



In Lieu of Recognition Voting

Meeting minutes documenting the vote are required for the In Lieu of form because, for the first time, this option is being opened to all levels of Girl Scouts, including multi-level troops, rather than being limited only to Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador troops.

Purpose of This Vote:

This vote determines whether the Troop will accept the In Lieu of Recognitions option for the 2026 Cookie Program. By choosing this option, the Troop agrees to receive an increase in troop proceeds based on total sales instead of the full range of recognition rewards.

- Girl Scouts will still earn program patches, but no other individual recognition rewards.
- All participating girls must be registered Girl Scouts.

The majority of Girl Scouts in the Troop must vote in favor of the In Lieu of option for it to be accepted. If the majority does not vote yes, the Troop will continue with the standard recognitions provided by the Product Program.

Respect is required. There must be no coercion, bullying, or disrespectful behavior during this process. If it is found that such behavior occurred, the Troop will forfeit the In Lieu of option and default back to the standard recognitions provided by the Product Program.

Voting Guidelines:

This vote must be girl-led and girl-driven, ensuring that every Girl Scout has the opportunity to share her voice. All members present should be encouraged to participate respectfully and thoughtfully so that every perspective is heard and valued. For the motion to be acknowledged and accepted, a majority vote in favor is required. The vote must be conducted anonymously by paper ballot to protect each girl's choice.

Girl Scouts - Meeting Minutes Voting Record

Troop Number: _____ Date of Meeting: _____

Location: _____

Attendance:

Girls Present:

Adults Present:

Vote Details:

Purpose of Vote: Opt-in for the In Lieu of Recognitions option for the Fall Product Program.

Girl Scout Who Initiated the Vote: _____

Voting Method: Anonymous paper ballot

Vote Counted By: _____

Results:

Total Girl Scouts Voting: _____

Yes (In Lieu of Recognitions): _____

No (Standard Recognitions): _____

Outcome:

- ☐ Majority voted Yes — Troop will proceed with In Lieu of Recognitions.
- ☐ Majority voted No — Troop will continue with Standard Recognitions.

Acknowledgment

The vote was conducted respectfully and in accordance with the Girl Scout Promise and Law, ensuring that all voices were heard and that the process was fair and girl-led.

Adult Leader/Volunteer Present:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____