

## Yes! And Yes! And Yes!

### Objectives:

- Respond to questions about the Gritty Nitties
- Focus attention on the Girls
- Sample questions that have a consistent answer
- Freedom to explore the “big picture” of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience

**Time requirement:** 3-6 minutes

Content/Time	Session Details
Prep 1 Minute max	<b>Post</b> “Yes” answer sign (PowerPoint projection is good or newsprint and marker is fine!) <b>Stand</b> where everyone can see signal (nod/uplifted hand) to respond “YES!”
Intro 2 Minutes max	<p><b>Say</b> We all know that sometimes needing the answer to a specific question or two can be a distraction to understanding the bigger picture. Many of the answers are in the FAQs from GSUSA or on-line but we can get some of those “taken care of” right now. We want to assure “askers” that there really is a one word answer for most of the questions.</p> <p>We know that you want to be prepared to answer these questions as Girl Scouts moves through transformation. We know you won’t ever be able to answer all the questions at one time but here are a few example questions to give you the idea.</p> <p>Join in by responding with the correct answer to the following questions.</p> <p><i>Facilitator Note: The “Top 5” are listed below (those used in the opening at Spring Conferences) with an additional optional question section below. The last section includes a couple of “inspirational” questions to close on a high note.</i></p> <p><i>Feel free to tailor your “YES!” session to meet the needs of your council and audience. You may even want to add some of your own! The secret seems to be to keep the initial session “short and sweet” and then utilize the “YES!” response through the rest of the session/day/conference.</i></p>
Top 5 Questions 2 Minutes max	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can girls keep earning badges?</li> <li>2. Can girls do journeys and earn badges?</li> <li>3. Can girls have a mix of “old” and “new” awards on their sashes/vests?</li> <li>4. Are troops important in Girl Scouting?</li> <li>5. Do the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards remain the highest in GS?</li> </ol>
Answer	“YES!”
Optional Mix and Match Questions 2-4 Minutes	<p>Can we do other things besides the journey during the Girl Scout year?</p> <p>Can the journey take longer than outlined in the adult guide?</p> <p>Can we have a meeting every month/week?</p> <p>Can we meet at any time during the year?</p> <p>Can we add trips, speakers, arts, overnights, and other activities to enhance journey themes?</p> <p>Can we do local activities (parades, picnics, etc.) in addition to the Journeys?</p> <p>Can we put the “scripts” provided in the adult guides in our own words?</p> <p>Can we skip some the activities and discussions outlined in the guide?</p> <p>Can we allow the girls to change “the plan” as we go?</p> <p>Can we earn awards with the journeys?</p> <p>Can we do all activities as a group?</p>
Answer	“YES!”
Closing on an “Up” note questions	<p>As we all work together to understand and deliver the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, will girls change the world?</p> <p>Can we imagine the impact Girl Scouting will have on girls’ lives as we all lift up the Leadership Experience together?</p>

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6. Do we need to be registered Girl Scouts and live by the Promise and Law?
7. Do we need to be safety conscious?
8. Can we have a meeting every month/week?
9. Can we meet at any time during the year?
10. Can the journey take longer than outlined in the adult guide?
11. Can we stretch out the number of sessions shown in the guide?
12. Can we change the “session plans” a bit so they fit our needs?
13. Can we put the “scripts” provided in the guides in our own words?
14. Can we skip some the activities and discussions outlined in the guide?
15. Can we allow the girls to change “the plan” as we go?
16. Can we add on trips, visits, speakers, craft projects, overnights, camping and other activities to enhance the journey?
17. Can we do local activities (parades, picnics, etc.) that do not tie to the Journeys?
18. Can we earn awards with the journeys?
19. Can girls keep earning badges?
20. Can girls do journeys and earn badges?
21. Can girls have a mix of old and new awards on their sashes/vests?
22. Are troops important in Girl Scouting?
23. Can we do all activities as a group?
24. Do the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards remain the highest in GS?
25. Can we participate in the cookie program?
26. Can we link up with other Girl Scouts experiencing the same journey?
27. Can we partner with other community organizations and experts for insights and “add-ons” to customize the journey?
28. Can we do other things besides the journey during the Girl Scout year?

*Tailor the examples and ideas in your adult guide based on girl interest and the availability of time and resources.*