



# Girl Scout Troop/Group Sponsorship Agreement

\_\_\_\_\_ has agreed to sponsor  
 (name of sponsor)

\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Service Unit for \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Girl Scout troop/group number) (service unit name) (year)

\_\_\_\_\_ will work with \_\_\_\_\_  
 (name of sponsor's representative) (name of troop/group leader)

Girl Scouts Heart of the South to fulfill the responsibilities of this agreement.

**The sponsor will: (check all applicable statements)**

- Publicize the activities of the Girl Scout troop/group to its employees and members.
- Offer meeting rooms and provide goods and services.
- Adhere to the national and local Girl Scout policies and be guided by standards of Girl Scouts of the USA.  
(See back for details)
- Ask members or employees to share hobbies, skills or special interests with the Girl Scout troop/group.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of sponsoring organization

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of sponsor representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone

**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.*

**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,  
 use resources wisely;  
 make the world a better place, and  
 be a sister to every Girl Scout.*

**The Girl Scout troop/group will:**

- Provide and safeguard the Girl Scout program within the terms of the council charter.
- Interpret for the sponsor national and local Girl Scout policies and standards, especially those directly affecting Girl Scout troops/groups.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signatures (for the sponsoring organization) (date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature (for the Girl Scout troop/group) (date)



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## Girl Scout Policies

*Admission to Troops.* A girl who meets or can meet membership requirements should not be denied admission or access to Girl Scout program because of race, color, ethnicity, creed, national origin, socio-economic status, or disability.

*Troops Sponsored by Religious Groups.* When a Girl Scout troop is sponsored by one religious group, members of different faiths or religious affiliations within the troop shall not be required to take part in religious observance of the sponsoring group.

*Political and Legislative Activity.* Girl Scouts of the United States of America and any Girl Scout council or other organization holding a Girl Scouts of the United States of America credential may not, nor may they authorize anyone on their behalf to, participate or intervene directly or indirectly in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office; or participate in any legislative activity or function which contravenes the laws governing tax-exempt organizations.

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# Sponsorship Information for Girl Scout Leaders

Do you want the happiest and best troop ever? Then you will want to consider troop sponsorship as one way to make it happen.

Girl Scout troop sponsorship is a voluntary association between a Girl Scout troop/group and community organizations working together to bring Girl Scouting to girls. The willingness of community groups such as businesses, churches, synagogues and ethnic and service organizations to assume certain responsibilities for troops is a prerequisite for this partnership. A written agreement, drawn up annually between a troop and a troop sponsor outlines these responsibilities.

Here is a partial list of things that a sponsor might consider doing for a troop:

1. Provide a meeting place; donate utilities
2. Provide financial aid
3. Provide volunteers for programs and events
4. Help with recruitment of girls and adults
5. Sponsor girls for membership
6. Provide program consultants for special programming
7. Provide support and opportunities for service projects

Things a troop might do for a sponsor:

1. Perform flag ceremonies
2. Help with special mailings (stuffing envelopes)
3. Help with clothing drives
4. Help with ecology projects
5. Keep sponsor's meeting place attractive
6. Invite sponsors to Girl Scout events

These suggestions are meant as guidelines only. The agreement should reflect the wishes of the sponsor and troop.

The Sponsorship Agreement should be signed annually and a copy maintained with the Leader and the appropriate Membership Manager.

Maintaining good relations between the troop and the sponsor depend upon keeping the sponsor informed of troop activities. There should be a communication link between the sponsor and the troop. The sponsor may be asked to have an official representative to serve as liaison with the Troop Leader/Advisor.

Remember, a positive relationship between Girl Scouts and the sponsor is a benefit to your troop and the council. The sponsor derives satisfaction from making its expertise and facilities available to Girl Scouts in the community. Girl Scouts benefit from additional meeting places, financial support and opportunities.

The girls themselves should, from time to time, communicate directly with the sponsor about their current activities, future plans, and need for help. The girls should find appropriate ways to thank the sponsor for assistance and to reciprocate by providing services within their capabilities.

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