

# Honor Troop

The Honor Troop program provides leaders with a tool to offer a quality troop program, which will aid in retention of Girl Scouts in troops. Discuss with the girls and adults in your troop the requirements to be an Honor Troop. Set troop goals using the Honor Troop program requirements and make a schedule for completing those goals. Keep in mind the following timeline:

- Turn in completed honor troop requirement packet to your Service Unit Manager first and then to GSSA membership staff for endorsement April 1 through June 15.
- Upon notification from council staff that your troop is an Honor Troop, patches/strips may be purchased from the Program Director.
- Your troop is a Girl Scouts of Southern Alabama Honor Troop for one year.

All registered troops of Girl Scouts of Southern Alabama are eligible to participate in the program. Girls may wear the patches/strips on the back of their uniform. Leaders may wear patches/strips on patch jackets, hats, tote bags, etc. Honor Troops may purchase the Honor Troop patch/strip for each girl and adult registered in the troop. The Honor Troop program is an on-going program, beginning each membership year in September.

## Troop Information

Leader Name \_\_\_\_\_ Troop # \_\_\_\_\_ Service Unit \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: Street \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: Home # \_\_\_\_\_ Work # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level  Daisy  Brownie  Junior  Cadette  Senior  Ambassador

Honor Troop # years:  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10  11  12  13

## Council Endorsement

Service Unit Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Field Executive \_\_\_\_\_  
 Director of Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Program Director \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Requirements

Complete ALL activities and at least four additional activities. Additional activities are notated by a star.

- Activities are counted only once on an Honor Troop activity, but may be used on Try-It's, Badges, Interest Projects Patches and other Girl Scout recognitions.
- Activities may be completed in any order.

## Troop Management Requirements

### Registration

- Continuing troop re-registered by October 1, with a minimum of five girls and two adults.  
 OR  
 A new troop registered within six weeks of being organized, with a minimum of five girls and two adults.  
*Additional registrations can be added later.*
- Registration/yearly information for each girl included:
  - Parental consent signature on registration form or on girl flyer when initially joining Girl Scouts.
  - Activity permission slips signed before each activity.
  - Medical history form updated yearly.
  - Individual Girl Record updated throughout the year.

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3.  Troop Committee Members who are registered and actively supporting the troop

Troop Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Troop First Aider \_\_\_\_\_ Training Date \_\_\_\_\_

Troop Camper\* \_\_\_\_\_ Training Date \_\_\_\_\_

Troop Emergency Contact\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Troop Committee Members/Positions \_\_\_\_\_

\*Troop Camper is only needed when camping overnight.

\*\*Troop Emergency Contact is only needed when going on a trip.

## Leader Responsibilities

1. Leader Training

Troop Leader and Co-Leader must have completed the following courses:

Leader Name \_\_\_\_\_

Orientation Date \_\_\_\_\_ Leadership Essentials Date \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Leader Name \_\_\_\_\_

Orientation Date \_\_\_\_\_ Leadership Essentials Date \_\_\_\_\_

2. Service Unit Meeting Representation

Complete the following Service Unit information:

Service Unit Manager Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Service Unit Name \_\_\_\_\_ Service Unit # \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Date and Time \_\_\_\_\_ Meeting Place \_\_\_\_\_

3. Troop Funds

- Troop funds must be deposited into the Troop's Bank Account.

Troop Bank Account # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Bank \_\_\_\_\_

City where bank is located \_\_\_\_\_

- Maintain troop financial records.

4. Troop Reports

Deadline met for:

- Annual financial report to membership staff

*Must be turned in before or with Honor Troop Application.*

- Product Sales Reports

- Camping Application and post camping report

- Extra money earning reports

5. Troop Resources

- Utilized and observed *Safety Activity Checkpoints* and *GSSA Policies and Procedures* during troop activities.

- Leader's guides and girl handbooks/badge books were used throughout the year.

- \*6. Sponsors

- We have signed a sponsorship agreement. Sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_

- Our sponsor helped the troop in the following ways \_\_\_\_\_

- In return, we recognized our sponsor(s) by \_\_\_\_\_

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## Troop Program Requirements

### Traditional ceremony

Troop must participate in two or more of the following; give date:

Investiture/Rededication Ceremony \_\_\_\_\_ Scouts' Own \_\_\_\_\_

Court of Awards \_\_\_\_\_ Fly-Up/Bridging \_\_\_\_\_

### Service Project

Complete two community service projects (one for Daisy troops)

Description \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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### Special Girl Scout Activity

Participate in at least one Girl Scout activity

Juliette Low's Birthday (October 31)

Girl Scout Sabbath (March)

Girl Scout Sunday (March)

Girl Scout Birthday (March 12)

Other Special Activity \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Council-Sponsored Product Sales

Troop participated in both Council-Sponsored Product Sales (one for Daisy troops).

### Girl Scout Promise and Law

Troop must complete one of the following:

All troop members can recite the Girl Scout Promise together.

Talk about and understand the meaning of each part of the Law.

All Daisy troop members had the opportunity to earn the Promise center and all Learning Petals.

### Troop Government

Use a system of troop government that encourages girl planning and participation.

Daisy Circle

Brownie Ring

Patrol System

Town Meeting

Steering Committee

### Troop Advancement

Each girl registered in the troop (prior to February 1) should have had the opportunity to earn:

Daisy: Bridging to Brownies Award

Brownies: Three Try-Its

Juniors: Three Badges

Cadette, Senior & Ambassador: One Interest Project, one Studio 2B Charm and 15 hours service

### \*Juliette Low World Friendship Fund (JLWFF)

Learn about the JLWFF and make a contribution.

Amount of donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date given to Service Unit/Council \_\_\_\_\_

### \*Patriotism

Honor your country by performing a flag ceremony or taking part in a patriotic program/event.

Do one or more of the following:

Flag ceremony location

Patriotic program or event

Place flags in cemeteries for patriotic holidays

Participate in a patriotic parade

Write a letter to an elected official thanking them for their support of Girl Scouts.

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Create your own troop activity and describe it. \_\_\_\_\_  
Place \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## \*International Girl Scouting

Participate in at least one of the following international Girl Scouting activities:

- Plan or participate in a Thinking Day (February 22) celebration with your Service Unit or troop.  
Description \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Learn about Girl Guiding in another country.
- Learn about the World Association Pin.
- Create your own activity and describe it. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## \*Outdoor Activity

Troops should participate in at least one outdoor activity during the year. **Council events may not be used to fulfill this requirement.** Examples: Sports, hike, cookout, camping trip, exploring the neighborhood around your meeting place or service project.

Activity \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## \*Troop Field Trips

Troops should take one Field Trip pertaining to Try-Its, Badges or Interest Projects away from the regular troop meeting place.

**Council events may not be used to fulfill this requirement.**

Field Trip \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Try-It, Badge, Interest Project \_\_\_\_\_

## \*Inter-Troop, Sister Troop or Group Activities

Troop should choose at least two activities in which to participate:

- Share a meeting
- Share a career activity
- Share a guest speaker
- Share a service project
- Share a party
- Share a troop outing
- Service Unit or council event, except those already counted on another requirement
- Create your own activity and describe \_\_\_\_\_

## \*Troop Opportunity

Troops should have at least one activity per year where Girl Scouts can be shared with family, friends and/or the community:

- Make a troop or individual scrapbook(s) and share it with people outside of a troop meeting.
- Plan and participate in a family event.  
Event \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Participate in an event to share Girl Scouts with the community (preferably in uniform)  
Event \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Write thank you notes to everyone helping with the troop.