

Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois
Money-Earning Application



Helping girls earn and manage money is an integral part of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Your Girl Scout group is responsible for planning and financing its own activities, with your guidance. This puts girls in charge, giving them the opportunity (with your oversight) to cooperatively set goals, manage a budget, spend responsibly, maintain records, earn social skills, and develop good marketing, entrepreneurial, math, and financial skills.

Chapter 5 of the **GSSI Volunteer Essentials** resource offers suggestions and guidelines for the girls to have a successful money-earning event. Some of them include: spaghetti dinners, concession stands, babysitting during holidays, and talent or fashion shows to name a few! Please refer to the **GSSI Volunteer Essentials** for more money-earning ideas.

Also featured in Chapter 5 of the **GSSI Volunteer Essentials** is the money earning basic guidelines. These guidelines should always be reviewed before planning a money-earning event. Here are some of the important items to remember:

- Participation in the Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program is a prerequisite for approval of money-earning projects, financial assistance and/or camperships unless the troop was formed after the completion of cookie sale program.
- Girl Scouts forbids use of games of chance, the direct solicitation of cash, and product-demonstrations parties.
- No money-earning events can take place during the United Way campaign, during the months of September and October.
- Troops and Service Units may not solicit business, community groups or individuals for financial support. Gifts-in-kind may be solicited from local businesses.
- The troop must have the previous year's troop financial report on file.

Please answer the following questions:

_____	_____	_____	
Troop Number	Grade Level	Number of Girls in Troop	
_____		_____	
Troop Leader's Name		Telephone Number	

Street Address			

_____	_____	_____	_____
City	State	Zip Code	e-mail address

Did the troop participate in the Cookie Sale Program: Yes No

Helping Girls Reach Their Financial Goals:

One of your opportunities as a volunteer is to facilitate girl-led financial planning, which may include the following steps for the girls:

- 1) Set goals for money earning activities
- 2) Create a budget
- 3) Determine how much the group needs to earn
- 4) Make a plan
- 5) Write it out

Dates activity will run: _____ Location of money-earning activity: _____

Anticipated profit: _____ Current Troop Checking Account balance: _____

What is the Troop planning to use the money for? _____

Estimated total cost of the activity/trip you are planning for? _____

Estimated date that the activity/trip will take place? _____

Money-earning activity planned: _____

Submit this application at least 30 days in advance to your Service Unit Director. Do not proceed with the money earning project until you receive written approval from you Membership Development Manager. See the Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois policies, standards, and procedures for further money earning guidelines.

I have reviewed and agree to adhere to the related Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois policies, standards, and procedures regarding money-earning. I understand that parents/guardians must give written permission for their child to participate.

Leader's signature: _____ Date: _____

Approved: _____ Not approved: _____

Comments: _____

SUD Signature: _____ Date: _____

MDM Signature: _____ Date: _____