Short and Snappy Continuing Education
Including All Girls

What you will learn:
To assess your awareness of disabilities.

Why:
Inclusion is a philosophy, a belief that all persons have a right to belong. It is a process and an ongoing practice; not a program or a product or a one-time event. Inclusion doesn’t happen on its own, it happens when we commit to the philosophy and make efforts to support the inclusion of all people.

Check these out: (see www.gscnc.org)
- Council Inclusion Resources for Engaging Girls with Disabilities
- Including All Girls Patch Program
- Inclusion Tutorial

Did you know:
- There are over 54 million Americans with disabilities
- People with disabilities constitute our nation’s largest minority group, which is simultaneously the most inclusive and diverse
- The disability community is the only minority group that anyone can join at any time
- The Girl Scout founder, Juliette Gordon Low, had a disability—she was deaf due to chronic ear infections from her youth
Try this:

Answer the following questions with True (T) or False (F)
(1)  ____ Only people who can’t walk use wheelchairs.
(2)  ____ When talking to a girl with a disability, speak directly to her, not through a parent/guardian or friend.
(3)  ____ When you meet someone who is blind or visually impaired, you should introduce yourself to that person.
(4)  ____ When communicating with people who are deaf or hard of hearing, it is necessary to speak through an interpreter.
(5)  ____ Leaning on a girl’s wheelchair is invading her space and is considered annoying and rude.
(6)  ____ It’s okay to offer assistance to a girl with a disability, but wait until your offer is accepted before you begin to help.
(7)  ____ People who use wheelchairs can’t go anywhere fun.
(8)  ____ When speaking for more than a few minutes to a girl who uses a wheelchair, place yourself at eye level.
(9)  ____ People with disabilities want to be treated just like everyone else.
(10)  ____ When you meet someone with a guide or companion dog, you should make friends with the dog first so that the dog is comfortable with you being nearby.
(11)  ____ When greeting a girl with a visual disability, always identify yourself and others.
(12)  ____ People with disabilities prefer to hang out with others who have disabilities.
(13)  ____ Every child with a disability needs one-on-one assistance.
(14)  ____ It’s okay to ask people with disabilities about their disabilities.
(15)  ____ People with disabilities can’t participate in competitive sports.

How can you become more inclusive in your Girl Scout experience?