

5 FLOWERS, 4 STORIES, 3 CHEERS FOR ANIMALS! – MEETING 3

Badge Purpose: When girls have earned this award, they will share with one another the good feelings they experienced as they taught others in their community about animal care.

Activity Plan Length: 1.5 hours

Time	Activity	Materials Needed
15 minutes	Getting Started <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls will recite the Girl Scout Promise + Law and sing the Girl Scout Daisy song. 	<input type="checkbox"/> (Optional) Girl Scout Promise and Law poster <input type="checkbox"/> (Optional) Girl Scout Daisy song lyrics poster
30 minutes (10 min – story) (20 min – costumes + puppets)	Animal Stories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls create a short play about how to care for animals, using craft supplies to create puppets and/or costumes. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Paper plates (large and/or small) <input type="checkbox"/> Coloring utensils <input type="checkbox"/> Stickers, googly eyes + decorative craft supplies <input type="checkbox"/> Construction paper <input type="checkbox"/> Popsicle sticks <input type="checkbox"/> Tape and/or glue <input type="checkbox"/> Scissors
15 minutes	Animal Stories Performances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls present their Animal Story play to another troop or families. 	None
15 minutes	Celebration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls eat a healthy snack while celebrating the completion of the Journey. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Fruits and/or veggies <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Crackers
15 minutes	Wrapping Up	<input type="checkbox"/> (Optional) Make New Friends song lyrics poster

Getting Started

Time: 15 minutes

Materials Needed: (Optional) Girl Scout Promise and Law poster, (optional) Girl Scout Daisy song lyrics poster

Welcome everyone to the meeting, recite the Girl Scout Promise and Law, and sing the Girl Scout Daisy song.



Activity #1: Animal Stories

Time: 30 minutes

Badge Connection: Session 6 – A Postcard is Worth a Thousand Words

Materials Needed: Paper plates; coloring utensils; stickers; googly eyes; decorative craft supplies; popsicle sticks; tape and/or glue; scissors

Prep Needed:

- (Optional): Review animal puppet or costume craft ideas online.
1. This activity can be done in small groups or one large group. Talk to the girls about how they now have the knowledge of how to care for animals and themselves. Ask them how they can share this knowledge with others.
 2. Explain to the girls that they are going to create a story to tell their friends and family about an animal or a group of animals that need to be cared for and how others will care for them. The girls can create their own story of real or imaginary characters. You can give them a situation to work from.
 3. Spend about 10 minutes creating the story and then ask the girls to create their characters with the craft supplies. Girls can make masks or puppets if they want to act the story out, or draw the scenes to bring their story to life. Provide about 20 minutes for mask, puppet, or picture creation.
 4. Put all the scenes together to make a storyboard or mural, or have the girls act the story out. Practice the story with the masks and/or puppets before presenting it to everyone.

Activity #2: Animal Stories Performances

Time: 15 minutes

Badge Connection: Session 9 – Teaching Others with Confidence!

Materials Needed: Masks, puppets, or pictures created in Activity #1

Prep Needed:

- Invite another troop or families to attend this meeting to provide an audience for the Girl Scout Daisies.
1. Explain to the audience that the girls have been learning about how to take care of animals and themselves. The girls created stories to teach everyone how animals need to be cared for.
 2. Provide time for girls to perform their Animal Stories play. Coach girls if they get stuck.
 3. Ask the audience at the end what they learned from what the girls had presented.

Activity #3: Celebration

Time: 15 minutes

Badge Connection: The Final Celebration

Materials Needed: Fruits and/or veggies, animal crackers

While enjoying snack, ask girls to reflect on the following:

- What was something they learned through this journey?
- What was their favorite activity that they completed?
- What is one thing they can teach another person about caring for animals?

NOTE: Take note of any possible allergies. Substitute different foods that will work best for your troop.

Wrapping Up

Time: 15 minutes

Materials Needed: (Optional) Make New Friends song lyrics poster



Close the meeting by singing Make New Friends and doing a friendship circle.

More to Explore

- Field Trip Ideas:
 - Visit your local animal shelter to find out what goes into caring for pets.
 - Visit the office of a veterinarian to meet a person who takes care of animals for a career.
- Speaker Ideas:
 - Invite a veterinarian to talk to your girls about the importance of caring for animals.
 - Invite a girl's pet (and parent) to the meeting to talk about the responsibilities of being a pet owner.

