



## HONOR TROOP PROGRAM 2011-2012

**PURPOSE** To recognize troops in which great Girl Scouting happens all year long; and in which girls benefit from the Girl Scout Leadership Experience through activities and actions that utilize the three Leadership Keys: Discover, Connect, and Take Action, and the three Processes: Girl led, learning by doing, and cooperative learning.

Girl led begins with the decision about whether to strive to achieve Honor Troop status, which *should be made by girls at the beginning of the troop year*. A Girl Representative will be needed to sign the GSCCC Honor Troop Program form. **To become an Honor Troop, all requirements must be fulfilled between October 1 through August 15.**

Girls in troops who meet the Honor Troop requirements, will receive an Honor Troop patch and a year bar for each member of the troop for the first year the troop achieves elite status. For each additional year that a troop reaches the Honor Troop level, they will be recognized with another bar for the current year. The signatures of the Troop Leader and the Service Unit Manager will be required as certification that a troop has achieved the elite Honor Troop status. Requirements follow:

### EXTENDING MEMBERSHIP TO MORE GIRLS

- Troop has a minimum of five (5) Girls, and two (2) registered Adults.
- All Girls in troop register by October 31.
- Troop Committee of at least three (3) registered Adult members (i.e. Leader, Co-Leader, plus Treasurer, Registrar, Shopper, Transportation Coordinator, Fall Product Sales Chair, and/or, Cookie Chair)

*List Committee Positions:* \_\_\_\_\_

- All Girls participating in the Cookie Sale Program register by December 15.
- Troop invites NON-Girl Scouts to participate in a Troop or Bring-A-Friend activity to have new girls discover Girl Scouting.
- 50% of the Girls in troop participate in Spring Early Bird Registration (for 2012-2013 year), and turn in registrations by deadline.

### MODELING LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES TO GIRLS

- Troop Leaders/Advisors complete the Volunteer Application process, including background check, signs current Position Description, and complete Online Orientation, Volunteer Essentials, and Leadership Essentials.
- Troop registers one (1) Adult as an 01 Leader, and another as an 02 Assistant Leader.
- Troop is represented in at least 75% of monthly Service Unit meetings by Leader/Advisor or Troop representative for the ENTIRE meeting.
- Troop maintains required records on each Girl (Annual Permission, Girl Release form, Med. Form, etc.)
- Troop leadership communicates at least two (2) times with each family (organizational meetings, newsletters, email/telephone contact).

*Describe communication method used:* \_\_\_\_\_

- Troop submits two (2) articles to local newspaper, newsletter, or SU Media Rep.

*Provide media names and dates:* \_\_\_\_\_

- Troop leadership attends Cookie Program Training.
- Troop leadership attends Leaderama, or one (1) enrichment course (i.e. Journey training, CPR).

## PROVIDING THE GIRL SCOUT LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE TO GIRLS

Members are able to repeat the Girl Scout Promise, and demonstrate understanding of the Promise and the Girl Scout Law.

Troop completes at least one (1) Journey Book to start the GSLE using the Keys to Leadership.

*List Journey:* \_\_\_\_\_

Troop incorporates a Girl Led planning session which is conducted with Girl interests/ideas incorporated into Troop's yearly calendar.

*How this was achieved:* \_\_\_\_\_

Cookie Sale Program – Girls learn financial literacy through the Cookie Sale Program, establishing and working toward a Troop goal. Opportunity to participate was offered to ALL Girls.

Troop meets AT LEAST four (4) of the following:

\*Takes Action – Plans & implements at least one (1) Service Project.

*Describe project:* \_\_\_\_\_

\*GS Tradition – Incorporates at least one (1) GS "Tradition" into their year (Ceremony, Investiture, Scouts Own, Sing-a-Long, Juliette Gordon Low Birthday celebration, Girl Scout Birthday celebration, Rededication).

*Provide list:* \_\_\_\_\_

\* STEM – Troop participates in one Science, Technology, Engineering or Math activity.

*Describe activity:* \_\_\_\_\_

\* Field Trips - Plans and takes at least one (1) field trip.

*Describe trip:* \_\_\_\_\_

\* Out-of-Doors – Participates in a day or overnight event in the out-of-door (using the concept progression in outdoor activities).

*Describe event:* \_\_\_\_\_

\* Plans & carries out one (1) activity celebrating the Girl Scout 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

*Describe activity:* \_\_\_\_\_

\* Attends a Council-sponsored program event.

*Describe event:* \_\_\_\_\_

\* Participates in at least one (1) activity during July or August.

*Describe activity:* \_\_\_\_\_

\* Participates in at least one (1) SU event.

*Describe event:* \_\_\_\_\_

\* Learns about Juliette Low World Friendship Fund and makes a contribution.

\* Troop honors country by taking part in a patriotic program/event (i.e., flag ceremony patriotic parade, write elected official to thank them for supporting Girl Scouts).

*Describe event or action:* \_\_\_\_\_

\* Participates in Thinking Day.

\* Plans & carries out an Inter-Troop or Sister Troop activity.

*Describe activity:* \_\_\_\_\_

\* Older Girl Troops discuss "Destinations" and learn how to apply for them.

## GOOD STEWARDSHIP OF TROOP FINANCES

Troop has no outstanding Council debt.

Troop has a checking account at a Council-authorized bank (Rabobank, Wells Fargo, or Santa Barbara Bank & Trust) with three (3) registered and background checked signers (one needs to be a member of SU Team).

Troop submits their appropriate portion of Product Sale proceeds due to Council for both the Nut/Magazine and Cookie Sale ON TIME.

Troop submits the year-end Troop Financial Report to Service Unit Manager/Treasurer by July 31.

## GSCCC Honor Troop Program

### Troop Information

Troop Number	SU	Troop Level	#Girls Registered	#Adults Registered
Troop Leader First Name		Troop Leader Last Name		Email Address
Address				Apt.#/POB
City		State	Zip	
Day Phone		Evening Phone		

Troop Leader Signature	Date

Girl Representative Signature	Date

Service Unit Manager Signature	Date

**Patch Request**

A girl receives an Honor Troop patch and a year bar they first time her troop achieves Honor Troop.  
 A girl receives a year bar only for all subsequent years the troop earns Honor Troop.

Number of patches requested (only for girls who have never received a patch). \_\_\_\_\_

Number of year bars (for all girls): \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this Honor Troop Program application to your Membership Manager,  
 or mail to: GSCCC, 10550 Merritt Street, Castroville, CA 95012

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#of Patches Sent _____	#of Year Bars Sent _____	Sent by _____	Date _____