



Girl Scouts®

Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri

Guidelines for Girl Scouts and Political Activity

- Safety-Wise p. 77
- Leaders Digest Blue Book of Basic Documents p. 9

Election Activities for Girl Scouts:

- Learn about the process...find out the differences among local state and national elections
- Talk about the History...women have only had the opportunity to vote for the past 88 years. Find out about the history of voting rights.
- Research the Candidates...Look in local newspapers for information about the candidates visit www.vote411.org
- Get to know the Issues... Discuss what issues is the focus for the 2008 election visit www.publicagenda.org
- Read a book, watch a movie, surf the web, have a mock debate/ election.
- Go to the polls with parents and guardians

Program Links

- All ages can earn a participation patch "Ms President", visit www.girlscouts.org (search Ms President)
- Girl Scout Brownie Try-its: Careers (focus on women in politics), Her Story, Citizens Near and Far (making choices and voting) Listening to the Past (focus on suffragettes)
- Girl Scout Junior Badges: Model Citizen, It's Important to Me, My Community, Books (women in politics or elections)
- Girl Scout Cadette, Senior and Ambassador: American Patriotism, Child Care (provide child care at polling place), Conflict Resolution, Law and Order (help parents, elderly and those with disabilities get to the polling places), Do you get the Message (develop debating skills, call friends and family to remind them to vote), Women Through Time (create display about women and voting)