

## Frequently Asked Questions about Volunteering with Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay

### **Who can volunteer?**

Anyone who is at least 18 years of age. Girl Scout volunteers are not only caregivers of existing Girl Scouts, they are community members, friends, and people dedicated to advancing girl leadership.

### **What are the requirements for volunteers?**

All volunteers need to be registered members, which costs \$25 and is renewed annually. This fee goes to directly to GSUSA to support national initiatives.

Volunteers who work with girls, drive for Girl Scout activities, or handle money are also required to complete a background check. This is good for 3 years. The cost is \$6.25 which can be paid by the volunteer or using the code "councilpay" and GSCB will cover the cost.

### **Where do I volunteer?**

Girl Scouting happens right in our communities! You probably won't be travelling far. However, some opportunities may be focused on our properties. You can learn more about them [here](#). Any travel that you do for Girl Scouts can be written off on your taxes following [IRS guidelines](#).

Additionally, some opportunities may have virtual requirements, a committee meeting is a great example, for that you will need a device and internet connection to reliably telecommute.

### **How much time do I have to commit?**

Every role is different, many are episodic, like photography, others have routine, like Community Initiatives. Check the role description for specific requirements. Completing the [Volunteer Interest form](#) and having a conversation with a staff member will help you find the right opportunity that has a commitment that is reasonable for you.

Most roles follow our membership year October – September. Some can be held for 2- or 3-year terms, or indefinitely.

### **How can I volunteer with a large group? IE, corporate, community, other organization, or special interest group?**

Large groups can support Girl Scouts in a variety of ways; including but not limited to [Peninsula Day of Service](#), other property projects like clean-up, invasive plant removal, service projects, and more! We'll work with you to find an opportunity that fits your group size and interests.

**Does Girl Scouts offer credit for volunteer hours?**

Certainly- we can validate and sign off on any hours that you donate to us. This includes corporate volunteer programs, such as Bank of America's BofAVolunteers, National Honor Society, and Delaware Volunteer Credit.

**Do I have to identify as female to volunteer with Girl Scouts?**

You do not. Persons of any gender can participate as a volunteer. Some scenarios may require at least one present volunteer to identify as female.