Basic Description

• In this Journey, girls return to the Daisy Flower garden. The flowers help the girls explore the animals in their garden. They also use stories to share about Mexico, Japan, and Africa. The girls learn about some of the countries native animals, customs and food.
• The book also talks about ways girls can care for themselves and animals.
• It gives examples of women who work with animals.
• The Journey includes healthy snacks.

What do they earn and how do they earn them?

• Birdbath Award
  o Girls understand that they can care for themselves and animals.
  o To earn, girls name one way they can care for animals and one way they can care for themselves.
  o Typically received in sample session 4
• Red Robin Award
  o Girls use their new knowledge and creativity to teach others how to care for animals.
  o To earn, they choose animal care tips to share with others and then tell this “story of animal care” in a creative way.
  o Typically received in sample session 9
• Tula Award
  o Girls have gained courage and confidence in teaching others about animal care.
  o To earn, they share with one another the good feelings they experienced as they taught others in their community about animal care.
  o Typically received at the final celebration

Possible Field Trips or Community Partners

• Visit a place with animals:
  o Camp Winding River to visit the horses and goats
  o A local zoo
  o Pet stores, animal shelters or veterinarian offices
• Find out how animals help humans by visiting a dairy farm
• Visit a Girl Scout camp or nature center to experience a Sounds of Nature Walk
Petal Connections
The Petals directly connect with each of the Daisy Journeys. The flowers introduced in the stories each represent a Petal. You could spend a few weeks on a Journey then complete a Petal then go back to the Journey. Specifically with this Journey, the following Petals would fit in well as they are involved in the stories.

- Zinni – Spring Green – Considerate and Caring
- Tula – Red – Courageous and Strong
- Mari – Orange – Responsible for what I say and do
- Gloria – Purple - Respect Myself and Others
- Vi – Violet – Be a Sister to Every Girl Scout

Additional Programming Ideas for Troop Meetings
- Have a world map available to show the location of the various countries described in the book.
- Using various recycled materials have the girls build their own nests or take pictures of nests they see in their yard, at school or their meeting space.
- Make origami animals.
- Tie in healthy living – make a few snacks and try a few yoga moves during a meeting.
- Have the girls bring pictures of their favorite pet or animal for a show and tell – if you are really daring you can have them bring the animal.
- Play animal charades.
- Have a discussion about ways animals care for people – guide dogs, cows give milk, etc.

Other Thoughts or Helpful Hints
- This Journey is laid out well for first time leaders to use. It has many helpful hints to guide leaders in the GSLE and how to facilitate a Journey
- The sample sessions complete this Journey in 10 sessions plus a celebration. You might need to modify them depending on how often you meet.
- Visit the Girl Scout website for additional resources and to download forms and letters that you can use to recruit parents to help with this Journey.