

## Troop Leader and Parent/Guardian Expectations

This document outlines the mutual responsibilities/ expectations of a troop leader and parent/guardian.

### PARENT EXPECTATIONS:

- Accept the Girl Scout Promise and Law.
- Must complete the girl registration form or re-register and pay the national membership dues.
- Make sure that your daughter is dropped off and picked up on time when attending Girl Scout activities.
- Notify leaders of absences from meetings and/or field trips.
- Acknowledge and appreciate that the troop leader voluntarily gives her/his time, energy, and efforts to provide a quality Girl Scout experience.
- Communicate with troop leader(s) and others as needed.
- Refrain from behavior that may undermine the leadership of a Girl Scout activity/event. Cooperate with the troop leaders/staff and respect their lives outside of the Girl Scouts. Refrain from disrespectful, rude, or harassing behavior towards the leaders and staff.
- Bring concerns to the troop leader in a respectful and supportive way, not in the presence of girls.
- Participate in parent/guardian meetings.
- Follow safety guidelines for activities.
- Inform leaders about special needs and/or allergies (including food allergies) your daughter may have.
- Be aware of appropriate behavior expected of your daughter(s), as determined by the council and troop leader.
- Assist volunteers if your daughter(s) has special needs and your help is needed.
- Support your daughter's participation in product sales.
- Let your daughter know that you consider her participation in Girl Scouts to be important.
- Accept an active role in your daughter's Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

### TROOP LEADER EXPECTATIONS:

- Complete Girl Scout position training.
- Devote sufficient time and energy to the planning and carrying out of troop program and meet with girls on a regular basis providing activities based on the National Portfolio appropriate Girl Guide to Girl Scout handbooks / Journeys and Leader Guides.
- Support the mission and values of the Girl Scout movement.
- Ensure prompt registration and re-registration of all girls and adults in the troop.
- Follow Girl Scout health, safety, and program policies.
- Encourage the adult/girl partnership and planning process.
- Encourage parents to actively participate in the troop and provide opportunities to assist in a variety of positions (i.e., cookie manager, newsletter editor, field trip driver, etc.).
- Create an atmosphere of tolerance, acceptance, and appreciation of differences.
- Be open to discussion with parents and girls about any concerns.
- Provide information regarding Girl Scout activities beyond the troop setting.
- Ensure that the troop is represented at each leaders' meeting.
- Honestly and responsibly manage troop finances.
- Keep accurate records of troop finances.
- Promote enthusiasm and be a role model for girls and adults
- Ensure & encourage participation in the Cookie Sale & Family Partnership Campaign.

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Parent Signature

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Date

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Leader Signature

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