



Your Girl Scout just earned the Digital Leadership badge!

These days, leadership isn't limited to the real world—it includes the digital world too. Today's badge activities were focused on how Girl Scouts can help create an inclusive environment online and how they can take care of themselves and others.

Here's a little more about what we covered:

- Digital vocabulary words like avatar, hashtag activism, phishing, and intersectionality
- What a digital landscape (everything you do with technology) and digital community are and why they're important
- How to create a digital wellness routine
- Identifying media bias and fake information online
- How to create a positive and productive digital community
- Creating positive digital content that's as inclusive as possible

Help your Girl Scout(s) lead at home...

Have them explain what a digital community is and why they're important. Have each member of your family choose a community they belong to and brainstorm its values and strengths. How does this community put these values into action? Create awards for members of that community that highlight their strengths and what they bring to the group—categories can range from most caring to most environmentally friendly. Celebrate how wonderful this community is with your family and brainstorm together a fun new way this community can make a difference. Separately, email, text, or message the members of your group—let them know you want to celebrate their accomplishments and tell them how wonderful you think they are!

Here are a few tips to keep your Girl Scout(s) safe online...

1. Talk about their digital community and digital footprint—do they feel good about these online spaces and the impact they have on others online?
2. Explain the importance of being kind online. They should never post a photo or video of someone else without their consent. Tell them to let you know if they or someone they know is being bullied online.
3. Make sure they open only emails, attachments, or links from sources they know and trust.
4. Talk to them about the content they consume online and how it makes them feel about the world and themselves; if they ever feel hopeless or depressed, you're there to talk.
5. Explain to your Girl Scout(s) that, for safety reasons, they should never post about where they are, where they live, or where they're going. Also, no private information or images should be shared with people they don't know.