

Learning Outcomes for Girl Scout Leaders' Workshop in Hands-on Astronomy

By the end of our astronomy workshop, you should be able to ...

1. **Stimulate girls' interest in science, astronomy, and the night sky.**
2. **Demonstrate confidently how scientific reasoning is used in our daily lives using real examples.**
3. **Convey that science is exploration, not memorizing facts and figures.**
4. **Recognize “pseudoscience” and explain how it differs from authentic science using examples.**
 - a. Encounter and address misconceptions.
5. **Integrate STEM thinking, and language, into ALL your troops' activities.**
 - a. Explain why “STEM” is a unifying idea, not separate subjects.
 - b. Develop your own activities to emphasize the techniques of scale-modeling and classification.
6. **Inspire others to overcome anxieties about science, technology, engineering, and math.**
 - a. Look at these topics as universal tools rather than subjects only smart people understand.
 - b. Convey that no group in society is inherently better or worse at thinking about and doing STEM work.
 - c. Women have always been involved with STEM. Their contributions have not always been recorded or recognized and so it may *appear* that they have only recently started “making their mark.”
 - d. Feel confident enough to teach these topics even if you are not an “expert” in them.
7. **Integrate numerical thinking, and language, into ALL your troops' activities.**
 - a. Demonstrate through personal example that the language of numbers, and proportional thinking, are vital tools in all aspects of life.

