

Guidelines for Girl Scout Meetings/Activities in the Home

Safety and protection of girls and adults is the top priority of Girl Scouting, and girls will benefit from the safe environment that allows them to be at their best while developing critical leadership-building skills. **Please know that during all Girl Scout activities including ones at your home two, unrelated, registered and background checked approved volunteers must be present at all times.**

The following guidelines **must be met** before an approved volunteer can hold regularly scheduled meetings and/or activities in a private home. Please submit all items to customercare@gsmists.org.

- Permission to Meet in the Home Application and Approval Form* must be completed and approved by GSMISTS.
- Copy of current Homeowner's/Rental Insurance (stating Personal Liability and Medical Payment to Others amounts) on file with GSMISTS.
- Adults who are 18 and over and living in the home OR are regularly at the home must complete and pass a Criminal Background Check. GSMISTS will e-mail a Criminal Background Check link to the troop leader to share with adults in the home.
- Parent Permission for Girl to Attend Meetings/Activities in the Home Form* must be on file with the volunteer who is holding meetings/activities for each girl. In addition, parents/guardians will need to provide a completed *Girl/Adult Health History Form* for each girl. Forms must be at each meeting and easily accessible to the troop leader.
- Volunteer to girl ratios must be met at all times. During all meetings/activities, approved volunteers must be present according to the ratios of girls to volunteers. Consult *Safety Activity Checkpoints* for ratio information.
- Read through *Safety Activity Checkpoints*, *Volunteer Policies & Procedures*, and *Volunteer Essentials* to make sure you are keeping the girls safe.
- Must meet all First Aid requirements as noted in the *Safety Activity Checkpoints*.
- An emergency evacuation plan must be created (with all exit routes listed) and practiced by girls and volunteers and kept on file with the volunteer who is holding the meeting/activity.
- Pets are in a safe and secure location completely separate from girls while girls are present at home.
- No smoking in the home.

Permission to Meet in the Home Application and Approval Form

An application and approval are required for any meetings and/or activities that will be in a private home. Include Homeowner's/Rental Insurance with this application. GSMISTS will e-mail a Criminal Background Check link directly to any additional adults in the home. Please submit this completed form to customercare@gsmists.org. Allow at least 4 weeks for processing.

TROOP INFORMATION

Service Unit (Name or Number):	Troop Number:	Permission Needed for:	Regular Meeting	Activity
Name of Troop Leader:		Email of Troop Leader:		
The volunteer who owns the home where meetings/activities will take place:		Additional Adults (18 years or older) that are in the home? <i>Select Yes or No</i>		
Address, City, State, Zip of Home where the meeting/activities will take place:				

Meeting/Activity Leader Agreement

Please initial each of the following items to acknowledge that you have read and understood guidelines.

- A minimum of two unrelated volunteers (one of whom must be female), plus additional volunteers needed for ratios will be present during the entire meeting/activity.
- All girls are currently registered Girl Scouts. All adults are approved volunteers with a current Criminal Background Check on file with GSMISTS and are current Girl Scout Members.
- Parent Permission for Girl to Attend Meetings/Activities in the Home Form* and a completed *Girl/Adult Health History Form* are on file at the home where meeting is taking place.
- Adults who are 18 and over living in the home/are regularly in the home have a current Criminal Background Check on file with GSMISTS.
- Home has reasonable accommodations for those with disabilities.
- First Aid equipment is on-site.
- Pets are in a safe and secure location completely separate from girls while girls are present at home.
- No smoking in the home.
- Homeowner's/Rental Insurance coverage is attached to this application and it states Personal Liability and Medical Payment to Others amounts.
- All overnights must be approved by GSMISTS. Submit a completed *Activity/Trip Application Form* to GSMISTS.

I am aware of and agree to comply with all standards in *Safety Activity Checkpoints* and *GSMISTS Volunteer Policies and Procedures* for meeting in the home. I understand that only approved meeting/activity location following all guidelines with registered members of GSMISTS are covered by the basic plan insurance. Damage to property is not covered.

Signature of Troop Leader: _____ Date: _____

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Home application approved
 Home application not approved for the following reason: _____

Signature of Staff: _____ Date: _____



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- Additional Adults in the Home Information -

Complete the information below for all additional adults (18 years or older) living in the home.

Legal Name

Birth Date

Email Address

Parent Permission Form For Girl to Attend Meetings/Activities in the Home

Please return this form to Troop Leader. Troop Leader keeps on file.

A signed girl permission slip is required for all meetings/activities in the home. Please keep the top portion of this form so you will have record of where we are and how you can reach us in the event of an emergency. If the bottom portion is not completed, signed, and returned prior to the date listed your Girl Scout will not be able to attend. Please return to Troop Leader by: _____

Troop # _____

Date: _____ Time: _____ to _____ Location: _____

In the case of an emergency, contact: Name: _____ Phone: _____

This permission form is for Regular Scheduled Meetings One Time Activity/Overnight in Home
Complete the following if for one time activity/overnight in home:

Activity: _____

Cost for this activity: \$ _____ Items to Bring: _____

COVID-19 is an extremely contagious virus that spreads easily through person-to-person contact. As with any social activity, participation in Girl Scouts could present the risk of contracting COVID-19. While Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore (GSMISTS) takes every safety and preventative precaution, GSMISTS can in no way warrant that COVID-19 infection will not occur through participation in Girl Scout programs, events, activities, etc.

Girl Scout Name: _____ has my permission to participate in all events and activities at _____ with Troop # _____ on _____, between the hours of _____ and _____. I will not allow her to attend if I do not consider her to be in good physical condition or if she has been exposed to any contagious disease.

In the event of an emergency, every effort will be made to contact a parent/guardian or emergency contact. If no contact can be made, I hereby give authorization to Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore to seek treatment for my child and/or dependent minor by a licensed physician pursuant to the Michigan Child Care Licensing Act 116 of 1973, Section 14a.

I also understand that photographs, videos, or audio recordings may be taken which may include my Girl Scout. I hereby consent that Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore may use these photographs, videos, or audio recordings for the promotion of Girl Scouts.

I understand I am responsible for complying with the transportation arrangement noted above. If my Girl Scout is not picked up on time after the activity the troop leader will first attempt to contact me and then the emergency contact listed on this girl permission form. As a last resort, if none of the persons identified are available or willing to pick up my Girl Scout, I understand the troop leader may, at her/his discretion, contact the proper authorities for assistance in locating me.

Parent/Guardian Name

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Phone Number