



## Troop Success Training

# Agenda



- What makes a successful troop?
- Troop leader relationships
- Family Involvement
- Practice planning with troop success in mind
- Questions



**Why did you become a troop leader?**

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**What are you hoping girls get out of  
Girl Scouts?**

# What makes a successful troop?

– Data from GSUSA Voices Count Survey



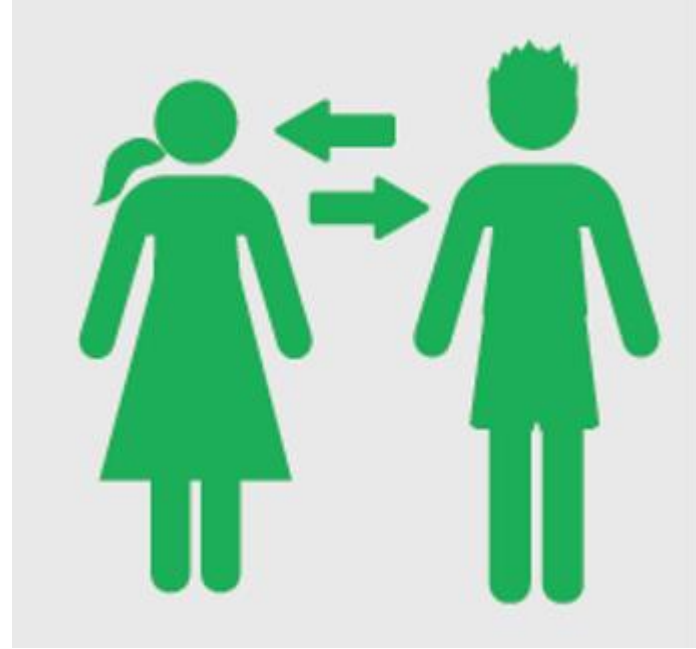
**100% of successful  
troops held parent  
meetings  
throughout the  
year**



# Troop leaders get to know each other

**BUILD A  
RELATIONSHIP**

**COMMUNICATE  
REGULARLY**



Maintain a  
good troop  
size

**TROOP SIZE**  
**8-12**



# Participate in a variety of activities

**EARN BADGES & AWARDS**



**EXPLORE THE OUTDOORS**



**ATTEND COUNCIL EVENTS**



**GO ON FIELD TRIPS**







**KEEP IT GIRL-LED**



# Do Take Action Projects



# Leading a troop is a team effort

Working with co-leaders, volunteers, and families



1. Why did you become a troop leader?
2. What do you hope to get out of leading this troop?
3. What do you hope girls will get out of being in this troop?
4. What is your communication style?
5. What is the best way to contact you? What is a reasonable time frame to expect a response?
6. How do you learn best?
7. How much do you hope to lead vs. support?
8. Do you have areas of expertise or interest that you'd like to lead in? (i.e. Outdoors, Science, Art, etc.)



# Family Involvement

Hold family meetings



# Family Involvement

Communicate clear expectations around communication, finances, time commitment, etc.



# Family Involvement

Ask for help!





# Family Involvement

Communicate the “why”



**There's more than one right way!**



# Create a mock 6-month plan with a partner

Month 1

Meeting 1: Parent Meeting

Meeting 2: Art-related badge

Month 2

Meeting 1: Outdoor Activity

Meeting 2: \_\_\_\_\_



### Month 1

1. Family Meeting + Girls decide on first badge they want to earn
2. Badge of Girls' Choice Meeting 1 (Painting)

### Month 2

1. Badge of Girls' Choice Meeting 2 (Painting)
2. Attend Council Event – Brownie Programming Robots (earn Programming Robots badge)

### Month 3

1. Journey of Girls' Choice Meeting 1 (It's Your Planet – Love it!)
2. Journey Girls' Choice Meeting 2 (It's Your Planet – Love it! + tie into camping planning)

### Month 4

1. Journey Girls' Choice Meeting 3 – (It's Your Planet – Love it! + tie into camping planning)
2. Go camping with troop – Complete It's Your Planet – Love it! Journey while camping

### Month 5

1. Girls lead planning the Take Action Project
2. Do the Take Action Project

### Month 6

1. Outdoor activity field trip to work toward earning Adventure Club patch
2. Set cookie goals and plan for selling

# Does your plan...

- Include a variety of activities (Art, STEM, Outdoor, Friendship, etc.)?
- Include Council Event(s)?
- Include a Take Action Project?
- Include camping or another extended experience?
- Is it Girl-led? (Or could it be?)





# Questions?

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