



## Policies, Procedures & Standards (PPS) Manual Change Document 2021-2022

### DOCUMENT-WIDE CHANGES

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- All dates were changed to reflect the 2021/2022 edition of the PPS
- Page numbers were added

### FORMING A NEW TROOP

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- Original:** The standard troop size in the GSSNE council is 5-12 Girl Scouts. The number can be increased by indicating the desired troop size on the Troop Information Update form.
- Edited:** The standard troop size in the GSSNE council is 5-12 Girl Scouts. The number can be increased by indicating the desired troop size on the Troop Information Update form. NOTE: When Troop Leaders are comfortable leading a larger number of girls as they secure the support from additional adult volunteers, the benefit to girls can be enormous. One benefit is that girls can be broken into smaller groups to work on the badges or activities they wish to pursue because there can be choices. When every girl does the same badge or activity it can be hard for girls who find themselves not enjoying what the majority of girls want.

### TROOP SIZE STANDARDS

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- Original:** All GSSNE troops are open to register 12 Girl Scouts. The troop standard is a minimum of 5 and each troop must accept 12 girls; but this is not a maximum number.
- Edited:** All GSSNE troops are open to register 12 Girl Scouts. The troop standard is a minimum of 5 and each troop must accept 12 girls; but this is not a maximum number. When Troop Leaders are comfortable leading a larger number of girls as they secure the support from additional adult volunteers, the benefit to girls can be enormous. One benefit is that girls can be broken into smaller groups to work on the badges or activities they wish to pursue because there can be choices. When every girl does the same badge or activity it can be hard for girls who find themselves not enjoying what the majority of girls want.

### MEETING PLACE STANDARDS (MEETING SITES)

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- Original:** Whenever possible, Girl Scout troop meetings should take place in safe, community settings that are accessible to all members e.g., schools, community centers, libraries, churches/synagogues, etc. We recognize that due to the extenuating circumstances presented by the Covid-19 pandemic, your troop's access to public settings may be limited or impossible. To help support troops who wish to meet in person, GSSNE has elected to grant **TEMPORARY** permission for in-home Girl Scout meetings to those who meet the criteria. For the most up-to-date information and guidelines, or to request temporary permission, please visit [GSSNE.org](https://www.gssne.org) > Our Council > Covid-19 Information.
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wished to meet in person during the 2020-2021 membership year, GSSNE elected to grant TEMPORARY permission for in-home Girl Scout meetings to those who met the criteria during this time. For the most up-to-date information and guidelines pertaining to this, or to request temporary permission to meet at home, please visit [GSSNE.org](http://GSSNE.org) > Our Council > Covid-19 Information.

**ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INCOME (COUNCIL PRODUCT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION STANDARD)**

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- Original:**     **COUNCIL PRODUCT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION STANDARD:**  
**Fall Product Program:** The per-registered-girl troop average should be:  
Sale of any five (5) items AND submission of 15 valid online email addresses, **OR** Sale of any fifteen (15) items
- Cookie Program:** the per-registered-girl troop average should be 140 packages or more (2020's council average sold was 180+ boxes)
- Edited:**     **COUNCIL PRODUCT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION STANDARD:**  
**Fall Product Program:** The per-registered-girl troop average should be:  
Sale of any five (5) items AND submission of 15 valid online email addresses, **OR** Sale of any fifteen (15) items
- Cookie Program:** the per-registered-girl troop average should be 150 packages or more (2021's council average sold was 216+ boxes)

**ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INCOME (TROOP MONEY-EARNING ACTIVITIES)**

**page 10**

- Original:**     **Fall Product Program:**     September 19, 2020 – October 28, 2020  
                  **Cookie Sale:**             Dec. 14, 2020 – March 28, 2021
- Edited:**     **Fall Product Program:**     September 16, 2021 – October 29, 2021  
                  **Cookie Sale:**             Dec. 18, 2021 – March 30, 2022

**ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INCOME (DONATIONS: FROM CORPORATE VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS)**

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- Original:**     If the corporation allows, the volunteer may designate the allocation of the money, keeping these parameters in mind:
- The remainder of the grant must be allocated between the troop or Service Unit and the council up to a maximum of \$250.00 per registered girl member of the troop or Service Unit (as of the time of allocation) up to a maximum of \$5,000, in aggregate, to the troop or Service Unit, including the first \$250.
- Edited:**     If the corporation allows, the volunteer may designate the allocation of the money, keeping these parameters in mind:
- The remainder of the grant must be allocated between the troop or Service Unit and the council up to an annual maximum from all grants equaling \$250.00 per registered girl member of the troop or Service Unit (as of the time of allocation) up to a maximum of \$5,000, in aggregate, to the troop or Service Unit, including the first \$250. Annual Maximums are calculated for the Girl Scout year (October 1 through September 30 of any given year).

## Original:

Type of Trip	Training required
Day trip (not at a campsite)	New leader training
Day trip to a camp site	New Leader training, Outdoor Day training, First Aid, CPR recommended
Overnight (not camping)	Troop Trips, First Aid/CPR
Overnight – camping at GSSNE sites	Troop Camp Training, First Aid/CPR
Overnight – camping at a non-GSSNE site	Troop Trips, Troop Camp Training, First Aid/CPR
Overnight – off trail camping	Troop Camp Training, Wilderness First Aid, Hiking or equivalent, First Aid/CPR

## Edited:

Type of Trip	Training required
Day trip (not at a campsite)	New leader training
Day trip to a camp site	New Leader training, Outdoor Day Training/Troop Camp Training, First Aid, CPR recommended
Overnight (not camping) 1-2 nights within New England	Basic Trips Training, Troop Trips Training, First Aid/CPR
Overnight – camping at GSSNE sites	Basic Trips Training, Troop Camp Training, First Aid/CPR
Overnight – camping at a non-GSSNE site	Troop Trips Training, Troop Camp Training, First Aid/CPR
Overnight – off trail camping	Troop Camp Training, Wilderness First Aid Training, Hiking or equivalent, First Aid/CPR
Overnights (not camping) 3+ nights or for geographically distant trips (outside of New England) within the contiguous US	Troop Trips Training, Advanced Trips Domestic Training, First Aid/CPR
Overnight (not camping) 3+ nights outside of the United States or to a non-contiguous US state (Hawaii, Alaska) or overseas or on a cruise	Troop Trips Training, Advanced Trips International Training, First Aid/CPR

## ADULT LEARNING FOR VOLUNTEERS - GRADE LEVEL TRAINING

Original: **AGE LEVEL CHANGE TRAINING**  
 Daisy to Brownie: in-person session (2 hours)  
 Brownie to Junior (online)

Edited: **GRADE LEVEL ESSENTIALS**  
 Daisy Grade Level Essentials (online: gsLearn)  
 Brownie Grade Level Essentials (online: gsLearn)  
 Junior Grade Level Essentials (online – gsLearn)  
 (Additional grade levels to be released by GSUSA)