

Inviting and Welcoming New Girls to Your Troop

Girl Scouts is all about making new friends (and keeping the old!). These tips will help troop leaders invite new girls to their troop, make new Girl Scouts feel welcome, and engage your existing troop in the process.

Invite new girls to join your troop (with expansion resources)

To find new girls for your troop, create invites, host 'bring a friend' meetings, or [contact us](#) if you'd like to be connected to prospective Girl Scouts in your area.

1. Get Creative!

Girls can create paper invites and pass them out at school, sports meetings, club meetings, church, or out in the community.

Or, you can use social media to get the word out. Make sure girls **only include their first name** on the information they distribute and have all inquiries come through the troop leader.

2. Download and print our customizable troop invitation cards

[Full page invitation](#)



[1/2 page invitation](#)



3. Post on social media

Add one of these images to a post your social media pages and groups.



4. Host a 'Bring a Friend' Troop Meeting

It's common that girls might want to invite friends to troop meeting to see what Girl Scouts is all about. You can create a special 'Bring a Friend' meeting for your troop, or designate certain meetings throughout your year where girls can bring friends. Be sure to **consult Safety-Wise** for the required girl/adult ratios for meetings.

Make the new girl feel welcome

Girls Scouts is an inclusive organization that welcomes all girls to be a part of the fun! You and your troop will want to make sure that any new troop member feels welcome and included. Here are some inviting ideas:

1. Create a Welcome Letter

Have the troop write, decorate, and sign a welcome letter. They can even write personal messages for new Girl Scouts.

2. Plan an Investiture Ceremony

An investiture ceremony is a chance to welcome a new girl in the world of Girl Scouting. Work with your troop and plan an investiture (or your own ceremony) to welcome the new girl at her first meeting, and let your troop come up with the ideas of activities or songs.

An investiture ceremony might look something like this:

- Start in the Friendship Circle and sing a song, like the Brownie Smile song, and recite the Girl Scout Promise together.
- While in the circle, girls take turns introducing themselves and one thing that they love about Girl Scouts.
- The leader pins the new girl with a World Trefoil Pin and Girl Scout Membership Pin and shakes her hand using the Girl Scout handshake, welcoming her into the world of Girl Scouts.
- Close the ceremony with the Friendship Circle Squeeze.

If you're not comfortable with a ceremony, just create an ice-breaker game as an introduction activity. Girls love to play, and nothing breaks the ice more than laughter!

3. Assign the New Girl a Buddy

Prior to the new girl's first meeting, assign the new girl a 'Buddy' to help answer any questions and put her at ease throughout the first few meetings. She can sit next to her Buddy during activities and help her understand how the troop operates.