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Council 101 Pre-work; Quick Start to *Volunteer Essentials*

Council 101 Training and Volunteer Essentials gives you the nitty-gritty—what you need to know now about Girl Scouts and the Wisconsin Southeast Council, as you plan for your first meeting with girls.

This **pre-work** is **to familiarize** you with the concepts and procedures that will be discussed in *Council 101 Training* and give you a basis to connect the learning in your training. The required *Council 101 Training* will teach you about our unique council, the basics of troop administration and all the exciting opportunities Girl Scouting has to offer. This training will allow you **to start a troop right away with confidence**. We know this is your number one goal!

For this pre-work you will need to work with three publications from the Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast (GSWISE) and Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA): *Volunteer Essentials, Blue Book of Basic Documents 2012*, and *Connections*. They are available online at www.gswise.org. Volunteers will receive their own copy of *Volunteer Essentials* and *Connections* with their troop packets. Contact volunteer development at training@gswise.org, your membership manager or any of our four Resource Centers with any questions regarding these documents.

A Bit of Girl Scout History

Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low assembled 18 girls from Savannah, Georgia, on March 12, 1912, for a local Girl Scout meeting. She believed, "Scouting rises within you and inspires you to put forth your best." With the goal of bringing girls out of isolated home environments and into community service and the open air, Girl Scouts hiked, played basketball, went on camping trips, learned how to tell time by the stars, and studied first aid. Within a few years, Daisy's dream for a girl-centered organization was realized.

Today, Girl Scouts of the USA has a membership of over 3 million girls and adults, a significant growth from its modest beginnings over a century ago. From our willingness to tackle important societal issues, to our commitment to diversity and inclusiveness, the Girl Scout Leadership Experience is dedicated to every girl, everywhere.

1.	Volunteer Essentials, pages 2-3. This section is called "We Are Girl Scouts." In your own words, sum up what Girl Scouting is about:

- 2. **Volunteer Essentials**, pages 1 and 7. Find which resource center is closest to you. Do you know how to get there from your home or work? Add the phone number to your contacts right away. Note the hours. Check the website for special hours in summer and all-staff meetings.
- 3. Volunteer Essentials, page 13. Every adult in Girl Scouting is responsible for living by the Girl Scout Law and ensuring the physical and emotional safety of all girls in Girl Scouting.

Place each guideline number in one or more of the following categories:

Emotional Safety	Physical Safety	Inclusive Environment

4. Blue Book of Basic Documents 2012 at www.gswise.org, page 24. Membership as a Girl Scout adult is granted to any person who:

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5.		eer Essentials, pages 50-55. Understanding and supporting the developmental age of your Girl Scouts will allow continuously guide girl-led programming. Find their level and list some highlights of this age level:
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6.	Volunt grade 1	eer Essentials, page 8 and pages 34-42. Get a feel for the Journey curriculum from kindergarten through 2.
	a.	What does GSLE stand for:
	b.	List the titles of each of the three Journeys at your Girl Scout Level:
		It's Your Story–Tell It!
		It's Your World–Change It!
		It's Your Planet–Love It!
7.	one co	ctions: Daisy and Brownie, pages 8-13; Junior, pages 15-21; Cadette/Senior/Ambassador, pages 22-28. ethrough the Connections book and find the section for the level of girls in your troop. Find one council event and ammunity partner event at your Girl Scout level.
	the cou	eer Essentials, pages 78-82. Did you know that the Girl Scout Cookie Program is the largest girl-led business in untry, with sales of more than \$700 million per year nationwide and is our premier financial literacy program for effive important skills of the Girl Scout Cookie Program:
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9.	State t	wo key ideas about Girl Scouting and/or Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast that you can share with girls at their eeting:
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10.	State t	wo key ideas about Girl Scouting and/or Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast that you can share with adults at their eeting:
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11.		y two or more adults that will support your efforts to bring the Girl Scout Leadership Experience to girls. Use their me here.
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Note: Any volunteer handling troop funds or participating in activities with girls needs to be a registered Girl Scout member and has completed the application and background check process.