



# How Troop Size Affects Troop Program

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Safety Activity Checkpoints STATES:

**“Girls participate in groupings large enough to provide experience in self-government and small enough to allow for development of the individual girl.”**

While a small number of girls may seem convenient for the leadership, one must consider the interest of the girls. Larger sized troops give the girls more opportunity to be involved in the planning process (with small troops the tendency is for adults to do planning because it is easier and faster!).

ACTIVITY	TROOP SIZE less than 10	TROOP SIZE 10 and UP
TROOP GOVERNMENT	One whole group Limited opportunity for leadership	Committees, patrol system, leadership learning
GAMES	Limited - almost no teams, some games don't work with small groups	Teams
MUSIC	Simple, one part songs, action songs	Rounds, descant songs, action songs
DRAMA	Skits, puppetry	Skits, puppetry, plays
CRAFTS	Costly because purchases are small Often do not use up supplies.	Buy supplies in quantity, less cost per project.
FLAG CEREMONIES AND OTHER CEREMONIES	Very simple, basic	Use of several parts/flags, more impressive, more chance to practice in group
DIVERSITY	Extremely limited	Greater chance to meet more, different people
SERVICE	Limited - little community impact	Larger groups can do larger projects - greater impact on community
ADULTS	Few parents to draw from, so leader does more	More leaders, parent committees Many parents to share talents and responsibilities
MEETING PLACES	Home	Home, school, church, community buildings
OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS	Few are willing to come for a small group	Most are willing to come for a sizable group
PAPERWORK	Per girl	Per girl
SERVICE UNIT SUPPORT	Service team	Service team