

## Brainstorming Tips: Think, Pair, Share

### How to Run a Think, Pair, Share Activity:

Tell girls that they're going to brainstorm answers to your question using "Think, Pair, Share."

Lead girls through the basic steps by telling them they will:

**1. Break into small groups.**

**2. Listen to the question or prompt.**

**3. Think about their answers.**

- Girls may want to write their answers down.
- Twenty seconds should be enough time, since girls will need to sit quietly.

**4. Pair with other girls.**

- Girls talk with one to three other girls (depending on group size), making sure everyone has a chance to share their answers. If there's time, it's OK for girls to ask questions about each other's answers.
- For pairs, 20 seconds should be enough time. If your troop enjoys discussion, consider extending this to 1 to 2 minutes.

**5. Share with the group.**

- Girls share their answers with the larger group.
- This can be completed in 20 – 30 seconds, but will run longer based on group size and how the group sharing is done.

### There are two ways to set up group sharing:

- **Strongly Recommended:** One girl shares the best/most interesting/summary answer for the group. This approach is great if you're running short on time. It also helps develop conflict resolution and compromise skills.
- **Optional:** Each girl shares her partner's answer. This helps girls develop active listening skills, but will run longer because all girls are sharing.