the drawing board. For example, if you planned to do a day at the water park, but it is cold outside, you might want to consider a different activity.
- Work with an adult leader to choose a good date for your activity and carry out your activity.
- After your activity, talk with your group about what went well and what didn't go well. Talk about what you would do differently in the future if you ever did this activity again.

## Advanced Planning

In addition to the steps in Decision-Making and Simple Planning, do the following:

- Create a budget based on the number of people participating in the activity. Divide the cost out by the number of people participating to determine how much the event will cost per person. Remember that depending on the activity you choose, you will have to consider things like food, supplies, the cost of travel, admissions fees, etc.
- Part of good planning is knowing when an idea isn't feasible. If you make your budget and decide the activity is too expensive to do right now, no problem! Go back to the drawing board and discuss a different activity for the troop!
- If your activity involves the purchase of supplies, organize a troop shopping trip to purchase those supplies. While shopping, discuss ways that you can be thrifty and save money, such as using coupons, purchasing in bulk, or buying generic products instead of name brand.
  - Analyze your activity and discuss how doing the activity fits in with Girl Scout Journeys or badges. You might find out that you are earning part of a badge or completing part of a Journey just by doing the activity.