

## Community Babysitting Event as a Money Earning Project

An example of a community babysitting event is organizing a “Parent’s Night Out” opportunity on a weekend evening. Parents could drop their children off to participate in organized activities while their parents enjoy a dinner or movie out.

Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors can plan and participate in a community babysitting event as a pre-approved money-earning project following these guidelines:

1. Community babysitting events must be supervised by a minimum of two registered, approved, adult volunteers who are unrelated, including one female, for up to this number of children:

- 12 children 3 years old - 1<sup>st</sup> grade
- 20 children in 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
- 25 children in 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- 25 children 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grades

There should be one extra registered, approved, adult volunteer for every additional:

- 1–6 children 3 years old - 1<sup>st</sup> grade
- 1–8 children in 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
- 1–10 children in 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- 1–12 children 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grades

Just like at a Girl Scout meeting/activity, the registered, approved volunteers are responsible for the safety and wellbeing of all who participate in a community babysitting event.

Community babysitting events are not appropriate for participating children under 3 years old or older than 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Always use the ratio for the youngest child in attendance.

Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors prepare structured activities for the community babysitting event, such as craft projects, games, etc. Participating children should not be expected to entertain themselves.

2. At least one of the registered, approved, adult volunteers must have a current 1<sup>st</sup> Aid/CPR certification on file with GSMISTS.

3. The community babysitting event is held at a space open to the public, such as a community center, park pavilion, library meeting room, etc. It cannot occur at someone's private home.
4. A set fee cannot be charged for a community babysitting event. A donation can be asked for. Set the donation amount according to the average rate per hour for babysitting in your local community.