



GSNI HONOR TROOP: 2009 – 2010  
*Application*



TROOP NO. \_\_\_\_\_ LEVEL \_\_\_\_\_

*The Honor Troop plan was designed by the Program Committee to help troops/groups plan a balanced year-long program. The requirements should help the troop/group in planning its activities and be part of its overall troop program.*

**HONOR TROOP REQUIREMENTS:**

- The troop/group leadership team should complete and accurately record the dates (*month, day, and year*) and activities that fulfill the requirements during the period of July 1, 2009–June 30, 2010. Complete information is needed and requirements must be finished *before* the troop/group submits the application. Unless otherwise noted, more than one activity may be done on the same date. **Put a check mark beside each completed activity.**
- Paperwork must be submitted between June 14 and August 13, 2010. You may pick up your patches and/or strips when you submit your completed application at any Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois shop location. Patches and/or strips may also be ordered by mail (with shipping fee).
- **Please note:** All girls and adults earning Honor Troop for the first time may purchase the Honor Troop patch and the year bar. After the first year, girls and adults only buy the year bar.
- This is a troop/group project. Each member of the troop/group, including registered adults, is eligible to wear the patch/strips, regardless of whether or not she has participated in all of the requirements. This a council program and patch/strips should be worn on the *back* of the badge sash, vest, or other patch jacket.
- **Girl Scout Daisy troops must fulfill a minimum of 15 of the requirements listed.**
- **Girl Scout Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior and Ambassador troop/groups must fulfill a minimum of 20 of the requirements listed.**
- **The 8 starred (\*) requirements are mandatory for all troops.**

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 \*1. As a troop/group, be able to repeat the Girl Scout Promise and demonstrate understanding of it and the G.S. Law.

\*2. All members of the troop/group leadership team must have completed the Leadership Essentials training. **All troop/groups are required to have two trained adult leaders.**

Name of adults:

Date of training (month/year):

\*3. A minimum of two adults have been present at all troop/group meetings and outings.

\*4. Girls actively participate in troop/group government.

- \*5. The girls in the troop/group have planned and executed a significant portion of activities appropriate to their age level (i.e., special trip, sports day, dinners).

Describe girls' portion of planning:

- \*6. The troop/group participated in at least one community service project. Note: It is recommended that service projects be those where the girls are physically doing or making something for someone in the community. This may be the council-wide service project designed by the C3 Committee. (Reminder: Girl Scouts may not raise money for other groups—this includes ringing bells for the Salvation Army.)

Project (describe):

Type of group served:

- \*7. Troop/Group financial statement was turned in to service unit manager *on or before June 15, 2010*.

Date turned in:

- \*8. Leaders discussed safety/emergency rules with their troops for all meetings, field trips and overnights.

9. The troop/group completed a Journey booklet.

10. The troop/group participated in at least two service unit or inter-troop events. (At least 50% of troop/group must attend the event to qualify.)

Name/description of event #1:

Name/description of event #2:

11. A leader or adult troop/group representative has attended at least 75% of the service unit meetings.

12. Troop/group participated in at least one council patch or badge program. (Be sure to check the new GSNI council Web site to see all the opportunities available.)

Patch or badge program:

13. Troop/group discussed and participated in at least two activities that allowed troop/group members to *Discover* something about themselves or about those around them.

Activity #1:

Activity #2:

14. Troop/group discussed and completed at least two activities that helped them to **Connect** with others.

Activity #1:

Activity #2:

15. Troop/group discussed how their service project and at least one other activity helped them to **Take Action** in their community.

Activity #1:

Activity #2:

16. At least two outdoor activities (i.e., sports, hikes, cookouts, nature activities, sledding, stargazing, night hikes, hayrides) **on different dates** were included in the troop/group program.

Outdoor activity #1:

Outdoor activity #2:

17. Girl Scout Daisy troops—40% of the troop/group participated in day/twilight camp or visited day camp.

Girl Scout Brownie troops—60% of the troop/group participated in day camp or at least one camping experience.

Girl Scout Junior, Cadette, Senior, Ambassador troops/groups—60% of the troop/group participated in at least one camping experience such as troop camping, day camp or resident camp.

