

Description: The ratio chart on pages 11 and 56 has been clarified (see yellow text below) based on information received from GSUSA

# 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: 12+ girls
- Girl Scout Brownies: 12–20 girls
- Girl Scout Juniors: 12–25 girls
- Girl Scout Cadettes: 12–25 girls
- Girl Scout Seniors: 12–30 girls
- Girl Scout Ambassadors: 12–30 girls

Girl Scouts’ adult-to-girl ratios show the **minimum** number of adults 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 adult has to respond to an emergency, a second adult 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 adults (at least one of whom is female) for every:	additional adult to each additional:	<i>Two</i> unrelated adults (at least one of whom is female) for this number of girls:	<i>One additional</i> unrelated adult for every:
<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 adults, 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.