

Sample Parent Meeting Agenda

Introductions

- Leader and assistant leader names and contact info
- Parent introductions
- Basic communication expectations & preferences (call, email, text, etc.)

Meeting Basics

- Time / place / frequency of meetings
- Troop and Service Unit number
- Attendance guidelines (call if you aren't coming, etc.)
- Forms: Parent Questionnaire (optional); Health History (needed before any activities involving risk are planned)
- Girl Scout Membership is \$15, that covers national dues, is required for each girl. The leader can register all girls or the parents can do it from home.

Troop Program

- The Girl Scout Mission
- The GS Keys to Leadership: Discover, Connect & Take Action
- Leadership Journeys
- The Girls' Guide to Girl Scouting

Troop Support

- Running a great troop requires the support of all parents & caregivers.
- Use the Parent Involvement Form (optional) to get information about how families are willing to help.
- All adults who will work with girls need to complete a volunteer application and criminal background check. Drivers for field trips need good driving records and must have car insurance. (Share the handout: Becoming a Troop Volunteer.)

Plans for the Year

- Share any plans that are made or talk about how plans will be made.
- Tell parents that a signed permission slip is required each time the troop travels/meets outside of the regular troop meeting.
- Magazines, nuts and chocolates program is in the fall & Cookie program is in the winter/spring.
 - Girls learn valuable business and financial literacy skills through these programs. They also earn money to put toward troop activities and support regional service to girls and volunteers.

Troop Finances

- Identify what girls and parents will pay for each year: usually includes books, uniforms, troop dues, and \$15 national GS membership dues.
- Identify what the troop will pay for each year: usually program supplies, troop equipment, service projects, field trips and events, and transportation.
- Financial assistance is available for membership dues and books/uniform components, from the Council, if needed.

Thank You

- It takes a village to support a successful GS troop.
- Girls will gain courage, confidence and character because of caring adults – like us!