



## SENSITIVE ISSUES CONSENT FORM

At Girl Scouts, we believe in working in partnership with girls and their families. Part of that is making sure that families feel informed about what their girl is participating in and empowered to choose whether their girl participates. Sometimes girls are interested in learning about subjects that might be more sensitive or controversial in nature. When possible, it's a good idea to communicate with parents/caregivers so that they know that these conversations are going to happen. This document is intended to be a guide to help you navigate these sometimes sensitive situations. Girl Scouts of the USA is a nonpartisan, nonpolitical organization- our role is to equip girls with the self-confidence and decision-making skills that will help them make informed and responsible choices in all areas of their lives.

Your Girl Scout is invited to participate in a program/discussion that may include following sensitive topics:

\_\_\_\_\_

Program Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Here is a brief description of the program/discussion:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

As volunteers, our role is to help girls acquire skills and knowledge in a supportive atmosphere, not to advocate a particular position. With this in mind, we will use information from the following resources:

\_\_\_\_\_

During the activity and discussion if the adult in charge believes that immediate intervention is needed for the safety and well-being of a Girl Scout, they will notify the parent/caregiver.

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN BY: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read the description of the program/discussion planned, discussed it with my Girl Scout, \_\_\_\_\_, and am confident of her maturity and emotional ability to participate. I understand that my Girl Scout will be exposed to issues and discussions that could be considered sensitive or controversial and give my consent.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not permit my Girl Scout to participate in the program/discussion about the topics selected above.

Additional questions/comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/ Caregiver Name (print)      Parent/Caregiver Signature      Date

\_\_\_\_\_ My parent/caregiver has explained the program/discussion plan to me, and I feel comfortable with participating. If I feel uncomfortable during the program/discussion, I will tell an adult in charge.

\_\_\_\_\_ My parent/caregiver has explained the program/discussion plan to me, and I do not feel comfortable with participating.

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Girl Scout Name (print)      Girl Scout Signature      Date