



Money Earning Ideas

Money earning is a great way to earn the funds necessary for girls to travel and to carry out their troop goals. Many such options are available. Building upon the following list of ideas, facilitate a group brainstorming session to determine how your group will earn money:

The following examples from councils and overseas committees give girls a way to build public speaking, financial literacy, marketing, and other skills. (Note that not all these ideas will be appropriate in all regions/states or councils/committees.)

Cookie “Themed”:

- Have a *homemade* Girl Scout Cookie Sale. Recipes are available online (search Girl Scout Cookie recipes).
- Take orders in advance, as you would in the traditional Girl Scout Cookie Sale, then bake to order!
- Create and sell cookies “in a jar” where girls assemble all dry ingredients for cookies in a jar and include a recipe for adding wet ingredients and baking.
- Girl Scout trefoil cookie cutters are available for sale online—make and sell classic Girl Scout Trefoil cookies by using the cookie cutter and an online recipe for the timeless favorite.

Entertainment:

- Talent show
- Play
- Concert
- Poetry Reading

Food/Meal Events:

- Spaghetti dinner
- Pancake breakfast
- Lunch box auction (prepared lunch or meal auctioned off)
- Meal or snacks at volunteers’ meetings
- Meal for Volunteer Recognition events (host, cook, clean-up afterwards)
- Concession stand (school events, sports events, concerts, dances, festivals, parades)
- Themed meals (High Tea, Indian meal, Mexican dinner)

Service(s):

- Service-a-thon (people sponsor a girl doing service; funds go to support trip)
- Car wash
- Babysitting
- Child Care during volunteers’ meetings
- Holiday activity/supervised crafts so parents can shop
- Shoveling snow

- Raking leaves, weeding, cutting grass
- Pet walking
- Gift-wrapping
- Cooking class or other specialty class
- Take photos and/or create greeting cards or calendars
- Committee event or badge workshop focused on a theme (i.e. culture); girls provide the program and benefit from program fees

Collections/Drives for Tips:

- Recycling/newspapers
- Bottle and can recycling
- Cell phones for refurbishment
- Used ink cartridges turned in for money
- Christmas-tree recycling

Specialty Products (creating a personalized note, ribbon, or creative packaging customized by girls adds value to a product):

- Christmas trees/wreaths
- Pumpkins for Jack-o-lanterns
- Roses for Valentine's, Mother's, Grandparent's Day

Other:

- Donated frequent-flyer miles
- Selling shares for the trip, girls return with souvenirs for their investor (\$10/photo or postcard, \$20/souvenir)
- Silent auction (donations from local businesses or Girl Scout families auctioned off)