

Parent Meeting Agenda



1. Introductions

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

2. Meeting Basics

- Time of meeting
- Place of meeting
- Troop and SU number
- Attendance guidelines (*call if you aren't coming, etc.*)
- Forms: Parent Questionnaire (*optional*); Health History (*needed before any activities involving risk are planned*)
- GS membership and \$15 national dues is required for each girl - the leader can register all girls or parents can.

3. Troop Program (*use Why Girl Scouts in your troop packet for reference or download at gsksmo.org/troopleader*)

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

4. 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*)

5. Plans for the Year

- Share any plans that are made or talk about how plans will be made.
- Signed permission slips are required each time the troop travels or meets outside of the regular troop meeting.
- Magazine, nuts and chocolates program is in the fall and the 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.

6. Troop Finances

- Identify what girls and parents will pay for each year. (*Usually includes books, uniforms, troop dues, national 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 if needed.

7. 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!