

## Understanding How Many Volunteers You Need

Girl Scout groups are large enough to provide a cooperative learning environment and small enough to allow development of individual girls. The following group sizes are recommended:

- Girl Scout Daisies: 5-12 girls
- Girl Scout Brownies: 10-20 girls
- Girl Scout Juniors: 10-25 girls
- Girl Scout Cadettes: 5-25 girls
- Girl Scout Seniors: 5-30 girls
- Girl Scout Ambassadors: 5-30 girls

Girl Scouts' volunteer-to-girl ratios show the **minimum** number of volunteers needed to supervise a specific number of girls. (Councils may also establish **maximums** due to size or cost restrictions.) These supervision ratios were devised to ensure the safety and health of girls—for example, if one volunteer has to respond to an emergency, a second volunteer is always on hand for the rest of the girls. It may take you a minute to get used to the layout of this chart, but once you start to use it, you'll find the chart extremely helpful.

	Group Meetings		Events, Travel, and Camping	
	<i>Two</i> unrelated volunteers (at least one of whom is female) for every:	<i>One</i> additional volunteer to each additional:	<i>Two</i> unrelated volunteers (at least one of whom is female) for this number of girls:	<i>One</i> additional volunteer to each additional:
<b>Girl Scout Daisies (grades K-1)</b>	12	1-6	6	1-4
<b>Girl Scout Brownies (grades 2-3)</b>	20	1-8	12	1-6
<b>Girl Scout Juniors (grades 4-5)</b>	25	1-10	16	1-8
<b>Girl Scout Cadettes (grades 6-8)</b>	25	1-12	20	1-10
<b>Girl Scout Seniors (grades 9-10)</b>	30	1-15	24	1-12
<b>Girl Scout Ambassadors (grades 11-12)</b>	30	1-15	24	1-12

Here are some examples: If you're meeting with 17 Daisies, you'll need three volunteers, at least two of whom are unrelated (in other words, not your sister, spouse, parent, or child), and at least one of whom is female. If this isn't making sense to you, follow the chart: you need two volunteers for 12 Daisies and one more volunteer for up to six more girls. You have 17, so you need three volunteers. If, however, you have 17 Cadettes attending a group meeting, you need only two unrelated volunteers, at least one of which is female (because, on the chart, two volunteers can manage up to 25 Cadettes).

In addition to the volunteer-to-girl ratios, please remember that adult volunteers must be at least 18 years old or at the age of majority defined by the state, if it is older than 18.

Adult supervision for all girls also extends to any online activity. For additional information on online safety, please consult:

- The "Computer/Online Use" Safety Activity Checkpoints
- Girl Scout Internet Safety Pledge
- Digital Cookie Terms & Conditions for Girls, Digital Cookie Terms & Conditions for Parents/Guardians and Digital Cookie Terms & Conditions for Volunteers