

How the Brownies Might Take Action

There are many ways to take action to improve the world. Make this a meaningful effort for the Brownies by engaging them in a project that goes beyond collecting supplies or cleaning up. Use your Flying into Action Checklist to ensure that the girls choose a quality and age-appropriate project.

Here are some examples of what the Brownies' action might be:

- Possible action: The Brownies make several storybooks (or one big one) to give and read to nursery school children at a local day-care center or shelter. They also practice a song or game to teach younger kids or pack healthy snacks to share. And they talk to the staff or volunteers to understand why their visit is special for the children.
- Possible action: The Brownies meet a nutrition specialist to talk about what food groups make up a healthy meal and then gather donations for a local food pantry. (Have you ever tried to make a meal from canned tuna, canned beans, cereal, and peanut butter? Those are examples of the donations that often arrive at a food pantry. So perhaps the Brownies can organize a more complete and healthier selection of donations!)
- Possible action: The Brownies learn about healthy eating tips for themselves and then create a presentation for their schools or for a gathering of families and friends. Or the girls interview local experts and then create a presentation about saving water and energy that they will share with their schools, church groups, or other Girl Scout groups.
- Possible action: The Brownies write letters and talk to someone about a bigger problem they want their town or school or some other group to pay attention to. This is what the kids in Ms. Jeanne's class did—and perhaps the Brownies would like to use this example and do something beyond basic letter-writing, such as arranging a visit with someone who could influence the challenge they want to address.

Perhaps the girls are doing something unique that you and they brainstormed about together to make the world a better place.



FOLLOWING THE BROWNIE FRIENDS

In "The ELF Adventure" story, Campbell, Jamila, and Alejandra pursue a "Save the Trees" action that improves the environment. They also educate and inspire others in the community and advocate for a new approach. As you learn about what interests your Brownie Team, consider how blending various types of possible actions together will enrich their experience!