

GSUSA Troop Leader Expectations

Course Topic & Resource Outline

Completion Time: <10 minutes

- What else do I do?
 - Basic expectations of troop leaders
 - Incorporate key girl scout activities, traditions, holidays
- Scenario: Responsibilities:
 - Be a role model
 - Guide girls in developing leadership skills
 - Coordinate and organize meetings
 - Engage families in working with girls
 - Be the Key contact for families in your troop
 - Manage troop finances
- Activity: Troop Leader Roles
 - Law and Leadership
 - Promise and Law
 - 3 Keys of GSLE: Discover, Connect, Take Action
 - Share and Organize
 - Share knowledge, experience, skills with flexible, positive approach
 - Organize fun, girl-led, interactive activities
 - Provide Guidance
 - Provide meeting information/guidance through a variety of methods.
 - Complete and Process
 - Paperwork such as permission slips and forms
 - Communicate
 - Clear, organized, vibrant presentations or information
 - Oversee and Maintain
 - Oversee funds with honesty, integrity, and careful record-keeping
 - Maintain close connection to volunteer support team & council
 - Connect
 - Partner with girls to create girl-led activities
 - Allow to learn by doing and cooperative learning
 - Partner with other volunteers and council staff for support/guidance
 - Facilitate Safety
 - Facilitate a safe experience for every girl.

- Safety Wise

- Emotional and Physical safety are top priorities

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- Consult Volunteer Essentials for safety guidelines and an overview of safety roles
- Activity; Safety Wise
 - Safety Activity Checkpoints (SAC)- detailed procedures for specific activities
 - Promote Online Safety
 - Report abuse and travel safely
 - Ensure safe overnight outings
 - Role model the right behavior
 - Create an emotionally safe space
 - Ensure no girl is treated differently
 - Keep girls safe during money-earning activities
- Key Elements to a Well-Rounded Year
 - Each troop may look different, and that's okay
 - There are a few things that can be done to ensure a well-rounded experience
- Activity: Key Elements
 - Meet at least once per month during the school year
 - Hold a family meeting to set the year off right
 - Complete one leadership Journey
 - Choose badges & activities from a variety of areas: STEM, Life Skills, Outdoor, Entrepreneurship
 - Participate in the Girl Scout Cookie Program
 - Attend or hold a year-end celebration event
 - Participate in a summer activity
- Holidays and Traditions
 - Variety of GS holidays and traditions
 - Not all troops participate, but is something to be aware of
 - Can celebrate during their own troop meeting
 - Membership Year Oct 1st-Sep 30th
 - Founder's Day/JGL's Birthday- Oct 31st
 - World Thinking Day- Feb 22nd
 - Girl Scout's Birthday- March 12th
 - Volunteer Appreciation Month- April
 - Girl Scout Leader Day- April 22nd
- Scenario: Debrief
 - Guiding them to create a great year with a variety of activities/events
 - Review SAC for activities and trips

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