

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 I 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 anyplace 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?

