Planning Your Brownie Year

MEMBERSHIP YEAR BUDGETING PACKET FOR BROWNIES



Learn about money earning activities like the Cookie Program and Fall Product Program while planning your year.

girl scouts of northeast texas

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Your Brownie Year Activity Brainstorming

Welcome

Are you ready for an exciting year in Girl Scouts? Girl Scouts can do so many things and sometimes it can be hard to choose what you want to do next. Let's work together to decide on what you want to do this year!

Step 1: Choosing Activities

Here are some ideas of things you or your troop could do. Circle the ideas you like the most.



Picnic



Museum



Zoo



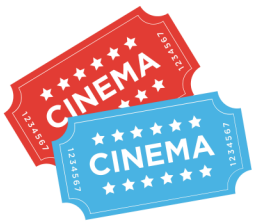
Arts & Crafts



Bowling



Arcade



Movie Night



Aquarium



Build-a-Bear



Pizza Party

What other kinds of activities would you like to do this year?

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Which activity is your favorite and why?

_____

_____

Tip #1

When planning an activity for your troop, try to think about activities that most of the Girl Scouts would enjoy.

Your Brownie Year
Planning the Details

Step 2: Plan out one Activity

Which activity did you select? _____

When do you want to do the activity? _____

Date Time

Where do you need to go for the activity? _____

How will you get there? _____

Tip #2

Want to plan out more activities? Use this QR code to print more planning pages!

Step 3: Needs and Wants

When planning activities, it can be important to decide what you need for the activity and you want to add to the activity. Use this space the write down or draw some things that you may need or want.

Need

A need is something that is required for an activity or event to succeed.

Want

A want is something that is nice to have to make an event or activity more special.

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Making a Budget

Step 4: Make a Budget

Use the following table to calculate how much money you may need to spend on each category. To start, only fill in the estimate values with how much you think you might spend. Then, with the help of an adult, fill in the actual values based on what you can learn online.

Transportation  Estimate: $ _____ Actual: $ _____	Tickets  Estimate: $ _____ Actual: $ _____	Food  Estimate: $ _____ Actual: $ _____
Souvenirs  Estimate: $ _____ Actual: $ _____	Entertainment  Estimate: $ _____ Actual: $ _____	Total  Estimate: $ _____ Actual: $ _____

Step 5: Character Budget

Your new friend, a neighborhood elf, wants to join you for your event. How would your budget change to accommodate them?

Transportation  Actual: $ _____	Tickets  Actual: $ _____	Food  Actual: $ _____
Souvenirs  Actual: $ _____	Entertainment  Actual: $ _____	Total  Actual: $ _____

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Planning the Day

Step 6: Visualize the Day

Let's get an idea for how your activity day is going to go. Use this page to draw out each step of your fun day! Make sure to put a short description under each picture.

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Planning the Perfect Year

Step 7: Put it on a Calendar

The Girl Scout Membership Year is full of activities. Here is a calendar with some key dates written in. Feel free to add the activity you're planning and other events as well!

September 2024	October 2024	November 2024	December 2024	January 2025	February 2025
24 - Fall Product Program Begins	1 - Membership Year Begins 31 - Fall Product Program Ends	2 - Cookie University at JoAnn Fogg		10 - Cookie Program Begins	
March 2025	**April 2025**	**May 2025**	**June 2025**	**July 2025**	**August 2025**
2 - Cookie Program Ends					

Step 8: Discover Money Earning Activities

Fall Product Program

Create an avatar and sell products using a website you help create! You can earn some awesome prizes while your troop earns proceeds based on what you sell.



Cookie Program

Create a website, set up a booth, or go door-to-door! There are lots of ways to sell cookies and earn awesome prizes. Plus, your troop earns proceeds as well!



Other Options

Girl Scouts can participate in other money-earning activities as long as they do not occur during the Cookie Program and they meet other requirements as detailed in Volunteer Essentials.



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Setting a Goal

Step 9: Calculate Proceeds

Now that you know a little bit about the money earning opportunities available through Girl Scouts, let's decide which program(s) you want to participate in! Please ask an adult if you need help with the math.

Example

Total: $ 300
From step 3

Your Turn

Total: $ _____
From step 3

Fall Product Program

During the Fall Product Program, your troop earns 20% of what you sell. That essentially means that for every dollar worth of product that you sell, your troop earns 20 cents!

Proceeds: $ 150	/	$0.20 per dollar sold	=	$ sold: 750
Proceeds: $ _____	/	$0.20 per dollar sold	=	$ sold: _____

Cookie Program

During the Cookie Program, your troop earns 72 cents from every package of cookies that you sell!

Proceeds: $ 150	/	$0.72 per package	=	Packages: 224
Proceeds: $ _____	/	$0.72 per package	=	Packages: _____

Step 10: Set Goals

Fall Product Goal

$ sold: _____

Cookie Program Goal

Packages: _____

Your Brownie Year Budget Builder

Step 11: Reflection

What was your favorite part of planning your adventure?

What was the hardest part of planning your adventure?

How did you feel when you figured out how many cookies and Fall Products you need to sell?

Step 12: Earn a Badge!

By completing this packet you have completed steps 1, 2, 3, & 5 of the Budget Builder Badge!



Budget Builder Badge

1. Find out how much things cost and how money is used
2. Learn the difference between wants and needs
3. Plan a budget for a fun adventure
4. Find out how to be thrifty
5. Make a budget for your character

Just 1 more step to complete in order to earn the Budget Builder Badge!