

TALK ABOUT IT!

Book Club Discussion Questions for a Class or Girl Scout Troop

1. At the beginning of the story, Ella was nervous about going camping because she was unsuccessful the first time she went. Have you ever failed at doing something but found the courage to try again? Give an example.
2. Ella was embarrassed when all the girls laughed at her when she mistakenly thought she had a leech on her cheek. Share your most embarrassing moment. How did you handle your embarrassment?
3. The Girl Scouts in the mystery had heard a story about a creature named Tic-Lic that lived in the lake. What's your favorite scary story? Why do you like it?
4. In the story, someone is unjustly accused of stealing. Have you ever accused someone

of doing something, and then found out you were wrong? How did you apologize? Why is it important to apologize?

5. At the beginning of the camping trip, Ella and Pari don't get along, but in the end they become good friends. Has there ever been anyone you thought you didn't like who later became your friend? How did you get past your differences?
6. The girls enjoyed cooking their food over the campfire. If you have been camping, what is your favorite campfire food? What do you enjoy most about cooking outside?
7. In the story, the girls help uncover the source of some environmental pollution. Why are trash and pollution harmful to the environment? What can you do to fight this problem?
8. What was the scariest part of this mystery? What was the funniest part of the story? Who is your favorite character, and why?

BRING IT TO LIFE!

Book Club Activities for a Class or Girl Scout Troop

1. S'mores have been around at least since the 1920s when the recipe was published in the first Girl Scout handbook. Create your own s'mores recipe by adding some new ingredients! Have a tasting party around the campfire or fireplace.
2. Tic-Lic was a legendary creature in the book. Create your own creature on heavy card stock. Decorate it with glitter, feathers, yarn, or any other art supplies you have available. Punch a couple of holes in the top of your art, tie a ribbon through it, and hang it on your wall.
3. Use colorful vinyl tablecloths to make sit-upons for your troop. Add a hook to attach your sit-upon to your backpack. Remember to take it on your next hike to use during a rest stop.

4. Copy Pari's idea and recycle old socks to make headbands, wrist bands, and ponytail holders. The more colorful you can make your items, the better!
5. Use a shoebox to make a diorama of a camp you would like to visit. Include tents, a campfire, a lake, canoes, a ropes course, or anything else you'd like to have there. Don't forget to name your camp.
6. Ask an adult to help you make hobo dinners with your troop. Include your favorite meat and vegetables in your heavy-duty aluminum foil package. If you don't have a campfire, you can use the oven!

SCAVENGER HUNT!

Let's go on a Scavenger Hunt! See if you can find the items below related to the mystery, and then write the page number where you found each one. *(Teachers and Girl Scout Leaders: You have permission to reproduce this page for your students/Girl Scouts.)*

- ___ 1. A pillowcase
- ___ 2. A butterfly
- ___ 3. Garbage bags
- ___ 4. A green roasting stick
- ___ 5. A troll doll
- ___ 6. Bacon in a bag
- ___ 7. Lemonade
- ___ 8. A yellow sock
- ___ 9. Flying bats
- ___ 10. Nail polish

GIRL SCOUT GLOSSARY

ADVISOR

An adult volunteer who works with Girl Scout troops or interest groups at the Cadette level and beyond

AMBASSADOR

A Girl Scout in Grades 11-12

BASIC OUTDOOR SKILLS

Skills learned by Girl Scouts to prepare them for outdoor activities

BROWNIE

A Girl Scout in Grades 2-3

BROWNIE RING

A circle formed by members of a Girl Scout Brownie troop for discussing troop business and planning activities

CADETTE

A Girl Scout in Grades 6-8

COUNCIL

Throughout the country, the Girl Scout organization is divided into councils that are chartered by the national organization. Councils serve specific geographic areas.

COURT OF AWARDS

A ceremony where girls receive awards for their achievements

DAISY

A Girl Scout in kindergarten or Grade 1

GIRL-ADULT RATIO

A safety practice of having a specific number of adults present among a given number of Girl Scouts

GIRL SCOUT BIRTHDAY

March 12, the official birthday of Girl Scouting, marks the first meeting of a Girl Scout troop in 1912

GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

The highest award in Girl Scouting that recognizes the leadership, efforts, and impact girls have had on their communities

GIRL SCOUT HANDSHAKE

A formal way of greeting other Girl Scouts and Girl Guides, where girls shake hands with the left hand and give the Girl Scout sign with the right hand

GIRL SCOUT SLOGAN

“Do a good turn daily.”

GSUSA

Girl Scouts of the United States of America

INSIGNIA

Overall term for Girl Scout earned grade-level awards, religious and other awards, emblems, and participation patches and pins

JULIETTE GORDON LOW

Founder of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America (GSUSA); her nickname was Daisy

JUNIOR

A Girl Scout in Grades 4-5

KAPER CHART

A chart or wheel showing the job assigned to each girl or group of girls for a project; often used at meetings, campouts, and special events

LEARNING PETALS

Awards earned by Girl Scout Daisies; each petal is a different color and represents one of the ten parts of the Girl Scout Law

MIMINAL-IMPACT CAMPING

Camping where the physical landscape of the campsite is preserved and the camper leaves no trace of activity at the site

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

The Girl Scout national organization's center of operations in New York City

PATROL

A small group of girls that plans and carries out activities within the troop or larger group

PATROL LEADER

A leader elected or appointed to head a troop/
group patrol

QUIET SIGN

A traditional technique for obtaining silence at all Girl Scout meetings, made by raising the right hand; group members raise their hands and become quiet until complete silence is established.

REDEDICATION CEREMONY

A ceremony where Girl Scouts renew their Promise and review what the Girl Scout Law means to them

RESIDENT CAMP

A local Girl Scout-sponsored camp where girls attend for a week or more, or stay overnight

TROOP/GROUP CAMPING

A camping experience of 24 or more hours that is planned by a Girl Scout troop with its leaders and advisors

SENIOR

A Girl Scout in Grades 9-10