

Lakota Wings Suggestions for Girl-Led Planning

1. When you hear “girl-led planning”, what is one word that comes to mind?

Chaos difficult growth uncomfortable arguing
hard messy learning loud

2. Suggestions for engaging girls in girl-led planning. Small groups brainstormed 3-5 ideas or questions for each scenario:
 - a. Second year Daisies are trying to decide which Journey they would like to complete during the troop year.
 1. Give girls brief discussion of Journeys and allow them to vote.
 2. Leader evaluates girls’ interests/activities and proposes a Journey that fits.
 3. If they like 2 Journeys, do one first, then one over the summer.
 - b. A Brownie troop wants to use their cookie money to go to the beach in January.
 1. Ask the girls what beach?
 2. Find out how far we can travel as Brownies.
 3. Ask the girls how long this will take us to prepare for?
 4. Have the girls help determine cost; include airfare or driving, admission, etc.
 5. Prioritize trip based on cookie money earned.
 - c. A Brownie troop selling cookies for the first time sets a goal to sell 25 boxes each and they are going to use the profits to go on a troop trip to an indoor waterpark.
 1. Girls should determine how much it costs to go to the waterpark.
 2. Ask girls their sales plan: How are you going to sell? Door-to-door? Booths?
 3. Ask what other activities they would like to do this year.
 4. Given those answers, is 25 boxes each your total sales goal?

- d. A Junior troop working on their Bronze Award has to determine the community need they want to address.
 1. All girls brainstorm – Leaders seed ideas, come up with large list
 2. Break girls into groups, using technology, do research on projects and bring info back to large group.
 3. Present findings.
 4. Large group votes on ideas.
 5. Pick a project.
 6. Ask parent volunteers for help.OR
 7. If group large enough (more than 5-6 girls), let groups choose own project. This allows for girls to do something that interests them, which will create more passion for the project.
 8. Asking for parent help allows you to split the group up more easily.
- e. A troop leader facilitates a trip planning discussion with a Senior troop (with no previous travel experience). They want to go to Hawaii as their first troop trip.
 1. Girls do internet search on airfare & hotel costs.
 2. Girls check out food plans and costs.
 3. Girls research activity ideas and costs.
 4. Girls come up with fundraising ideas once a budget is set.
 5. Have girls stretch and get outside comfort zone by calling Council office for regulations, contacting places for fundraising.

Girl-led planning IS HARD & MESSY, but is so worth it. And based on the information that came out of our discussion, we all do know how to do it, once we think about it!

Don't forget to check on this page for what trainings you need to complete:

<http://www.gsw.org/en/for-volunteers/online-support-for-volunteers/required-courses.html>

Be sure to check out the Girl Led Planning Handout on our website for more ideas.