



GIRL SCOUTS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

NETWORKING

A GS NORCAL COUNCIL'S OWN BADGE PROGRAM

JUNIORS

TO EDUCATE GIRLS ABOUT FORMER GIRL SCOUTS!



PURPOSE

Did you know the first female president of Harvard was a Girl Scout? What about the fact that there are over 3.5 million Girl Scouts in the United States today? For 95 years, Girl Scouting has been an organization for girls. Now is your chance to reconnect with former Girl Scouts and learn about Girl Scout alumni!

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Complete #4 and then an additional 5 of the following activities.

1. Define the word alumnae. What does it mean to be a Girl Scout? Now put the two together. Discuss why it is important to find Girl Scout alumnae, what they mean to our council and to the future of the Girl Scout program.
2. Look up the word networking in the dictionary. Write down all the possible definitions. Discuss how networking is applicable to alumnae. Can you think of a company that does networking.
3. What do Mariah Carey, Venus Williams and Shannon MacMillian have in common? That's right. They are all former Girl Scouts. Do an internet search and discover 5 famous women who were Girl Scouts. Were you surprised by any of them?
 - a. Pick two names that you aren't familiar with and do some further research. Who were they? What did/do they do? Where were they a Girl Scout and for how long?
4. Go on a Girl Scout Hunt. Put together a Girl Scout advertising campaign for Girl Scout alumnae. Develop a recruitment flyer and/or posters that you can distribute. Keep a list of how many people you recruit and submit to Council.
5. Identify 6-10 women who were Girl Scouts and host a fun Girl Scout reunion Tea. Ask each person to share her Girl Scout experiences. Make sure that you also share yours. Discuss with them how Girl Scouting seems the same and what seems to be different. Invite them back into Girl Scouting by filling out an Alumnae Card and returning it.
6. Going Up? Create your own "elevator" speech! Write a 2-3 minute speech on why Girl Scouting is important. You've had amazing experiences in Girl Scouts. How do you tell someone about all of the fun, the challenges, and the friendships? Practice!! Practice!!! Practice!!! Give your speech to at least 5 friends and adults.
7. Go online and look up two Girl Scout councils outside of California. See what their alumnae websites look like. Then compare it with your council's alumnae website.
8. Practice using your interview skills. Write 5-8 questions that you would ask someone that you wanted to join the Girl Scout Alumnae Network. Work with a friend or family member and role play being both the interviewer and person being interviewed, then interview someone "FOR REAL".
9. Hand out Alumnae Cards when selling nuts and cookies. Collect them on the spot or encourage the woman to send it in.
10. Write a news article about something important that is happening in Girl Scouting. Be sure to answer: Who, What, When, Where, and Why...to make sure that your article is complete. You might want to send your article to the council office, it just might get printed!!

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