

Understanding How Many Volunteers You Need

Girl Scouts' adult-to-girl ratios show the **minimum number of background checked and registered adults needed** to supervise a specific number of girls. 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. *Please note*, the ratios are different for troop/group meetings and events/travel.

Troop/Group Meeting Adult-to-Girl Ratios	TWO unrelated, registered and background checked adults (at least one must be female) per this number of girls	Plus ONE additional registered and background checked adult for each additional number of this many girls
Daisies	12	6
Brownies	20	8
Juniors	25	10
Cadettes	25	12
Seniors/Ambassadors	30	15

Events, Camping and Travel Adult-to-Girl Ratios	TWO unrelated, registered and background checked adults (at least one must be female) per this number of girls	Plus ONE additional registered and background checked adult for each additional number of this many girls
Daisies	6	4
Brownies	12	6
Juniors	16	8
Cadettes	20	10
Seniors/Ambassadors	24	12

Here are some examples: If you're meeting with 17 Daisies, you'll need three background checked and registered 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. (If you follow the chart: For a troop/group meeting, you need two adults for 12 Daisies and one more adult for up to six more girls. You have 17 girls, so you need three adults.) If, however, you have 17 Cadettes attending a group meeting, you need only two unrelated background checked and registered adults, at least one of whom is female.

Helpful Notes:

- Additional adults, *after the adult-to-girl ratio has been met*, who are attending meetings/events and are responsible for other girls beside their daughter, need to be background checked and registered members.
- If you are attending an event as a group with a mix of Girl Scout levels, Badgerland recommends that you meet the adult-to-girl safety ratio requirements for the youngest members of your group. So if you were going in a group with Daisies and Cadettes, meet the safety ratio requirements for the Daisy level not the Cadette level.
- When a group is traveling in more than one vehicle, the entire group must consist of at least two unrelated, background checked and registered adult volunteers, one of whom is female, and the adult-to-girl safety ratios must be met. Care should be taken so that a single car is not separated from the group for an extended length of time. So troop co-leaders and adult volunteers can each drive a separate car with girls (taking care that all the vehicles make a reasonable attempt to remain together during the trip) as long as when the troop arrives at the event and reassembles the adult-to-girl ratios are met.
- A male volunteer cannot drive a car alone with girls unless accompanied by an unrelated, background checked and registered female volunteer.