

# PARENT MEETING GUIDELINES

Girl Scout Council of Chesapeake Bay , Inc

## Explain Basics such as:

1. Registration, dues, parent consent forms
2. Time and place of meetings
3. When and where to pick girls up
4. Uniform – options available, appropriate use, placement of insignia, where to purchase
5. Handbook & Badgebook – what it is, why each girl needs one, where to purchase
6. Girl Scout Activity Accident Insurance Coverage (provided with registration, no need to purchase or apply separately)
7. Financial Assistance available for GSUSA registration fee (based on financial need)

## Troop Program

1. Age Levels in Girl Scouting: Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Teens, adult volunteers
2. Explanation of specific program level and recognitions
3. Explanation of program emphases
4. Explanation of what you are trying to accomplish and what you hope the girls will get out of Girl Scouting
5. Importance of girl planning and flexibility of program, as well as progression model for skills and trip/travel/camping readiness
6. Religious awards program available

## Troop Budgeting:

1. Explanation of who pays for what
2. Relationship between girl planning and budget (take direction from each other)
3. Product Sales Programs: QSP in fall and Cookies in mid winter are provided as a safe, effective and well managed method of raising funds to support Girl Scout troop program activities. This alleviates troops having to spend time planning and implementing numerous troop sponsored fund raising projects.

No other fund raising project can be done without participation in the two Council-sponsored programs; and then only upon application to Council and approval.

## Troop Committee:

1. It is the responsibility of all parents/guardians to help their daughter's troop in some way. The Troop Committee saves the leader time and energy from time consuming details so more time can be spent directly with the girls. Many volunteers are working adults and/or have other areas of interest that absorb a great deal of their time. If everyone does something for the troop, no one will be overworked, the troop will be more active, and all the girls will benefit.
2. Suggested Troop Committee jobs: telephone calls, transportation, refreshments, program resources, special events, product sales program support, financial support, registration, camping, religious awards, identification of future leadership.