

Social Justice Seeker Permission Form



Caregiver permission is required for Girl Scout activities involving sensitive topics. Your Girl Scout has the opportunity to participate in the following Girl Scout activity with their Girl Scout troop. If you give your permission for your Girl Scout to participate, please complete the bottom portion of this form and return it to their troop leader. No Girl Scout will be able to participate in this activity without written consent from a caregiver.

Social Justice Seeker Program Description:

Although many of us are hesitant to discuss race, racism, and injustice, it is critical that we do so. Racism, sexism, homophobia, etc. are so embedded in our culture, our education system, and the media, that without conscious effort to unlearn these things, we will continue to internalize these beliefs. The Racial Equity and Social Justice Challenge is designed to help Girl Scouts build a greater understanding of how racism impacts our daily lives and how we can work together to create a more equitable world.

Designed in partnership with the YWCA of Cleveland and based on the 21 Day Challenge, this learning path is intentionally designed to take a few weeks to complete. Social Justice Seeker is divided into 4 sections: Exploring Identity, Anti-Racism, STEM for Social Justice, and Leadership and Activism. Throughout the course, you'll be presented with challenges such as reading an article, completing hands-on activities, watching a video, participating in an interactive website, or reflecting on personal experience. Participation in the activity is designed to help discover how racial injustice and social injustice impact our community and to identify ways to dismantle racism and other forms of discrimination.

Some of this content may feel a little uncomfortable - GSNEO asks that Girl Scouts approach each activity with an open heart and open mind.

Sensitive Issues Activity Permission: I have read the description for the activities listed above. I understand that my Girl Scout, (print first and last name) _____, will be exposed to issues and discussions that are, or could be, considered to be of a sensitive or controversial nature. I have discussed this activity with my Girl Scout and am confident of their maturity and ability to participate. I understand, and have shared with my Girl Scout, that their attendance is optional for all or part of the activity. I understand that I may request to review materials prior to the activity, and/or I may attend the activity with my Girl Scout.

- I permit my Girl Scout to participate in all activities/conversations.
- I permit my Girl Scout to participate only in activities/conversations related to the following topics: _____

- I do not permit my Girl Scout to participate in any activities/conversations.
- I need more information about this activity before deciding if my Girl Scout can participate.

Caregiver signature: _____ Date: _____

What Juniors & Cadettes Do:

Learn about how people differ from one another, how to celebrate those differences and make a difference in the world.

Identities impact how we live our daily lives in different ways. Our race, gender, who we love, or disabilities play a role in how we navigate the world. Activities like 'Identity Collage' give Girl Scouts an opportunity to create who they are on paper and discuss with their Girl Scout friends. We'll also explore role models that look like them, what stereotypes are, and how to disprove them.

Girls will complete activities in our Exploring Identity, Anti-Racism, STEM for Social Justice and Leadership & Activism sections. Some activities included are:

Exploring Identity

- Your Role Models – Take some time to write down a list of role models that look like you, are similar to you and inspire you
- Disproving Stereotypes – learn about how we can pre-judge each other without knowing each other and draw pictures to illustrate who we actually are
- Searching for Self – Write down your ideal career and do a google image search. Reflect on the types of images that come up

Anti-Racism

- BrainPOP – watch this video to help understand racism and anti-racism protests
- Barbie Vlog – Barbie and her friend Nikki have a conversation about racism and a time Nikki was treated unfairly because of her race
- 5 Tips for Being an Ally – watch this video for great tips on how to be an ally
- Stereotypical Comments – practice ways to respond to harmful stereotypes

STEM for Social Justice

- We Met Katherine Johnson – video highlights one of NASA's human computers and her journey
- Design Your Own App – create an app prototype that support racial equity and social justice
- Redesign It – choose and redesign a product to make it safer and easier for women to use

Leadership and Activism

- Who Represents You – explore women's representation in congress, past and present and the race/ethnicity of women in congress
- Leadership Quiz – take a quiz to learn more about your leadership style
- Collage of Heroes – create a collage using various pictures and drawing based on who you think is a great leader