

Girl Scout Troop Leader/Co-Leader Position Description

Summary:

Volunteer works directly with girls, helping them to develop their leadership skills on an individual or a group basis. The volunteer will have the enthusiasm and ability to generate girls' interests and curiosities about the ways that they can discover themselves, connect with the others, and take action to make the world a better place through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

Appointment/accountability: is appointed by and accountable to the area manager or a designated staff member working with the specific program or pathway in which the girls are participating.

Term of Appointment: one year appointment generally concurrent with the membership year, October 1 through September 30.

Responsibilities:

- Provides the Girl Scout Leadership Experience to girls in troop while sharing knowledge, experience and skills with a positive and flexible approach.
- Organizes safe, fun, interactive, girl-led activities that address current issues involving girls' interests and needs.
- Works in a partnership with girls, volunteers and parents/guardians.
- Provides regular communication with parents/guardians (email, phone calls, newsletters, blogs, etc.)
- Follows Girl Scouts USA (GSUSA) and Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan (GSHOM) policies and procedures in providing the Girl Scout program to girls.
- Supports the work of the Girl Scout Area (service unit) and council.
- Manages troop funds in accordance with GSUSA and GSHOM policies and procedures.
- Assures that girls participating in the troop are registered members of GSUSA, and assists in promptly processing membership registrations.
- Communicates with volunteer supervisor on a regular basis.

Qualifications/Core Competencies:

- **Girl Focus:** Helps girls set realistic, clearly defined goals/objectives to experience the New Girl Scout Leadership experience and achieve outcomes via Discover, Connect, and Take Action
- **Adaptability:** Adjusts and modifies own behavior, and remains flexible and tolerant in response to changing situations and environments
- **Fostering Diversity:** Understands differences and embraces differences
- **Oral Communication:** Expresses ideas clearly and concisely
- **Personal Integrity:** Demonstrates honesty, credibility, and dependability

Benefits to volunteer

Volunteers in this position will be 1) practicing mentoring skills, 2) enhancing communication skills, 3) working with children in a non-formal educational situation, 4) participating in adult education opportunities, 5) networking with other Girl Scout volunteers and staff.