

GO INSIDE GOVERNMENT

Have you ever thought about who makes the rules? Think about your house or your school – your parents and your teachers are in charge. Our country is run by our government. Let's take a closer look at our state and national government!

BEFORE YOU GET STARTED

Recommended Ages: Grades 2 - 8

Estimated Time: 15 - 20 minutes

Stuff you'll need: Computer with internet connection

Caregivers should consider: There is always risk when youth use the internet. Some caregivers may choose to review house rules of internet use or sit down with their girl to complete the activity together.

BADGE OR JOURNEY STEPS COMPLETED

Brownie Celebrate Community Badge – Step 4
Junior Inside Government Badge – Steps 2 & 3

THE FUN PART

1. Washington D.C. is the center of our national government. Check out the [U.S. Capitol Building online](#).
2. The Iowa Capitol Building is located in Des Moines. That is where our State Legislature and Governor work hard to run our state's government. Check out the [Iowa Capitol Building](#).
 - What are some similarities between the U.S. Capitol and the Iowa Capitol? Differences?
3. Both the U.S. Government and the Iowa State Government are made up of three parts – the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches. These three branches all do different things. Check out this online game to learn more about the three different branches: [Checks and Balances Game](#).
 - For more fun, try this online game to run the U.S. Government. Will you be able to get a bill passed? [Branches of Power Game](#)
4. Way to go! You did it! Share on social media with your caregiver's permission. Use the hashtag #GSGIDIY

