

Catch the moment



Take photos, win prizes!

There are even more reasons than usual to get out your camera this year, and you're bound to collect some great photos along the way. So why not enter our Centenary photography competition, Catch the Moment? All you need to do is send us a photo of your perfect Centenary moment and you could be the lucky winner of £500 worth of Jessops vouchers! There are categories for five different age groups and a 30-second film category - and lots of fantastic prizes for runners-up too. For more information on how to take part, visit www.girlguiding.org.uk/centenary.



On these pages you'll find two ideas for putting your photographic skills into action, together with our top tips for creating that winning shot.

Favourite photos

Give each group (Patrol/Six) a disposable camera for a term or half-term, and ask them to take photos each week to record their favourite part of each meeting. There are a huge number of ways you could display your photos - encourage the girls to be as creative as they like. Here are a few suggestions.

- Set up your own unit Flickr page or even your own website.
- Create your own photographic exhibition. It doesn't just have to be in your meeting place - how about approaching a local community venue?
- Make a unit Centenary photo album or scrapbook. Centenary-themed scrapbooks are available from Trading Service (www.girlguidingukshop.co.uk) or girls can make their own. Why not make updating the scrapbook/album a regular part of your meeting?



Cartoon capers

How about creating your own photo story? In small groups, get girls to discuss a Centenary experience that they think they could tell in pictures (eg like a cartoon strip).

Girls then consider how many scenes they could tell their story in, divide a piece of paper into the required number of squares and write a brief description of each scene from their story in each square.

Ask girls to practise their scenes and then use a camera to take photos of each. When they are ready, they can print out their photos and put them in sequence to tell their story. Can other groups guess what the story is about?



Top tip

Girls might find it helpful to look at examples of photo stories first. Girls' magazines may be useful, or alternatively, there is a photo story in the Brownie Annual most years!



Don't be afraid to take lots of photos of the same activity and to experiment with different angles, compositions, lighting, focus and backgrounds.



Smiling, happy girls make good photos, as do girls challenging themselves, concentrating, or achieving something they didn't think was possible.

Review all the photos together and discuss which photos turned out best and why. Make a note for next time.

Make sure you have at least one clear face in the picture, as faces can often be the most captivating part of a photo. However, girls don't necessarily need to be looking at the camera.

Top tips for taking great photos

Crowd photos are good way of expressing the scale of the event.



Activity photos tend to be best with only a small number of girls (eg five or fewer).



Look at a photo as a kind of story. Does it tell the story you want it to? Will it be interesting to others? What does your photo say about guiding?

Action shots are often more interesting than posed group photos.

Take photos with the sun behind you to make the most of the light (but mind your shadow!)

Photo permission

Please note the following.

- Parents must have given their permission for Girlguiding UK to use images of under 16s. It is the Leader's responsibility to ensure that all images have the appropriate parental permission.
- Photos uploaded to Flickr must be done so by a Leader or by an adult nominated by a Girlguiding UK Leader.
- We have provided submission forms and a letter of consent for parents to give permission for the use of photos on Girlguiding UK's Flickr pages. These can be downloaded from www.girlguiding.org.uk/centenary.
- We recommend that you notify parents in advance that you intend to upload photos to Flickr.