

Learn To Lead 2: girl scouts Meeting Planning of central california south and Troop Management



This segment focuses on key targets for effective troop leadership. We clarify expectations for leaders and participants, discuss strategies for open communication, and explore best practices for volunteer management. Additionally, we provide tools for successful meeting planning and encourage event participation to enrich the Girl Scout experience. Finally, we outline actionable next steps to empower leaders in creating a positive and engaging environment for all!

Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try
To serve God* and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the
Girl Scouts Law.

*Members may substitute for the word god in accordance with their own spiritual beliefs.

Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be
Honest and fair,
Friendly and helpful,
Considerate and caring,
Courageous and strong, a
and Responsible for what I say and do,
and to Respect myself and others,
Respect authority,
Use resources wisely
Make the world a better place,
And be A sister to every Girl Scout.

Girl Scout Promise and Law should be modeled by Girls, Leaders, Volunteers, and GSCCS Staff



Benefits of Volunteering

- Personal Growth: Develop leadership skills and mentoring experience.
- Community Impact: Contribute to local service projects and initiatives.
- Networking: Connect with like-minded individuals and build relationships.
- Fulfillment: Experience joy in helping girls grow and succeed.
- Skill Development: Learn skills in planning, group management, and event organization.
- Diversity Exposure: Engage with a diverse group of girls and families.
- Family Involvement: Opportunity for parents to bond over shared activities.
- Enhanced Resources: Strengthen community ties and resources through collaboration.

Troop Expectations

Parents

Parents expect Girl Scouts to provide their daughters with skill development, confidence building, friendships, outdoor experiences, civic engagement, and a supportive community

Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts expect to have fun, make new friends, explore new activities, gain confidence, and develop skills in a supportive environment through their Girl Scouts experience.

Leaders

Troop leaders expect girls to be engaged, respectful, and willing to participate in activities, and parents to support the troop by volunteering, communicating effectively, and encouraging their daughters' involvement.

Communication

Building Strong Connection

Back to Troop Survey

Importance for Leaders:

- Keep troop records up to date
- Prepare for a successful Girl Scout year
- Eligibility: Completing the survey ensures participation in the Fall Product and Cookie Seasons.

Contact New Members

Welcome new members and give them Troop information:

- Meeting time and dates
- Troop Dues
- Troop Communication Platform



Service Units Meetings

To enhance collaboration and stay informed, troop leaders should send representatives to monthly meetings for important council updates. It's also essential to work together with other troops in the area and participate in service unit events, which strengthen community ties and foster connections among leaders.

Troop Management

Empowering Troop Engagement and Leadership

Leader Responsibilities

- Quarterly Leader Meetings- Leaders should set up meetings at the beginning of the year to discuss troop funds, goals, events, and trips.
- Set Team Goals- Set goals with the Troop and decide on Badges or Journeys to work on.
- Decision Making- Discuss what decisions can be made by one Leader like supply purchases, and those that need to be made by the Leader Team like Trips and Events.
- Courageous Conversations- Leading Courageous Conversations as a Girl Scout Leader is essential for fostering a respectful and inclusive environment.

Code of Conduct

- 1. Commitment to Values: Uphold the Girl Scout Promise and Law
- 2. Respect All: Treat everyone with dignity and inclusion
- 3. Safety First: Adhere to safety guidelines and report concerns
- 4. Professional Conduct: Avoid conflicts of interest; no substances during activities
- 5. Resolve Conflicts: Address issues constructively and seek support when needed

Troop Binder

- · Health History Form
- Consent to Provide Medication
- Annual Permission Form
- Attendance Sheet

Troop Rules

Establishing a troop agreement helps set clear expectations and fosters a positive environment for both girls and parents. Involving girls in the creation process empowers them to take ownership and responsibility.

Troop Responsibility

A kaper chart is a visual tool used in Girl Scouts to assign and track roles within the troop. It organizes tasks and encourages girls to take on various responsibilities, fostering teamwork and leadership.



Meeting Planning

Effective Strategies for Successful Gatherings

First Meeting Prep

New troop leaders should familiarize themselves with the meeting agenda, gather necessary resources, and set clear goals for the first gathering. It's essential to communicate with parents, plan icebreakers for group dynamics, review safety guidelines, and remain flexible to adapt as needed. Additionally, consider the diverse needs of all girls to ensure inclusivity in activities.

Basic Steps

- 1. Pre- Meeting Planning: Plan and confirm details with your volunteer team. New volunteers may spend 2-3 hours monthly on prep, decreasing with experience.
- 2. Opening Ceremony: In 5-10 minutes, girls recite the Girl Scout Promise and Law, and can do the Flag Salute if a flag is present. Keep it girl-led by having a girl lead the ceremony.
- 3. Troop Business: Spend 10-15 minutes discussing upcoming trips, activities, and badges, while addressing any relevant concerns from past meetings.
- 4. Activities: This is the fun part of the meeting where girls create, build, and learn! Activities may include guest speakers, crafts, cooking, or badgework. This will take up the majority of your time.
- 5. Snack Time: Assign a snack coordinator to manage parent sign-ups, send reminders, and ensure snacks are healthy and meet dietary needs.
- 6. Clean up: Everyone helps clean up—leave no trace behind! Use Kaper Charts to assign jobs and keep it girl-led.
- 7. Closing Ceremony: The closing is essential for girls to gather, reflect on their learning, and share praise for their efforts.



Volunteer Toolkit



- Troop Tab (access Troop Info
- Explore Tab (Find a badge to add to Year Plan)
- Year Plan Tab (See what badges you will earn in upcoming meetings)
- Meeting Planning Tab (See what you are working on at the next meeting)
- Resources Tab (Access Badge and Award chart and more)
- Finances Tab (Used to submit Financials and end-of-year)

Programs and Events

Engaging Girl Scouts

Product Programs

The Product Program prepares girls for success while cultivating courage, confidence, and character!

- Entrepreneurial Skills: Learn business fundamentals, from marketing to sales.
- Financial Literacy: Gain experience in budgeting and fund management.
- Leadership Development: Foster teamwork, initiative, and collaboration.
- Communication Skills: Enhance verbal and interpersonal communication.
- Community Connection: Strengthen ties to local customers and service initiatives.

Fall Product Program: October-November

Cookie Program: February-March

Council Events and Workshops

- Badge Workshops: Exciting sessions where girls can learn and earn badges, either individually or as a troop.
- Journey Workshops: Participate in one-day or multi-day Journey series designed for Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors, helping prepare for Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards.
- GSCCS Clubs: Join fun and adventurous clubs like Trailblazers, Art, Astronomy, and Robotics for exciting experiences!



Next Steps



Complete the Learn to Lead Series

Join us for the Learn to Lead 3: Money Management Training, where you will gain essential skills for effective financial planning and budgeting within your troop.

Keep Troop Updated



Important Reminders for Troop Leaders:

- Engage Volunteers: Ensure all volunteers have active roles in troop activities. Contact customer care if you need assistance.
- Welcome New Members: Continuously greet and integrate new volunteers and members into your troop.
- Collect Mandatory Forms: Ensure new members complete required forms, including the Annual Permission, Health History, and LiveScan/Mandated Reporter Certificate.
- Share Event Information: Distribute details about council events and workshops from the Event Calendar to your troop.

Customer Care



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