

## **Service Projects for Girl Scout Juniors**

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In Girl Scouting, service means doing something helpful without asking for or expecting a reward. Through service projects, Girl Scout Juniors can have fun, learn new skills and information and provide assistance to others.

## At this age level:

- 1. Projects are longer in duration varying from a few hours to a few months.
- 2. Projects should teach girls the job of giving without expecting anything in return.
- 3. Project should teach girls about the varying backgrounds and conditions of people.
- 4. Projects should involve troop time more than troop money.
- 5. Projects can be related to badges the girls have earned.
- 6. Projects should be ones the girls want to do and should be fun.

## Service Project Ideas for Girl Scout Juniors

- 1. Do a flag ceremony to open a Girl Scout or community (PTA, Rotary, City Council) meeting.
- 2. Make toys, games or crafts for a Head Start program site or pediatric unit of a hospital.
- 3. Help your sister Girl Scout Brownie troop to learn basic camping skills.
- 4. Collect clothing and donate it to a charity that serves the homeless.
- 5. Assist a community agency by wrapping holiday gifts for needy families.
- Adopt an adult who is physically and/or developmentally challenged and provide companionship, assistance with activities that promote independent living and/or opportunities for quality leisure activities.
- 7. Plan and set up a wildlife conservation exhibit at school, community center, or council camp property.
- 8. Help build a nature trail and conduct guided tours to teach Girl Scouts and others the value of wildlife.
- 9. Build and install bird baths in the summer.
- 10. Plan a program with a day care center or nursery school. Give a puppet show, share a treat, read stories, play games, or make things together.
- 11. Put together various "dress-up" costumes for children at a day care center, church school or kindergarten. Take pictures of your new "stars."
- 12. Baby-sit so parents may vote on election day or attend a Girl Scout event.

- 13. Adopt a senior citizen in your neighborhood or who is a resident in a local nursing home. Visit them, and remember them at birthday and holiday times.
- 14. Decorate the lounge or dining room of a community center, senior center, convalescent hospital, etc.
- 15. Promote engraving valuables to discourage theft. Contact your local law enforcement agency or city hall for engraving pens.
- 16. Do clerical tasks such as stuffing envelopes, collating papers or putting together packets for your Girl Scout council or other community organizations.
- 17. Help with a community fair.
- 18. Assist with a restoration of a historic landmark.
- 19. Develop and participate in a Girl Scout and senior citizen "Pen Pal" program.
- 20. Make therapeutic toys for children who are physically and/or developmentally challenged.
- 21. Start a recycling center to recycle newspapers, aluminum cans, bottles, etc.
- 22. Conduct a bicycle safety program for a Girl Scout Daisy or Brownie troop.
- 23. Plan and carry out the entertainment for a leader recognition event.
- 24. Accept the responsibility for cooking meals for your family for one day.
- 25. Sew an afghan or blanket for a needy person or family.
- 26. Decorate the fellowship hall of a church for a religious holiday or observance.
- 27. Act as usher for a community theater.
- 28. Participate in a holiday program at a church or synagogue.
- 29. Assist with a Girl Scout Daisy or Brownie troop in your service unit.
- 30. Help to clean benches or trails at a park.
- 31. Make toys, visit and plan a special event for the first baby girl born at a local hospital on March 12<sup>th</sup>, the Birthday of Girl Scouting.
- 32. Assist at annual council camp clean-up days.
- 33. Donate books to your school or community library.