



Junior Digital Photographer Badge Activity Plan 2

Purpose: When girls have earned this badge, they'll know how to use a camera to create one-of-a-kind photos.

Planning Guides Link: Science, Technology, Engineering and Math

Activity Plan Length: 1.5 hours

Involve Family and Friends: Participation from family and friends can enrich your troop's Girl Scout experience, both for the girls and for you. Use the suggestions below to make it easier for you to connect with additional support.

- Before the meeting:
 - Send a note to families to find those with interest in or expertise with the topic. Ask them to lead or support an activity or two, or even lead the whole meeting.
 - Offer this activity plan as a starting place and point out that they may choose alternative activities using the *Customize It!* section as a guide. For example: If an activity plan directs girls to sit outside and observe animal habitats, you may choose to go to the zoo and learn about animal habitats there instead.
- At home:
 - Encourage families to ask questions about their girls' badge activities. Some examples that work for any badge include: What did you learn? What surprised you? What does it make you think of trying next?
- Throughout the year:
 - Suggest to families ways that girls can share or display their Girl Scout accomplishments. Possibilities include a bulletin board, a scrapbook, a special memories box or family sharing time.

Girls Take the Lead: Include girl leadership through long-term planning, short-term meeting prep and specific activities at meetings.

- Long Term Planning
 - If you use "Plan Your Junior Year", share this with the girls at the start of the year. Have them ask friends and family to help out with specific meetings or activities. Let the girls brainstorm ways to make the plans their own, such as thinking of related field trip activities. If a girl has experience with a field trip, ask her to be assistant tour guide.
 - If you are adapting the "Plan Your Daisy Year", get the girls' input on which badges to choose. Offer just a few choices in each category or timeframe to make decisions easier. Every girl should have at least one badge or journey she's excited about.
- Short Term Planning
 - Ask a family to help lead a badge. Make sure they have access to activity plans and any resources you might have. Keep additional requested materials to a minimum.
 - Choose two helpers to stay after a meeting for 15 minutes. Give them each an activity to introduce and either instruct or help guide at the next meeting.
 - Before a meeting, ask everyone to vote on some aspect of the activity: draw posters or perform skits, open with a song or game, etc.

- Use a rotating list of helper tasks, called a 'kaper chart', to share responsibilities. Examples include acting as emcee of the meeting, leading an opening game, bringing a snack next meeting or taking attendance.
- At the Meeting
 - During the opening, have 1-2 girls share their answers to a get-to-know-you question.
 - Have girls fulfill their kaper chart responsibilities.
 - Try to find something in each activity that you can let girls decide or manage.

Customize It: If your group wants to expand work on this badge or simply try different activities, go for it! There are many ways to earn this award, including: completing the activities as listed in the *Junior Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting*, completing two of these activity plans, attending a council-sponsored event or customizing activities. Pick the one(s) that work best for your group. Girls will know they have earned the award if:

- They can take, edit, and share photos
- They can make a digital photo project

Tips and Tools

- You will need approximately one computer per three girls for this activity. Here are some tips for finding a computer to use:
 - Email or call parents to see if anyone has a laptop they can bring to the meeting.
 - Check with the local school, library or community center. Be sure to ask about rules on computer use at their location and respect others who need to use the computers. If you are planning a snack, check with the employees about an acceptable location to eat the snack.
- You will need to transfer pictures taken and downloaded during Activity Plan 1 to computers for girls to edit. If you were not able to download the pictures directly to the computers girls will be using, you can transfer them using a CD burner, flash drive, or email.
 - Ask parents if any of them has a flash drive that you can use for this meeting. You should only need one drive.
 - If emailing, you may need to compress the size of pictures. Often email programs will be able to do this for you.
- You will need a printer to print girl's work. If you are unable to access a printer at your meeting space, you can print collages for girls to receive at a future meeting.
- Check out ways to stay safe using Safety-Wise at <http://gsrv.gs/safetywise>.
- Ensure that your activities are accessible to everyone. Ask in advance if any special accommodations need to be made. If you have questions regarding specific adaptations, please contact River Valleys at 800-845-0787.

Resources

- This activity plan has been adapted from the Junior Skill-Building Badge set for the *It's Your World—Change It!* Photography Badge, which can be used for additional information and activities.
- <http://www.picmonkey.com/>
- <http://www.pizap.com/>
- <http://www.ribbet.com/>

Getting Started

Time Allotment: 15 minutes

Materials Needed:

- Optional: Girl Scout Promise and Law printed out on poster board

Steps:

1. Welcome everyone to the meeting.
2. Recite the Girl Scout Promise and Law. Use repeat-after-me or say it as a group if girls know it by heart.

Girl Scout Promise	Girl Scout Law
<i>On my honor, I will try:</i> To serve God and my country, To help people at all times, And to live by the Girl Scout Law.	<i>I will do my best to be</i> honest and fair, friendly and helpful, considerate and caring, courageous and strong, and responsible for what I say and do, <i>and to</i> respect myself and others, respect authority, use resources wisely, make the world a better place, and be a sister to every Girl Scout.

3. Play a game so girls get to know each other better. Use the example below, if needed.
 - Make prints of some of the pictures the girls took at the previous meeting and write the name of the photographer on the back. Have the girls try to figure out who took what picture without turning them over. See how well the girls did.

