

PARENT/CAREGIVER CODE OF CONDUCT

Girl Scout Promise:
On my honor, I will try:
To serve God and my country
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

Girl Scout Law:
I will do my best to be
honest and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring,
courageous and strong,
and responsible for what I say and do,
and to respect myself and others,
respect authority,
use resources wisely,
make the world a better place,
and be a sister to every Girl Scout.

Girl Scout Family Promise:
On my honor, I will try:
To support my Girl Scout and her troop,
To help girls lead at all times,
And to always keep it fun!

As a parent or caregiver of a Girl Scout, I agree to:

- Demonstrate a genuine interest in my girl's participation in Girl Scouts, so I will reflect on the Girl Scout Promise and Law to be a positive role model for the girls.
- Support the volunteers who are working with my girl to encourage a positive and enjoyable Girl Scout Leadership Experience for all. I will make every effort to attend any required parent meetings and adhere to all parent deadlines.
- Ensure that my girl's behavior supports the Girls' Code of Conduct. I understand that failure to follow the Girls' Code of Conduct could result in corrective action leading to removal from troop/group by council.
- Submit requested permission slips, dues, and/or materials on time, ensure that my girl is prepared for Girl Scout activities, and drop her off and pick her up on time.
- Communicate any concerns that I have directly to the volunteer responsible for the activity that my girl is participating in private (**not in the presence of the girls or other parents**).
- Not use social media, messaging apps, text messaging, and emails to resolve personal differences, miscommunications, conflict, or misconduct issues. I understand these types of communication methods can cause issues to escalate, be misinterpreted, or misconstrued as harassment or bullying if misused.
- Work out personal differences with other adults by taking the time to talk and discuss concerns before they escalate. I understand that GSVSC will not condone the use of Girls Scouts as a basis for initiating or perpetuating personal disagreements by any member or non-member.
- Follow the **Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline Conflict and Grievance Management Procedures** if we are unable to resolve a particular situation regarding conflict or misconduct.
- Not initiate or participate in gossip or negative statements about Girl Scouting and will refrain from behavior that may undermine the leadership of a Girl Scout activity or the troop/group. Should I have a complaint or problem, I will share a suggested solution.
- Play an active role in my girl's Girl Scout Leadership Experience. I will follow safety guidelines for all activities and guarantee a high-quality environment for my girl that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol. I will refrain from their use at all Girl Scout events and activities.
- Recognize that Girl Scouting is girl-led so I will uphold the Girl Scout Promise, Family Promise, and Law by demonstrating positive support and respecting the opinions and goals of my girl and other girls in our troop/group.
- Support my girl's participation in product programs (Cookie and Fall Product) and will follow the Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline policies and guidelines.
- Support the Girl Scout efforts to provide an environment of acceptance for all girls and their families by asking my girl to treat others with respect, regardless of race, color, creed, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, citizenship, ancestry, physical or mental disability, marital status, veteran status, socio-economic/public assistance status, national origin, or any other protected status.
- Acknowledge that there are a variety of ways for girls and adults to participate in Girl Scouting. If I or Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline staff feel that a different participation option would be best for my girl, council staff will assist in engaging her in those activities.
- I understand that my behavior directly impacts my girl's ability to participate in a troop/group or other Girl Scout activities. I understand that if my behavior warrants corrective action, it could lead to my girl's removal from the troop/group by council. I agree to follow the Girl Scouts of Virginia Council guidelines and will honor this agreement so that my girl can have a high-quality Girl Scout Leadership Experience.
- I understand failure to follow our Code of Conduct will result in corrective action.

For any actions or behaviors that would warrant corrective action, leader and/or parent are to contact council staff at 540-777-5100 or email info@gsvsc.org.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Troop Number: _____