

Activity 1: Activity 1: As Girls Arrive: Plan!

Time Allotment

20 minutes

Overview

Girls create a list of everything they need to do for their Take Action project.

Materials

Poster paper or white board with topic columns from "Prepare Ahead"

Colored markers

Pens and pencils

Steps

Have girls post their ideas about what will need to be done to complete their Take Action project.

SAY:

You came up with a Take Action project in your last meeting. Now, as a group, write down the things you will need to create your project on this white board/poster board.

Activity 2: Activity 2: Opening Ceremony: Why Is Our Project Important?

Time Allotment

30 minutes

Materials

Flag

Steps

Recite the Pledge of Allegiance and the Girl Scout Promise.

Have Brownies talk about why they think their Take Action project is important to the community.

SAY:

You've learned to about how to make a difference in the world--to spot problems, work as a team, and come up with a solution. Now you're going to help others by taking action--and we know that you will make a difference!

In our last meeting, you came up with a plan for your Take Action project.

Finish this sentence: We're about to team up and Take Action to_____.

Ask each Brownie to share with the group the focus of their Take Action project

Activity 3: Activity 3: Taking Action!

Time Allotment

30 minutes

Materials

Any materials Brownies need to create and carry out their Take Action project.

Steps

Brownies work together to build their Take Action project. Using the information on the poster board, have girls create all the components of their project. If need be, girls can break into teams to do different tasks.

SAY:

Check your master list of what you need to do to create your project. If you need to break into teams to do certain tasks, that's OK.

Help girls create what they need (posters, videos, presentations, costumes, materials, and scripts).

If girls have a "next step" in their project, remind them about it. For example, they may have decided to start a community garden. What will they need to build the garden? Can they get donations of plants, soil, fertilizers? Who can help them with the work ahead? Permits needed? If you've done some "behind the scenes" work since the last meeting, such as setting up a meeting for girls with officials or securing permission for their project, let them know about it now. Congratulate the girls if they've completed their Take Action project in this meeting (if, for example, they've created a video that an adult will now share with friends and family or post safely online).

Activity 4: Activity 4: Closing Ceremony: How Will Our Project Last?

Time Allotment

10 minutes

Materials

None

Steps

Have Brownies come up with ideas about how to make their project sustainable and plan their Take Action celebration.

SAY:

How do you think you can keep this project going even when you're not around? That's called making it sustainable.

To create sustainable change, you want to make your solution permanent, educate and inspire others to be part of a change, or change a rule, regulation or law.

Here's an example:

You want to help people conserve water by collecting rainwater to water plants.

You can make it permanent this way:

Make rain collection devices for family or friends that can be installed in their yards.

Give them a list of different ways to use rainwater and how they're helping the Earth.

You can educate and inspire others this way:

Create a handout, video tutorial, or show-and-tell presentation about how to make a rain collection device, how to use rainwater, and how doing these things helps the Earth.

How can you keep your Take Action project sustainable?

Offer prompts for Brownies based on the Take Action project idea, such as:

Will school or park staff be willing to care for the garden?

Could you ask an older girl troop to help out?

Should we make a presentation to the community to ask for their help?

Make a list of the possibilities and decide on several approaches for action.

Now you can plan your celebration!

Offer prompts for girls to come up with their own ideas for the celebration:

Do you want to make a special display of our Take Action photos or show our videos?

Do you want special music? Special snacks?

Is there anyone you want to thank?

What do you want to do for the Closing Ceremony?

Write down their ideas and tell them you'll help organize this for the next meeting.

SAY:

Let's end the meeting with a cheer for Take Action.

*For the next three things I'm about to say, jump once and yell out, **Hooray for Girl Scouts!***

Every Girl Scout, from Daisy to Ambassador, does Take Action projects.

(Girls: Hooray for Girl Scouts!)

It doesn't matter how big or small your project is, it makes a difference in the world.

(Girls: Hooray for Girl Scouts!)

You're a leader because you work as a team to make the world a better place.

(Girls: Hooray for Girl Scouts!)

End the meeting with a Friendship Squeeze.