

## **Cadette Finding Common Ground**

Scout the Vote will be a non-partisan program, it will be focused on civic education.

Complete the steps to receive your Cadettes Finding Common Ground:

Find out how people in democratic governments make trade-offs, giving up some things they favor to gain support for others. We see this in government and community leaders daily, let's learn how we can find common ground with our own community. We will check off the following steps:

Step 1 - Get to know someone different from you

Step 2- Make decisions in a group

Step 3 - Explore civil debate

Step 4- Understand a compromise

Step 5- Find common ground through mediation

Even though Girl Scouts are not old enough to vote yet, this program embodies what it means to be a G.I.R.L. by being a Go-getter, Innovator, Risk Taker, and Leader and empower young girls to be involved in their communities by civic engagement.

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### **STEP 1**

Most of the time we spend time with people who are similar to us, they like the same music, sports, hobbies or TV shows. But what about people who are different from us? They have different interests, styles, or hobbies; what could we possibly have in common right? Well you would be surprised how easy it can be finding common ground with someone different from us!

To complete this step, reach out to someone who is different from you and look for things you might have in common! It can be a classmate, neighbor or fellow girl scout! Ask get to know you questions like...

- What do you value?
- Where is you favorite place?
- What is important to you?

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### **STEP 2**

Sometimes being a leader you will need to make decisions for a group of people. Whether this be in a game or on a team, one person will have to make a decision for all.

To complete this step, lead some friends or family on an activity, you can

- go for a walk in the neighborhood, lead your family the route you wish to take
- take lead on a game you're playing with friends, explain the rules, share what strategy would work best

Decision making is a part of being a strong leader!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KdL4o7wU0CO>

### STEP 3

What is civil debate? Civil debate is when people who don't agree on something talk it out to gain better understanding, not to argue but rather to state the opposing sides in a civil manner. We can see that during elections or in the process of passing a law or even in within our community!

Let's explore civil debate in the simulation game "Cast Your Vote" to illustrate how candidates debate with one another. A civil debate isn't just for politicians, everyone can do it!

Maybe there are things you want to see change and want to be heard? Use civil debate to better understand the opposing side or explore the process of law making through the 3 branches of government. How do law makers decide what law passes and what laws are vetoed?

<https://www.icivics.org/games/cast-your-vote>

### STEP 4

Think of ways you have made compromises, maybe it was at home or at school? How are these decisions made?

Take a look at the Build on the Branches power point in the classroom. Explore the 3 branches of government: Legislative, Executive, and Judicial, to understand the way separation of powers as well as checks and balances limit government and how these branches compromise law making.

<https://www.icivics.org/games/branches-power>

### STEP 5

Often when we have different views it is tricky to not get worked up. We can navigate those differences by trying to better understand one another by finding common ground through mediation.

Through mediation you can intervene if two people are on opposing sides by being in the middle to serve as a peace maker. Help those find a common ground or something to better understand one another

Additional resources:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1HCyUy-NjszoD-V4MvncnQZaJg5X35V5qemFzd6imYhHU&authuser=0>

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