Tips and FAQ's

Discover – Connect – Take Action ⇒ Gain Leadership Skills!

- Girl Scout troops have the opportunity to participate in a variety of fun, engaging and educational events that empower them to discover, connect, and take action as they gain leadership skills.
- Girls can attend an event individually if their troop is not attending.
- All Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast sponsored events are fun, interactive, held to the highest safety standards, and developed to meet the needs of all girls.
- Events are facilitated by staff, volunteers, and/or girls.

Be sure to include girls in the event selection process.

Including girls in selecting events provides a great opportunity to experience a girl-led process. Girls learn about decision making, finances, accountability, ownership, and the group processes. The troop, girls, and adults, are responsible for sharing their decisions about events with parents ensuring they are informed and can support the troop's decisions.

Bridging Girl Scout Troops

Troops who will be bridging in the spring (April/May), are invited to attend spring events for the grade girls will be entering into the following school year.

When does registration open and close?

- Events occurring October-January:
 Wednesday, September 11 at 11:00 p.m.
- Events occurring February-May: Wednesday, November 13 at 11:00 p.m.

All events (unless otherwise noted) close two weeks before the event date if not filled earlier.

If the event is **full**, you will be notified **within three business days** from time of receipt of paper registration.

What is the cancelation and refund procedure?

If a **troop** or **girl cannot attend** an event for which they have paid, notify the council by the registration deadline (two weeks before an event) to transfer the fee to another event (one transfer only).

If the event is canceled by the council, full refunds will be issued.

When will I receive a confirmation?

All registrants will receive a detailed confirmation by email **two** weeks prior to the event. It will contain event details including appropriate dress, items to bring, directions, and a map. The person who registered the troop is responsible for ensuring that everyone has received the confirmation.

How does a girl use Program Activity Credits (PACs)?

PACs earned through the Fall Nut Sale or Girl Scout Cookie Program Activity can reduce the cost for the girl who earned the PAC to attend an event. **Submit PACs by mail** or by **dropping off at a resource center** after registering online or **submit with the Event Registration form** found on pp. 33–34.

What is expected of troop leaders and adults?

- Troop leaders are responsible for obtaining permission slips and for meeting Safety-Wise adult to girl ratios for the event.
- Attending adults are expected to assist the girls when needed and ensure appropriate girl behavior.

Will girls earn a recognition?

All events are connected to the Girl Scout Leadership Experience and many help girls earn a Girl Scout recognition – a badge or Journey award. When you see Earned award, girls will complete all five steps to that badge or Related award, girls will complete some steps to that badge. Visit www.gswise.org to see the specific steps girls will complete.

How many adults can we bring to overnights?

Bed space is limited. We ask that troops only register the required number of adults to meet *Safety-Wise* ratios.

What Program Aide (PA) opportunities are available at events?

Girl Scouts in grades 6-12 are always welcome and encouraged to help and lead activities at events for younger Girl Scouts. Events on pp. 6–28 with this symbol, provide a great opportunity for teen Girl Scouts to build their leadership skills by helping at that event. Email eventvolunteers@gswise.org to notify the council which events you are interested in helping at. For more details on PA opportunities see p. 30 or go to www.gswise.org.

Additional Needs?

We make every effort to meet special needs of all girls, so that everyone can fully participate. Please note any special emotional, learning, physical, mental, or health needs of girls when registering. For specific questions or situations, email events@gswise.org or call 800-565-GIRL (4475).

How to Register

Online

Go to www.gswise.org.

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• Complete the **Event Registration Form** found on pp. 33–34.

Online registrations are processed immediately. Paper registrations take a few days to process. If requesting financial assistance, you must use a paper registration.

