

Rose Community Foundation

Giving in a Box

Meeting Three



Rose Community Foundation works to advance inclusive, engaged and equitable Greater Denver communities through values-driven philanthropy.

Steps:

1. Arrival and Opening Ceremony
2. Event Recap
3. Showing Gratitude

Purpose:

Learning about Rose Community Foundation and community giving equips youth with the understanding that they have the power to make a positive impact on their communities. Early exposure to philanthropy can inspire a lifelong commitment to helping others and addressing societal challenges. Additionally, it cultivates important skills such as collaboration, leadership, and financial literacy which can all be translated into Girl Scout Highest Awards. By learning about community giving, youth are empowered to become proactive, compassionate leaders of tomorrow.



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Step 1:
Arrival and
Opening Ceremony
(~10 minutes before
meeting starts)

Meeting three will focus on debriefing on the money-earning event or service project. The Girl Scouts will also write a thank you letter to their chosen organization for the opportunity they were given to help the community.

Warm-Up Activity:

Supplies:

- Paper
- Pencils

As the Girl Scouts arrive, have them each take a piece of paper and pencil to answer the prompt: When was the last time you told someone thank you? What made you thank them? As they finish writing, they can share with a neighbor and discuss each other's answers.

Once all Girl Scouts have gathered, open the meeting with the Promise and Law.

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Step 2: Event Recap (~30 minutes)

Welcome back! This is the final meeting for our giving in a box series. At the last meeting, we voted on which organization we would donate our time or money to before planning our event. Since then, we have (describe your chosen event here).

While it's all still fresh, let's reflect on the time you have dedicated to this process.

Here are some guiding questions to lead the discussion:

- What worked well or not so well about this process?
- What were you surprised by?
- What were you most excited about?
- What is next for this group in its giving?
- What is something you learned?

Knowing how important giving is to our communities, let's discuss how we can continue our involvement on a regular basis. Some ways that we could do this are a once-a-year donation to different organizations or by regularly volunteering as a troop.

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Step 2: Event Recap (~30 minutes)

Let the Girl Scouts decide how they would prefer to continue giving. While donating money is the easier choice, remind them that service projects or volunteer hours can be applied to more things as they get closer to graduation. The details for this plan do not need to be fleshed out in this meeting, as this will be an ongoing plan and it will need full caregiver support.

They should use 5-10 minutes to decide what they want to do moving forward before moving on to the last part.

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Step 3: Showing Gratitude (~30 minutes)

Supplies:

- Paper
- Pencils
- Pen

It is important to show gratitude when given an opportunity. While a service project or donating money may not seem like an opportunity, it is important because it is the easiest way to give back to a community.

The group should draft a thank you letter to the organization they donated either money or time to. Once they have finished their draft, they should rewrite it in pen to look more professional. An adult should look over the letter before it is sent to check for spelling/grammatical mistakes.

They can use these guiding principles for help when writing their letter:

- Describe who your group is and what you did for your donation.
- Share your gratitude with specific examples from your event/volunteer hours. For instance, what is an experience you got to have because of the choice to donate time/money to this organization?
- Include a couple of details on what the group appreciates about the organization.

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Once finished, the letter can be mailed to the organization. If applicable, include the check with the letter. If you, as a troop, are not comfortable mailing the letter with enclosed check, choose someone to drop the letter off at the front desk of the chosen organization.

Now, let's breathe a communal sigh of relief, take a moment to shed a few tears of joy, or have a mini-dance party! You did it! In just three meetings, we grew our group's philanthropy, learned about organizations doing important work, developed relationships with one another, and donated more than you would have on your own! Take some time to relish this moment. Congratulate each other on a job well done, you deserve it.

Visit the Anytime Activities page to request your Giving in a Box patches!

