

# 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. 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.

Please note, the ratios are different for troop/group meetings and events/travel.

	Troop/Group Meetings		Events, Travel, and Camping	
	<i>Two</i> unrelated, background checked, registered adults (at least one of whom is female) for this number of girls:	Plus <i>one</i> additional background checked, registered adult for each additional number of this many girls:	<i>Two</i> unrelated, background checked, registered adults (at least one of whom is female) for this number of girls:	Plus <i>one</i> additional background checked, registered adult for each additional number of this many girls:
<b>Girl Scout Daisies (K–grade 1)</b>	12	6	6	4
<b>Girl Scout Brownies (grades 2–3)</b>	20	8	12	6
<b>Girl Scout Juniors (grades 4–5)</b>	25	10	16	8
<b>Girl Scout Cadettes (grades 6–8)</b>	25	12	20	10
<b>Girl Scout Seniors (grades 9–10)</b>	30	15	24	12
<b>Girl Scout Ambassadors (grades 11–12)</b>	30	15	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.

**Please Note:** Additional Adults, after the adult-to-girl ratio has been met, who are attending meetings/events and are responsible for other girl's beside their daughter, need to be background checked and are encouraged to become registered members but are not required.