



Parent/Caregiver Support Agreement

We're the Girl Scouts! We're 2.6 million strong – 1.8 million girls and 800,000 adults who believe in the power of every G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)TM to change the world. Through Girl Scouting, girls learn to face challenges head-on, embrace failure as a learning opportunity, create lasting relationships, and find dynamic solutions to social issues—all while building the skills and courage they need to take the lead every day and empower themselves for life.

Girl Scouts of North East Ohio connects girls to a world of possibilities in a positive and inclusive, girl-led environment. Girls are inspired to discover their passions and empowered to reach their full potential through a proven leadership development program. More than 25,000 girls are served every year throughout 18 counties. You are a special part of our Girl Scout family, and we welcome you to the largest organization for girls!

The Girl Scout Promise and Law are the backbone of all things Girl Scouts. Every member, girl and adult, pledges to abide by them. As caregivers and role models of Girl Scouts, we ask that you also abide by the Girl Scout Promise and Law and help advance the Girl Scout Mission.

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, and
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.

*Members may substitute the word God in accordance with their own spiritual beliefs.

Our children learn by example. Our volunteers endeavor to follow and teach the Girl Scout Promise and Law. It is expected that families/guardians will support those values in all Girl Scout activities.

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As a Caregiver of a Girl Scout, I agree to:

- Demonstrate a genuine interest in my daughter's participation in Girl Scouts, so I will reflect on the Girl Scout Promise and Law to be a positive role model for the girls.
- Recognize that Girl Scouting is girl-led so I will uphold the Girl Scout Promise and Law by demonstrating positive support and respecting the opinions and goals of my daughter and other girls.
- Support the volunteers who are working with my child in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable Girl Scout Leadership Experience for all. I will make every effort to attend any required parent meetings and adhere to parent deadlines.
- Ensure that my daughter's behavior supports the Girls' Code of Conduct.
- Submit requested permission slips, dues, and/or materials on time, ensure that my daughter is prepared for Girl Scout activities, and drop her off and pick her up on time.
- Support the Girl Scout efforts to provide an environment of acceptance for all girls and their families by asking my child to treat others with respect, regardless of race, color, creed, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, citizenship, ancestry, physical or mental disability, marital status, veteran status, socio-economic/public assistance status, national origin or any other protected status.
- Communicate any concerns that I may have directly to the volunteer responsible for the activity that my daughter is participating in private (**not in the presence of the girls, other parents, or on social media**) and will follow the GSNEO Conflict Management process if we are unable to resolve a particular conflict situation.
- Not initiate or participate in gossip or negative statements about Girl Scouting and will refrain from behavior that may undermine the leadership of a Girl Scout activity or the troop/group. Should I have a complaint or problem, I will share a suggested solution.
- Play an active role in my daughter's Girl Scout Leadership Experience. I will follow safety guidelines for all activities and guarantee a high-quality environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol. I will refrain from their use at all Girl Scout events.
- Support my daughter's participation in product sales and follow the GSNEO requirements for the distribution of rewards and recognitions.
- Acknowledge that there are a variety of ways for girls and adults to participate in Girl Scouting. If I, or Council staff, feel that a different participation option would be best for my daughter, staff will assist in engaging her in those activities.
- Understand that to participate as a volunteer (Troop Helping Hands, Troop Field Trip Driver, Troop Field Trip Chaperone, Troop Treasurer, etc.) I must become a member of Girl Scouts of the USA and pass a criminal background check.

I understand that my behavior directly impacts my daughter's ability to participate in a troop/group or other Girl Scout activities. I will honor this agreement so that my daughter can have a high-quality Girl Scout Leadership Experience. I will follow the guidelines in this agreement and support my girl by helping her to honor the Girl Code of Conduct Agreement.

Parent/Caregiver Signature

Date