

## **SUGGESTIONS FOR DIVIDING GIRLS INTO GROUPS**

1. Write the names of the girls on slips of paper, put them in a container, the leader draws the names to put into groups.
2. Put different color paper strips or color sticks in a container. Girls draw that item and the same colors are grouped together. A variation would be to use shapes, pictures of animals, food groups, etc.
3. Have girls count off 1-2-3...depending on how many groups you need. The same numbers are in a group.
4. Select two girls to alternate picking names of girls out of a container to be in designated groups.
5. Write the name of one animal per number of groups you need. Girls draw a slip of paper with the name of an animal on it and keep it a secret. On the leader's signal, all girls start making the noise of their animal at the same time. Each girl must seek out like animals and that becomes their group.

## **CHOOSING GROUP LEADERS OR WHO GOES FIRST**

1. Have girls guess a number between a stated range. Who ever guesses the number or comes closest to that number is the leader or goes first.
2. Have girls respond to a game like "Who has a birthday this month?" or "Who has a pet cat at home?" or "Whose name has an **R** in it?"
3. Draw names out of a container. (You may want to remove names after girls have been selected so that others will have an opportunity to be leaders or to go first at future meetings).

## **SELECTING SONGS AND GAMES**

1. Write down songs and games on paper, fold and put them in one container or a separate container for each- one for songs and one for games. Put some pieces of blank folded paper in the container(s), too, which will give girls the opportunity to choose a favorite song or game. Cover the top of the container(s).
2. When there is "down time" or as an opening activity, pull out the container(s).
3. To start the activity, the leader can pass the container around the circle to the beat of her hands clapping or feet stomping. When she stops, whoever is holding the container will get to reach in and select the song/game. Though the selection by a girl appears to be random, it is decided by the leader to help assure that every girl has an opportunity to select activities.