Activity #1: Internet Safety Pledge

Badge Connection: Connects to multiple badge steps.

Time Allotment: 10 minutes

Prep Needed:

- Make copies of the Internet Safety Pledge for each girl.
- Have parents sign the Internet Safety Pledge prior to the meeting.

Materials Needed:

- Internet Safety Pledge
- Pens/pencils

Steps:

1. Have the girls take turns reading the steps of the Girl Scout Internet Safety Pledge out loud.
2. Discuss what they think the pledge means and why it is important to follow it.

Have each girl sign the pledge before she is allowed to use a computer.

Activity #2: Photo Collage Fun

Badge Connection: Step 3—Edit 3 photos, Step 4—Make a digital photo project

Time Allotment: 35 minutes

Prep Needed:

- Download photos from the previous meeting onto computers that girls will be working on.
- Find a program that girls can use to edit their pictures and make a collage. You can look for programs online or use one of the sites below. The sites below can be used on any computer and do not require a download.
 - <http://www.picmonkey.com/>
 - <http://www.pizap.com/>
 - <http://www.ribbet.com/>

- Once you have chosen a photo editor/collage maker, try out the features so you can help girls who are having issues. Ensure you are able to upload and edit the photos in the program prior to having the girls try.

Materials Needed:

- Computers with photo/collage software loaded (1 per 3 girls)
- Printer and paper
- Optional: Flash drive or CDs with girls' pictures

Steps:

3. Split girls into groups of 2-4 depending on the size of your group and number of computers. As a group, have the girls open the chosen photo editing software and briefly review how to use the basic features.
4. Explain to the girls that they will be using computer software to edit their pictures and create a collage. The guidelines for their collage are:
 - At least 1 picture taken by each girl must be included. There can be more if they would like.
 - They must make 1 edit to each picture. This can be taking our red eye, changing the color, cropping, adding words or effects, or any other edits they would like.
 - They must follow the Girl Scout Law when creating their projects. This applies to their behavior with each other as well as the appropriateness of their collages.
 - Other than these rules, the sky is the limit!
5. Be sure to cycle through the groups as the girls are working on their projects to ensure they get help with questions and issues. Make sure all girls in a group are being included.
6. When girls have finished their project, have them print enough copies for each girl to have one to take home. If groups finish early, have them experiment with different options they didn't try or look for other editing programs online

Activity #3: Snack Chat

Badge Connection: Step 5—Share your photos

Materials needed:

- Snack
- Printed collages from Activity #2

Time Allotment: 15 minutes

Steps:

1. While enjoying snack, have the groups take turns sharing their collages. Here are some questions you can ask girls about their collages:
 - Who took which pictures? Tell us about what you did when you took the picture? What is it of?
 - What editing did you do to the pictures?
 - Did you add any words to your collage? What did you add and why?
 - Does your collage have a title? A theme?

Wrapping Up

Time Allotment: 15 minutes

Materials Needed:

- Optional: Make New Friends printed on poster board

Steps:

1. Instruct girls to get into a Friendship Circle. Have girls stand in a circle and cross their right arms over their left, holding hands with the person on each side of them.
2. Sing "Make New Friends."

Make New Friends		
Verse One	Verse Two	Verse Three
Make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver, the other is gold.	A circle is round, it has no end. That's how long, I will be your friend.	You have one hand, I have the other. Put them together, We have each other.

3. After the song, ask everyone to be quiet.
4. Assign one girl to start the friendship squeeze by gently squeezing her neighbor's hand with her right hand. Then, that girl squeezes with her right hand. One by one, each girl passes the squeeze until it travels around the circle. When the squeeze returns to the girl who started, she says "Goodbye Sister Girl Scouts" and the girls unwrap and face outward instead of inward.
5. Optional: Have girls make a wish after their hand has been squeezed and before they pass the squeeze along. Girls can also put their right foot out into the circle when they receive the friendship squeeze, so that everyone can see it travel along the circle.

More to Explore

- Field Trip Ideas:
 - Find a photo exhibition at a local museum to visit.
 - Visit a local electronics retailer. Have an employee show you cameras and photo editing software with the newest, latest features.
- Speaker Ideas:
 - Invite someone who edits photos as part of their job to come speak to the girls. This could be a professional photographer, a magazine editor, or even a web designer.

Suggestions

Do you have any suggestions to improve this activity plan? Do you have ideas for other possible badge-earning activities? Please email troopsupport@girlscoutsvr.org.

Family Follow-Up Email

Use the email below as a template to let families know what girls did at the meeting today. Feel free to add additional information, including:

- When and where you will be meeting next
- What activities you will do at the next meeting
- Family help or assistance that is needed
- Supplies or materials that girls will need to bring to the next meeting
- Reminders about important dates and upcoming activities

Hello Girl Scout Families:

We had a wonderful time today learning about how to edit and organize our photos and have earned the Digital Photography Badge.

We had fun:

- Editing the photos we took at our last meeting.
- Making our photos into a collage to add our own special touch.

Continue the fun at home:

- Practice editing photos your girl has taken.
- Explore different photo-project making software online and see what kind of things your girl can make with her pictures.
- Make another photo project like a calendar or a holiday card.
- Look through the *Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting* with your Junior to find other activities you can try at home.

Thank you for bringing your Junior to Girl Scouts!