

Frequently Asked Questions (and their answers!)

I work and have other children. How will I have time to be a leader?

Many of our current leaders work, have other children and volunteer for other organizations. As a volunteer leader, you determine a schedule that works best for your schedule.

Do I have to have a daughter in Girl Scouts to be a leader? NO! Any adult (age 18 or older who is a high school graduate) willing to accept the

responsibilities of being a leader (including the completion of a criminal background check and required training) can be a Girl Scout volunteer.

Will I have to do it alone? NO! Ask a friend, relative, or neighbor to work with you! There must be more than one adult present at any Girl Scout gathering, so you will be paired with another adult. In your training, you will learn to delegate tasks, like driving or helping with the Girl Scout Cookie Program.

Who decides when and where we'll meet? As a Girl Scout leader, you select:

1. Time of the meetings (i.e., after school, early evening, weekend morning)
2. Day of the meetings (i.e., Monday through Sunday)
3. Meeting location (i.e., school, home, church, bank, library, etc.)
4. How often the troop meets (i.e., weekly, bi-weekly, monthly)

How much time is required? Planning takes a minimum of one or two hours, depending on how often you meet and if you like to plan weekly. Otherwise, after obtaining ideas from the girls, the leadership team could plan out the entire year in as little as four hours. The time spent planning depends on the individual. Troop/group meeting time requirements depends on the frequency of meetings and the duration. Volunteering for the Girl Scouts is flexible and allows for options.

Who will help me learn how to be a leader? There are experienced people at every level, waiting to help you be successful. You can count on your:

What is the Role of a Girl Scout Leader?

A leader helps girls develop the confidence, determination, and skills to thrive in today's world.

Becoming a Leader in 3 Easy Steps

1. Complete an application form and a Criminal Background Check Release form. You'll need two references on your application form. Please return the forms to your recruiter or membership staff member in the enclosed envelope.
2. Complete the Volunteer Essentials Quick Start Guide and return the signed signature page.

Getting a Troop/Group Up and Running

With the help of your recruiter and membership staff member:

1. The adult leadership team will meet and discuss preliminary plans for the troop/group.
2. Contact your school, church or community center to obtain the use of a room for your troop meetings.
3. Hold a parent meeting and have the girls register (you must also register) to be a member of Girl Scouts of the USA. Your recruiter or membership staff member can also help with this.
4. Meet with your girls as often as your schedule allows. Some troops meet as often as every week or as little as once each month.

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200 New Bond
Sugar Grove, IL 60554
630-897-1565

Rockford Service Center
2101 Auburn Street
Rockford, IL 61103
815-962-5591

Freeport Service Center
5040 Business Route. 20 West
Freeport, IL 61032
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Elgin Service Center
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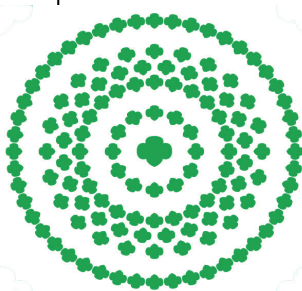
Girl Scout Promise

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.

**An individual member may use the word or words for "God" that best reflect her own spiritual beliefs.*

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,
respect authority,
use resources wisely,



If being a Girl Scout leader isn't a good fit for you, think about these other ways of impacting girls:

- Train the volunteers who lead girls
- Assist a local troop leader
- Volunteer at one of our camps
- Support the fall product and Girl Scout cookie sale programs
- Donate money or goods and services to enhance

Give 60 minutes or 15 years . . .

Our girls will benefit from your energy and interest in their success.

Be a Girl Scout Leader!

Change a life!



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*Your guide to understanding
the Girl Scout leader role*