

GSCB Troop Parent/Guardian Information Packet

Note: The pages in this packet are provided for your convenience. They can be edited and printed out individually as needed.

Contents:

- **Parent/Guardian Welcome Letter:** Feel free to use this letter or create your own to provide during the first parent/guardian meeting or whenever a new member joins.
- **Troop information/ Expectations and Responsibilities page:** Can also be provided during the first parent/guardian meeting or when a new member joins. Feel free to create your own and use ours as a reference.
- **Parent/Guardian Involvement Form:** Girl Scouting provides the best opportunities when families step up and play an active part in the troop. Troop leaders are encouraged to have the parents/guardians fill out this form to promote family involvement.
- **Code of Conduct for Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Members and Guardians:** Girl Scouts strive to work together in creating a fulfilling and safe environment for everyone. Please have members and guardians review and sign this document, pledging that they will help build a positive and encouraging environment for everyone.

Parent/Guardian Welcome Letter

Welcome to a new year of fun, friendship, learning, and adventure with Girl Scouts! We are thrilled to have your family join our troop. At Girl Scouts, we believe in nurturing every member's potential through hands-on experiences, leadership development, and community involvement. Our troop is a safe, inclusive space where everyone can shine!



Girl Scout Mission

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.

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 Scout Law.

(*Members may substitute wording appropriate to 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, 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 Program Levels

Girl Scouts is designed for youth from kindergarten through high school, with program levels that support their development:

- **Daisy** (Grades K-1)
- **Brownie** (Grades 2-3)
- **Junior** (Grades 4-5)
- **Cadette** (Grades 6-8)
- **Senior** (Grades 9-10)
- **Ambassador** (Grades 11-12)

We are looking forward to a year filled with discovery, service, and personal growth. Thank you for being part of our Girl Scout family!

Warmly,

Troop #

Troop Information

Troop Number:

Troop Leader Name(s):

Meeting Day & Time:

Troop Leaders Contact:

Phone:

Email:

Phone:

Email:

Meeting Location:

Uniform Guidelines:

Girl Scouts are encouraged to wear their Girl Scout uniform vest/sash to meetings and events. Official patches should be placed on the front, and fun patches should be placed on the back.

Girl Scout and Family Expectations and Responsibilities

At Girl Scouts, we grow stronger when everyone contributes! Here's how Girl Scouts and families can support a successful troop experience.

Girl Scout Responsibilities

- Be respectful to all Girl Scouts and adults
- Attend meetings regularly and arrive on time
- Participate actively in troop activities
- Wear your uniform proudly
- Follow the Girl Scout Promise and Law

Family Responsibilities

- Ensure your Girl Scout arrives on time and is picked up promptly
- Read troop communications and respond as needed
- Support your Girl Scouts involvement (help with badge work, attend events)
- Participate in at least one volunteer role during the year (see sign-up sheet)
- Respect and support troop leaders and volunteers
- Wear your uniform proudly
- Follow the Girl Scout Promise and Law

Together, we can make this a meaningful and memorable year for every Girl Scout in our troop!

Parent/Guardian Involvement Form

Girl Scout Name:

Email(s):

Parent/Guardian Name(s):

Phone number(s):

There are many ways to volunteer with the troop. Check the choices below and select the ones you want to volunteer for. Please place a #1 on your first choice.

Troop Co-Leader

Guide Girl Scouts to fun with a purpose! Using the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE), the Troop Leader encourages Girl Scouts to Discover themselves, Connect with others, and Take Action to make the world a better place. Guided by a volunteer support team, Girl Scouts engage in age-appropriate activities that are Girl Scout-led, cooperative, and hands-on. All troops must have at least two (2) unrelated Troop Co-Leaders to hold meetings and activities.

Troop Product Program Volunteer

When becoming a Product Program volunteer, you have two options:

1. Fall Product Champion - Volunteer to help Girl Scouts succeed during the annual Fall Product Program. This is a great option if you are limited on the time you can commit, as it is much shorter than the Cookie Program and does not involve booth sales.
2. Cookie Champion - Volunteer to help Girl Scouts succeed during the famous Girl Scout Cookie Program. It's famous because customers know and love the cookies and love supporting Girl Scouts, but it's not possible without a lot of help from our volunteers.

Troop Support Volunteer

This is the perfect role for anyone looking to support a Girl Scout troop with as much or as little commitment as their schedule allows. Troop Support Volunteers can be troop meeting helpers, troop photographers, field trip or camping chaperones, troop money managers, activity planners, designated troop drivers...the list goes on! As long as you are a registered and background-checked Troop Support Volunteer, you can contribute to the troop in meaningful ways that we know will be SO appreciated by your troop Co-Leaders. PLUS, if you're a parent or guardian, being a Troop Support Volunteer is an awesome way to spend some extra quality time with your Girl Scout!

Do you have any other hobbies or skills you would like to share with the troop?

Are you interested in becoming trained as a camp and outdoor skills facilitator? (Outdoor Skills, Archery, Small Craft, Challenge Course, Hatchet/Slingshot, Zipline and High Ropes)

Code of Conduct for Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Members and Guardians

Girl Scout's Pledge to the Troop

As a Girl Scout member, I promise to:

Live by the Girl Scout Promise and Law

Be considerate of the thoughts and feelings of my fellow Girl Scouts.

I will follow the rules that are made to protect others and myself and to help make sure program activities are safe, fun, and successful.

I will treat other people, myself, property, and equipment with respect.

I will not behave in such a manner that monopolizes the time of adults and jeopardizes the Girl Scout experience for the entire group.

I will not bully.

I will listen carefully to all instructions and appropriately respond to all directions given by adults.

I will follow the guidelines that my troop creates.

If I do not abide by the Girl Scout Promise and Law, my Troop Leader may:

Ask me to adjust my behavior to be aligned with this Pledge.

Remove me from the activity to review the Girl Scout Law, Promise, and Troop Pledge and discuss steps to correct my behavior.

Request parent/guardian assistance in resolving the issue.

Request parent/guardian attendance at future meetings and trips.

Seek assistance from Council regarding the matter and in possibly locating an alternate activity.

Parent/Guardian's Pledge to Support the Troop

As the parent/guardian member of the Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay I will:

Live by the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

Respect the places and people with whom your Girl Scout meets.

Be on time, including for drop-offs and pick-ups and for paperwork and money deadlines.

Keep current with troop communication and if a response is needed, respond in a timely manner.

Act in a responsible manner to maintain the health and safety of all troop members.

Be considerate of the thoughts and feelings of others.

Assist the troop co-leaders with troop operations.

Follow-through with your Girl Scout on any breaches of the Code of Conduct, understanding that repeated and/or serious misconduct will be taken seriously and may result in consequences including, but not limited to: Requiring that a parent/guardian become a registered and approved Troop Support Volunteer and attend all Girl Scout activities, and removal from the troop.

I have reviewed the Code of Conduct for Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay for Members and parent/guardians with my Girl Scout. I will ensure that my Girl Scout abides by them. I fully understand that as a parent/guardian I have the ultimate responsibility for my Girl Scout's behavior.

Girl Scout's Name: _____ Girl Scout's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____