

Volunteer Position Description: Service Unit Troop Mentor

Summary: In partnership with GSNEO support staff, the Service Unit Troop Mentor provides guidance and support to volunteers and caregivers when new troops are formed. Troop Mentors facilitate a local orientation with volunteers in new leadership roles, provide support at parent/family meetings and encourage adult participation in various troop volunteer roles. Troop Mentors provide continuous support to new troops through their first year in Girl Scouts.

Position supported by: The Troop Mentor is supported by the SU Director (SUD), their Community Support Coordinator, the Volunteer Support & Service Team and the Manager of Volunteer Support for subject matter expertise.

Responsibilities:

- Ensure all girls, families, and volunteers receive a welcoming atmosphere within the Girl Scout community
- Facilitate the GSNEO Welcome to the Service Unit Orientation with new Troop Leaders and Troop Admins
- Mentor and coach new volunteers in a Troop Leader and Troop Admin role throughout their first year
- Facilitate networking between new and experienced volunteers and identify training needs
- Host parent/family meetings to encourage and organize adult participation in various volunteer roles
- Attend conferences, meetings, and other scheduled events as appropriate, including but not limited to GSNEO Annual Volunteer Conference, Mid-Year Meeting, monthly SU Team Meetings, etc.
- Educate members about using Volunteer Systems, including the Volunteer Toolkit (VTK), MyGS, gsLearn and the online camp and events registration process

Marketable skills and abilities:

- Motivating groups
- Supervising volunteers
- Public Relations
- Social Media
- Training & Development
- Team Building
- Public Speaking
- Meeting Leadership

Position Commitments:

- **Membership & Administration**
 - Have a current GSUSA membership and complete the volunteer screening process to help ensure the safety of the girls and volunteers served through Girl Scouts. This is an administrative role and must be approved to handle funds.
 - Agree to opt-in to receive emails and text messages from GSNEO and GSUSA
 - Comply with GSUSA Policies, Standards and Guidelines, Volunteer Essentials, Safety Activity Checkpoints, GSNEO Bylaws and GSNEO Volunteer Policies.
- **Tenure/Time:** 12 months, option to renew upon mutual agreement between yourself & council staff. This role has a high time commitment (5-10 hours a month) throughout the entire membership year.
- **Required Training:** Service Unit Troop Mentor Orientation and Service Team Learning Paths in gsLearn.
- **Highly Recommended:** GSNEO leadership development courses (in-person and online).
- By accepting any volunteer position with Girl Scouts of North East Ohio, I accept and agree to abide by the Girl Scout Promise and the Girl Scout Law. I will respect and maintain the confidentiality of all privileged information related to Girl Scouts, its' girl and adult members, volunteers, and staff to which I am exposed while serving as a volunteer.

The Girl Scout Mission, Promise and Law are shared by every member of Girl Scouting and define the way Girl Scouts agree to act every day toward one another, other people, and the world.

Girl Scout Mission: Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place

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,
responsible for what I say and do,
and to, respect myself and others,
respect authority, use resources wisely,
make the world a better place,
and be a sister to every Girl Scout.