



Frequently Asked Questions

Why should adults register as Girl Scouts? According to our “Liability Insurance”, “Volunteers who work with girls on a regular basis or are regular drivers or regular helpers should be registered adult members.”

It's easier to register adults at the same time you register girls, rather than asking adults to register as they prepare for specific assignments.

How do I open a bank account? First, find out from your Troop Organizer a list of Girl Scout approved banks in our area. Choose a day when you and your Co-Leader can meet at the bank to sign signature cards. 2 adults from your troop may be signees on the account as long as they are not related. Next, open an account, by depositing your Troops Dues and funds that you collected at your Parent Meeting. If you haven't had your parent meeting yet, use the 12.00 fee for your registration. Talk with your TO if you have any other questions. You will need the South Lyon Service Unit EIN number to give to the bank. This number is unique to our District. You can get it by printing out the Troop Bank Authorization Letter. It located on the SLAGS website in the Forms area. Label the account “Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan Troop ____”.

What is a First Aider?

There are two categories of first-aiders, Level 1 and Level 2:

First-aider (level 1): The presence of a first-aider (level 1) is required for many group activities. The course required to be a first-aider (level 1) is one that offers standard first-aid and CPR, preferably with a focus on children. The Safety Activity Checkpoints state clearly when a first-aider (level 1) is needed.

First-aider (level 2): The presence of a first-aider (level 2) is required at resident camp, and at any camp activity with more than 200 participants. In addition, some activities require a first-aider (level 2); the Safety Activity Checkpoints state clearly whether a first-aider (level 2) is needed. First-aiders (level 2) pass the same course as first-aiders (level 1), and also have emergency response/first response, sports safety, wilderness first-aid, and/or advanced first-aid and CPR training. Each organization has a different name for its training, so be sure to ask whether a training course fulfills the level-2 requirements.

When is a Level One First Aider required?

On Overnight trips and activities stated in [Safety-Wise](#) and [Safety Checkpoints](#)

When is a Level Two First Aider required? Higher risk activities, see list of examples.

When is a Troop Camper required? [Required](#) on camping trips of any kind. [Safety-Wise](#) p. 87. The leader (or consultant) has taken council troop camp training and accompanies the leader and group on trip.

Definition of a camping trip: A camping trip would include any trip, day or overnight that would include camp activities. Examples: cooking, fires, hiking, etc. So, if you are cooking s'mores in your driveway, you need to be trained. When in doubt – get trained.



Questions & Glossary of Terms

Can the First Aider and Troop Camper be the same person? **No.**

If the first aider has to leave for an emergency, then the rest of the troop has to be supervised by a Troop Camp trained adult. Same for leader – they cannot be the first aider on an event that requires one.

Why do TO's have to place girls? TO's help place girls in troops to help maintain headcounts of all the troops. Also, by using the TO as a "middle man", miscommunication, confusion and hurt feelings between leaders, parents, and the girl involved can be eliminated. But know you TO is always willing to take into consideration Troop placements requests. We will do our best, within our means.

Glossary:

Area Manager (AM) is another volunteer that you can use as a resource. She is appointed by Council and recruits and appoints the TOs. The SUM helps TOs in their role, and meets monthly with Council and other AM to share ideas and direct the program for the area she is in charge of. The AM facilitates monthly Service Unit meetings to convey information from Council to the leaders in her Service Unit.

Troop Organizer (TO) - is a volunteer who assigns girls to troops, recruits, trains and helps new leaders, runs monthly leader meetings, collects, reviews and signs Trip Notification Forms, leader applications and background checks, troop basics and financials, etc. The TSD may also organize cluster events with the leaders.

Membership Specialist – our paid Council representative from GSSEM – Area Manager "reports" to this person.

Area Association – Leaders from a group of cities who work together to present awards and provide direction to Council Board of Directors

Council – a multi-county geographic area representing Girl Scouts. Ours is ;
Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan (GSSEM)

Cluster – a small group of troops within a Service Unit – in South Lyon – each elementary school represents a cluster and then there is one single cluster for the higher-level girls (Cadette's = Middle School , Senior & Ambassador are High School level).

Area Treasurer – takes care of the District accounts and financial statements

SU Cookie Manager – trains troop cookie managers, collects orders, places order with council, helps on cookie pick up day, distributes incentive prizes

QSP – Fall magazine and Nuts sales that troops participate in to help raise funds for your troop.

SWAPs – "Special Whatchamacallit Affectionately Pinned Somewhere" A long-standing Girl Scout tradition, SWAPs are hand made pins that are traded among Scouts. A great way for girls to mingle and meet.