



*Greensheet Education
Foundation's*
**Youth Scoop
Publishing Patch**
Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council

publish v. 1. To publish and issue for public distribution or sale; 2. To bring to the public attention; announce [*Middle English* publicen, publishen, *to make known publicly, from alteration of Old French* publier, *from Latin* pūblicāre.]

Purpose: To introduce girls to publication and the process of creating and publishing their own original work.

Requirements: Starred (*) activities are required. Girl Scout Brownies and Juniors complete the four starred activities. Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors complete the four starred activities and three additional activities.

***1. Composition**

When you compose, you create. Decide what sort of media you want to create. Consider length, topic, audience, and point of view. Then, compose a song, poem, story, biography, news item or play. Have someone else read your first draft and make editorial suggestions. Rewrite or improve your composition as necessary.

***2. Illustration**

Create pictorial representations that illustrate the content you've created through drawing, cartoon, photography, collage, etc. Think about the relationship between the size of each aspect. Decide whether you want to emphasize the artwork or the text.

***3. Create Media**

Use a computer program to lay out the content or illustrations or try cutting and pasting text and images onto a larger piece of paper with scissors and tape or glue. Then make several copies for circulation.

***4. Disseminate**

Engage in public distribution. Give to family and friends, or pass out at your school or local library.

5. Critique

Critique other magazines, newspapers, books and blogs. Decide what aspects you think are ineffective and which aspects you could incorporate into your own design.

6. Biography

Create a bio for yourself. Consider what information is appropriate to share with your audience.

7. Language

Are you bilingual? Do you know someone who speaks another language? If so, create some content in a language other than English to expand your audience.

8. Publication

Publish in print and on-line. Create a website or blog, or find a place where you can add your content.

9. Mediums

Try a new medium. Create a video or video blog.

10. Editing

Become an editor. Gather material from two or more people to create a larger publication. Pay attention to layout and content cohesiveness.

11. Careers

Research the roles related to publishing. Look into areas including distribution, editorial, marking and design.

12. Interview

Interview someone who works in publishing.

13. Pressroom

Visit a pressroom to see a printing press in action.

14. Writing

Attend a writing workshop in your community.

15. Community

Create and offer a workshop for younger students or peers.