

Short and Snappy – Your Girl Scout Story



Objective

To help us identify with the girls, remind us why Girl Scouts is so special, and give meaning to what we do as volunteers.

Length

25 minutes

Materials Needed

Pencils and paper

Information to Share (spend 10 minutes on this section)

What is your Girl Scout Story?

Girl Scouts is an organization that supports personal growth. After all, our long term goal is to develop girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. Understanding how Girl Scouts has affected your personal growth is beneficial to you in the following ways:

1. It helps remind you why you do what you do as a Girl Scout volunteer by providing meaning and personal connection to the Girl Scout program.
2. It helps you relate to girls and how they may be developing and growing through different Girl Scout activities.
3. It provides a tool for you to talk about Girl Scouts with others who may be interested in joining or learning more about the program.

How does Girl Scouts develop girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place?

Girl Scouts provides opportunities for girls to grow through activities. Through these activities, girls learn from experience to be Go-getters, Innovators, Risk-takers, and Leaders.

Being a Go-getter means being determined to succeed. Through Girl Scouts, girls learn to be bold, honest, goal-oriented, and ambitious.

Being an Innovator means thinking outside of the box, or being creative. In Girl Scouts, we use resources wisely and are experimental and original, in order to make things happen.

Being a Risk-taker means trying new things. Girl Scouts are strong, and willing to step up, even if something is a little out of their comfort zones.

Being a Leader means being responsible and learning to empower others. It means being empathetic while getting the job done. Leaders, aka Girl Scouts, make the world a better place!

Activity (spend 15 minutes on this section)

Think:

Think about your experience with Girl Scouts. You may have been a Girl Scout growing up, or perhaps you have only joined recently as an adult volunteer. Maybe you have watched your daughter grow in confidence and leadership through her Girl Scout experiences.

Ask:

How have these Girl Scout experiences made you a Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-Taker, and Leader – not just in Girl Scouts, but in other areas of your life as well?

Write:

- Choose three of these Girl Scout experiences – the top three that have truly shaped your Girl Scout story.
- Write a few sentences for each experience, sharing how it shaped you into a Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, and/or Leader. Try to relate at least one of these with a challenge or struggle that you have overcome because of your growth in Girl Scouts.
- Finally, wrap up your story by tying it all together with a statement about the importance or meaning of Girl Scouts.

Here are some helpful phrases that you could adapt to fit into your Girl Scout story:

- “It’s in our DNA.” (as Girl Scouts)
- “That’s why we/I are/am (a) go-getter(s), innovator(s), risk-taker(s), and leader(s).”
- “We need more Girl Scouts.”

