

*Adventures
In Girl Scouting*

Lead On



Do you dream of running your own business someday? Maybe you'd like to be the captain of a sports team. Find out how you can be a leader and learn the skills to get you there. Complete six of the following requirements.

1. **Talk Show Star**

Create an imaginary TV show in which you are the host. Interview a pretend leader—a mayor, for example. Ask at least five questions about her leadership role. Provide time for your “studio audience” to ask questions as well.

2. **Let's Welcome . . .**

Choose a female leader whom you have read or heard about. Write or tape record what you would say about her if you were introducing her to an audience of Junior Girl Scouts and their families.

3. **Choose Your Leaders**

List at least five leaders, including leaders from your school, community, state, nation, and the world. Choose your favorite leader from the list. With your troop, group, or family, discuss what personal qualities make that person a good leader. Which qualities do you have that are similar to hers?

4. **Play a Leading Role**

A leader should be a role model—someone who practices habits that provide a good example for others to follow. Do an activity with your friends or family in which you practice being a role model in one of the following areas: safety, sports, or friendship.

5. **Leading Qualities**

One quality that all good leaders have is a sense of responsibility. Make a list of the tasks that you are responsible for on a typical weekday. Ask yourself if you do each of these things without prompting (in other words, without having someone remind you to do them). If you don't, make tomorrow a “Responsibility Day.” Keep your list close by and check items off as you do them. Try to finish the entire list without your family reminding you. For more advice on getting things done, check out the time management skills section of the “Be Healthy, Be Fit” chapter in your *Junior Girl Scout Handbook*.

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6. **Follow the Leader**

Many games build leadership skills in a fun way. “Follow the Leader,” “Simon Says,” and “Red Rover” are some examples. Hold an event in which games emphasizing leadership skills are played. Invite younger Girl Scouts, friends, and neighbors to attend. Include games that make players follow directions, such as scavenger hunts and relay races.

7. **More on Leadership**

In a group, identify a community problem and brainstorm actions you could take to deal with it. To guide your planning, use the action plan in the “Adventures in Girl Scouting” chapter of your *Junior Girl Scout Handbook*.

8. **Team Leadership**

Playing sports often provides a good chance to test and improve your leadership skills. Pick a skill you are really good at—such as throwing, batting, volleying, or somersaulting—and volunteer to spend some time teaching it to another girl.

9. **What Did You Say?**

Good communication is important to leadership. Read about the communication in the “Family and Friends” chapter of your Junior Girl Scout Handbook. Test your communication skills with friends, family, and other Girl Scouts.

10 **Set a Goal**

Decide on one leadership quality you are going to improve over the next month. Write out your commitment, and take at least three actions a week to meet your goal.

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