

Special Grandparents



Everyone is special. Grandparents are no different. You may have grandparents in your family who live very close to you or very far away, or your grandparents may not be living. This Try-It is all about grandparents. To complete this Try-It, your troop will need to adopt a grandparent to be your troop's special grandparent. This grandparent can be the grandparent of one of the troop members, or it can be an older person in your neighborhood who you ask to be your troop's special grandparent.

Complete one activity from each section.

Find out about grandparents.

- There are storybooks about grandparents. Go to your school library or the library closest to you and find a book about grandparents. Bring the book to your troop meeting. Share the story with your troop.
- Tell your troop about your grandparents. Bring pictures of them to the troop meeting. Share with the troop what you do with your grandparents. If she or he lives close enough, ask your grandparent to come to your troop meeting and talk to the troop about what it was like when she or he was your age.

Get to know your special grandparent.

- Meet your special grandparent by visiting her or him at home or inviting her or him to your troop meeting. Share with your special grandparent things that your troop likes to do. Share your *Brownie Girl Scout Handbook*. Wear your uniform and talk about the recognitions and patches. Ask your special grandparent to talk with you about what it was like when she or he was your age. Maybe she or he was a Girl Scout or Boy Scout.
- Make a scrapbook for your special grandparent. Include pictures that you have drawn, pictures of troop activities, and pictures of each girl and leader in the troop so your special grandparent can get to know you. The scrapbook can have some blank pages to fill in with pictures of the things your troop does with your special grandparent. Plan a visit with your special grandparent to give her or him the scrapbook.
- Visit your special grandparent. Learn a song or game that you can share with her or him. A get-acquainted game would be fun to play. Make an art or craft project to take to her or him.

Be of service to your grandparent.

- Find out from your special grandparent what you can do to help her or him. You could volunteer to rake leaves or clean up the yard. Maybe your special grandparent would like you to plant flowers for her or him.
- Visit your special grandparent. Play a game that she or he likes to play. Bring your favorite book and share it with her or him. Read to your special grandparent.
- Find out what your special grandparent likes to eat for lunch, dinner, or snacks. With the girls in your troop, try to make something your special grandparent likes. Fix a tray or decorate a box and take the food you have made to your special grandparent.
- Invite your special grandparent to go on a trip with your troop. You could go on a picnic or a trip to a museum. Ask your special grandparent to tell you where she or he likes to go when she or he goes out. Your troop could plan a trip to your special grandparent's favorite place.

Plan a ceremony and celebration for your special grandparent.

Plan a ceremony to honor your special grandparent's birthday or other special occasion. Design your own invitations and decorations. Plan to serve food that your special grandparent will like. Plan activities that both your troop and your special grandparent will enjoy.

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