

Volunteer Essentials List of Changes 2018-2019

Quick Reference Guide

- Separate sections for Connect Online with GSUSA and GSWCF
- Section: Who Can Join Girl Scouts – and How?
 - Updated to lifetime membership and Young Alum price
- Section: Adding New Girls to Your Troop
 - Link added for troop information update
- Section: Policy & Council Structure
 - Added GSWCF Council Structure Diagram
- Section: Using Safety Activity Checkpoints
 - Update on where to access Safety Activity Checkpoints
 - Changes to not permitted activities
- Section: Special Note on Indoor Trampoline Parks and Bounce Houses
 - Updated contact information
- Section: Understanding How Many Volunteers You Need
 - Group sizes updated
 - Mixed-grade level troop ratio information added

Chapter 1: Sharing Your Unique Gifts

- Section: Who needs to be background screened?
 - Information added to adults completing background checks
- Section: Taking Advantage of Learning Opportunities --- Adult Learning
 - Outdoor, Topic-Related, and Role Specific Trainings added
 - Information added on GSWCF enrichment trainings
- Section: Knowing How Much You're Appreciated
 - contact information updated for Adult Awards

Chapter 2: Girl Scouting as a National Experience

- Added section "Girl Scout Participation with Other Scouting Organizations"
- Section: National Leadership Journeys
 - Updated information on Outdoor Journeys
- Section: Spanish-Language Resources
 - Updated council contact information

Chapter 3: Engaging Girls at All Grade Levels

- Section: Girl Scouts Troop Size

- Updated sizes for all levels
- Section: Managing Conflict
 - Addition including information about transferring service units
- Section: Creating a Safe Space for Girls:
 - Be a Friend First (BFF) link removed

Chapter 4: Being Safety-Wise

- Section: Responsibilities of the Volunteer, Subheading: Caution
 - Updated list of not permitted activities
- Section: Knowing How Many Volunteers You Need
 - Added note for Multilevel Troops
- Section: Safety in Technology Based Product Programs
 - Information added for girls posting for product programs
- Section: Girl Scout Activity Insurance
 - Information updated for insurance for extended trips
- Section: Purchasing Event/Accident (“tag”) Insurance
 - Updated contact information to purchase insurance
- Section: Certificates of Liability Insurance
 - Copies of certificates of insurance contact updated
- Section: First-Aider
 - Updates to accepted training companies for first-aid
 - Medical license in place of CPR/First Aid certification

Chapter 5: Managing Group Finances

- Section: Establishing an Account
 - Rule added for adults handling Girl Scout money
- Section: Preparing for your Girl Scout Cookie Booths
 - Change to registration rule for adults assisting at a cookie booth
- Section: Using Online Resources and Social media to market Cookies and other Products
 - Rule added for girls marketing on sites or marketplaces
- Section: Money-Earning Basics
 - Updated to using the Girl Scout trademark for other businesses
- Section: Adult Responsibility in Money Handling
 - Updates to accessing Finance Report on VTK
- Section: Sponsorships
 - Updates to sponsorship payment method

Appendix: For Troop Volunteers

- No changes

Appendix: For Travel Volunteers

- Contact information updated for Traveling inquiries
- Added Girl Scout Travel Progression Chart
- Section: Hotel Stays
 - Note added about “shared” renting facilities
- Section: Involving Chaperones
 - Added information on mixed-level troop ratios
- Section: Staying Safe During the Trip
 - Information added for cruises and international trips
- Section: Purchasing Trip Insurance, Subheading: How do we apply?
 - Note added for paying insurance by check

Appendix: Public Relations and Marketing

- Section: What kind of council communication and support can you expect?
 - Updated information
- Section: Flyer Templates & Approval
 - Updated information