

Opening

Have all the girls introduce themselves and learn something about each other.

Game :

Ali Baba and The 40 Thieves

Girls line up shoulder to shoulder. The leader of the game is one of the end girls. The whole group chants "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves" over and over again. The leader begins an action on one chant (such as clapping her hands). At the next chant, the girl next to the leader picks up the first action, the leader starts a 2nd. On the next chant, the 3rd girl in line picks up the first action, the 2nd girl picks up the 2nd action and the leader begins a 3rd action. And so on...

From: <http://dragon.sleepdeprived.ca/games/icebreaker/icebreaker.htm>

Activity:

Brainstorming for the year

Split up into small groups. Give each group a sheet of paper with a title on it. Give the groups 4-5 minutes to come up with ideas. Then pass their sheets onto the next group and spend another 4-5 minutes coming up with ideas on their new sheet.

Suggestions for topics: Outings we could do this year, Things I'd like to try, people we could have come into our meetings.....

Be sure to explain that when brainstorming all ideas are welcomed. Once the girls are done you should have a starting point of what you can do during the year.

Craft:

Washer Necklace

Give each girl a large washer and nail polish. The girls will then paint the washers with the nail polish doing whatever design they would like. Once dry add a ribbon as a necklace and voila...new jewelry.

Game:

The Stick Game

The leader starts out with the following line: "I can play the stick game, you can play the stick game."

Take two sticks (chopsticks are great! You can also use sticks from the woods...etc.) On a table or floor, or chair, tap to the verse. One stick in each hand is as follows: tap tap tap tap tap tap, (cross the sticks) and tap, (uncross the sticks) tap, tap, tap, tap.

The next person in the circle then takes the sticks and tries to copy the action and rhyme of the leader. The leader will tell her whether or not she did it right.

SECRET: It's NOT how you really tap the sticks, the secret is to say "K" as in "okay" before you say the rhyme. So actually what you are saying is. "Are you ready? 'K'. I can play the stick game, you can play the stick game." Don't make the "K" part really loud and clear... just stick it in there.

The girls will think it's how the sticks are tapped on the table. If they don't say "K" before the words it isn't right! When the group is TOTALLY confused, tap the sticks any old way... and just remember to say "K" before you say the words.

Song:

Pathfinder Song

(source: "Songs for Canadian Girl Guides", Girl Guides of Canada, 1981.)

Pathfinders, Guiding along,
Sharing a promise and sharing a song,
Planning tomorrow, enjoying today.
Pathfinders, we're on our way.

Different roads to follow each day,
Learning through work and learning through play.
We'll do our best 'cause we're proud to say
Pathfinders, we've found our way.

There's a wide world waiting out there,
People to help, to show that we care.
We're learning now how best to prepare.
Pathfinders, we'll do our share.

Pathfinders, Guiding along,
Sharing a promise and sharing a song,
Planning tomorrow, enjoying today.
Pathfinders, we're here to stay.

Closing:

Have your regular closing and sing Taps.