

Girl Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma  
**TROOP SPONSORSHIP**

**TROOP SPONSORSHIP** is a mutually beneficial association between a Girl Scout troop and a community organization. Troop sponsorship seeks to match the needs of the troop to the resources of the community organization.

**THE TROOP SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT** is signed annually by a council representative, the troop leader and a representative of the community organization, which spell out the receptive rights and responsibilities of the troop, the council, and the community organization.

**THE TROOP SPONSOR CERTIFICATE** is provided to troops to be given to their sponsor when a signed copy of their sponsorship agreement is received by the council.

**THE SPONSOR** agrees to adhere to national and local Girl Scout policies and be guided by national and local Girl Scout standards in its relationship with the troop and may provide one or more of the following for the troop:

- provide meeting places.
- provide financial assistance. (**Must have prior approval from GSEOK chief development officer**)
- help in recruitment of volunteers.
- provide opportunities for the troop to give service.
- provide career exploration opportunities.
- provide adult training and technical assistance.
- provide recycled supplies and materials.
- provide transportation and equipment.
- provide publicity for Girl Scouting.
- provide a short-term commitment to a Girl Scout activity or event.

The sponsor may further assist by encouraging that all girls in the community, regardless of racial, ethnic or cultural background, religious or socioeconomic factors, have an opportunity to participate in Girl Scouting.

**THE GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL** retains the right to place girls in the troop, to appoint and direct the adult volunteers associated with the troop, and to monitor troop activities. The council should:

- encourage the leader to keep the sponsor informed of troop activities and troop needs.
- encourage the troop to participate in appropriate projects of the sponsoring group.

**THE GIRL SCOUT TROOP** recognizes its responsibilities to the sponsor to:

- keep the sponsor informed of the troop's activities and needs.
- include the sponsor in appropriate activities.
- recognize the sponsor's contribution to the troop's stability.
- actively seek the appropriate opportunities to provide service to the sponsor (**With the exception of fundraising for the sponsor**)
- make troop membership and activities available to the sponsor and its employees.