

BE A PART OF HER GIRL SCOUT ADVENTURE

Seeing you step up and get involved in her Girl Scout experience will give your girl a special sense of pride. Here's how you can play an active role in her troop and enhance the power of Girl Scouting at home—all while having fun, making memories, and strengthening your bond.

- **Create community**

Communication goes both ways! Your troop leaders will keep you up to date on troop projects and activities via social media, email, and in-person chats. Don't be shy about being a part of those conversations, chiming in with ideas, or asking questions or airing concerns if any should arise. Likewise, getting to know the parents and caregivers of the other girls can help strengthen the troop—and you just might make some new friends in the process!

- **Talk the talk**

Choose one or two things your girl learned about while earning her most recent badge or award and ask her to explain them to you. Letting her share her knowledge as an “expert” will both help cement these new ideas in her memory and give her a sense of pride.

- **Walk the walk**

One of the best ways to help your girl gain leadership skills is by modeling them for her yourself as a troop volunteer. Offer to coordinate the carpool schedule, help with snacks, chaperone a trip, or even to lead a particular badge activity during a meeting. Watching you take on a leadership role—and becoming a role model to the other girls in the troop!—will motivate her to take the lead, too.

There are so many ways to play a meaningful role in her Girl Scout experience—the sky's the limit!

Ready to sign up as a volunteer?

<https://girlscouts.secure.force.com/>

Need to update your girl's registration or register her for the first time?

<https://girlscouts.secure.force.com/girl>

Make Her Experience Memorable

Want to play a meaningful role in her Girl Scout experience, but not sure where to start? Consider this the ultimate cheat sheet for all-star Girl Scout parents—no matter how busy you may be! And remember when you help with her troop, you're not only doing her troop leader a favor but also modeling leadership for your girl. She'll be prouder than ever to call you hers.



If You Have 15 Minutes a Week, offer to...

Organize and manage the calendar for troop snacks or carpools. There's no need to provide goodies or buckle up the girls every week yourself! Simply helping other parents sign up and commit to future meeting dates will make meetings go smoothly for everyone.



If You Have 30 Minutes a Week, offer to...

Manage troop communications for the troop leader. This can mean anything from sending texts to parents to confirm meeting dates or to update them with changes to the schedule, maintaining the troop's social presence, or organizing an old-fashioned phone tree in case of an emergency.



If You Have 45 Minutes a Week, offer to...

Take photos or videos at meetings and Girl Scout events. Leaders are often too busy to document every exciting moment, so your help will likely be well-received. Just be sure all girls have signed photo releases and they're on file with your council before snapping and sharing images.



If You Have 1–2 Hours a Week, offer to...

Lead part of a troop meeting or guide girls through earning a specific badge. You can introduce them to a topic that you have special expertise in or explore a new activity and learn alongside the troop!



If You Have 2–3 Hours a Week, offer to...

Take on the role of cookie volunteer for your girl's troop. You'll be playing a key part in the Girl Scout Cookie Program, which raises funds for troop activities and teaches girls financial skills, how to be confident when speaking publicly, and how to make decisions and collaborate as a group.

No matter how you contribute to your girl's troop, seeing you play an active role in her experience will give her a sense of pride—don't be surprised if when her Girl Scout friends start to admire and appreciate you, she sees you in a whole different light! Plus, getting involved gives you something special that you're part of *together*, which in our busy lives, is worth its weight in gold.