Camping event attended:

Camping event location:

18. Parent involvement: Parents participated in at least three separate troop/group activities during the year (i.e., chaperoning, Troop Committee, events, sharing a skill, etc.).

Activities:

# of parents involved:

19. The troop/group retained 80% of its members during the troop/group year (not including those who moved or graduated from high school).

20. Troop/group invited a girl or girls who were **non-Girl Scouts** to a GS event.

Describe event:

21. Membership in the troop/group was increased during the current membership year by at least one new member to Girl Scouts of the USA or two girls who were previously registered as Girl Scouts but are new to the troop/group this year.

Name(s) of new member(s):

22. Girl Scout Daisy troop/group is made up of more than 8 girls. Girl Scout Brownie and Junior troop/group is made up of 12 or more girls. Girl Scout Cadette, Senior and Ambassador troop/group is made up 8 or more girls.

Level:

# of girls:

23. Troop/Group participated in at least one activity dealing with international understanding, such as Thinking Day activity (February 22).

Activity:

24. Troop/Group participated in at least one activity for one of the following Girl Scout days: Juliette Low's birthday (October 31), Girl Scout birthday (March 12), Girl Scout Sabbath/Sunday (in March).

Activity:

25. Troop/Group took part in an activity (other than a service project) which promoted Girl Scouts in your community. (i.e., posters for display, decorated a shop window for a Girl Scout holiday, made a banner for library or other public place, wrote an article for a newspaper, made a public service announcement for radio or television, participated in a parade, etc.)

Activity:

26. Girl Scout Daisy troops/groups—The troop/group has earned the Promise Center and at least 5 of the learning petals this year.

Girl Scout Brownie troops/groups—The troop/group has earned at least two Try-Its this year.

Girl Scout Junior troops/groups—60% of the members earned at least two badges this year.

Try-It/Badge #1:

Try-It/Badge #2:

Girl Scout Cadette, Senior and Ambassador troops/groups—40% of the members completed at least one interest project award/focus charm.

Interest project/focus charm:

27. At least 50% of the members of the troop/group participated in at least one (not necessarily the same) council-sponsored activity or workshop from the program or community resource materials.

Council-sponsored or community activities:

28. Girl Scout Daisy, Brownie troops/groups: Troop/group had an older Girl Scout who is a trained program aide share a skill with them. (Please note: Program aides are Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors who are trained to help troops learn special skills.)

Name:

Skill:

29. Girl Scout Junior, Cadette, Senior and Ambassador troops/groups: Troop/Group had at least one trained program aide teach a skill to a younger troop/group (can include day/twilight camp).

Name:

Skill:

30. Leaders used council resources (i.e., council library, council equipment, council Web site or council facilities).

Resource used:

31. Troop/Group made plans prior to the fall product sale for how much money they planned to earn and what it would be used for.

Money goal:

Plans for Money:

32. Troop/Group made plans prior to the Girl Scout cookie sale for how much money they planned to earn and what it would be used for.

Money goal:

Plans for Money:

**PATCHES AVAILABLE JUNE 14, 2010**

Troop # \_\_\_\_\_ Program Level \_\_\_\_\_ Service Unit \_\_\_\_\_

The troop worked on these requirements from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.  
month/year month/year

***Bring your application to any Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois shop location to buy patches OR to have patches mailed to you, fill out form below and mail with payment to your local Girl Scout shop.***

# Honor Troop patches x \$1.50 (first year participants) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# 2010 year bars x \$1.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping Charge \$ 1.50

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

***We verify that our troop/group has completed the requirements to earn the Honor Troop patch.***

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Leader signature (required)

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Leader signature (required)

**Elgin Council Shop**  
12N124 Coombs Rd.  
Elgin, IL 60124  
847-741-5521

**Freeport Council Shop**  
5040 Business Rt. 20 W  
Freeport, IL 61032  
815-235-8777

**Girl Scout Express**  
200 Applebee St.  
Barrington, IL 60010  
847-741-5521, Ext. 7152

**Rockford Council Shop**  
2101 Auburn St.  
Rockford, IL 61103  
815-962-5591

**Sugar Grove Council Shop**  
200 New Bond St.  
Sugar Grove, IL 60554  
630-897-1565