

Co-Leader

Volunteer Position Description

Summary: The co-leader has the enthusiasm and ability to generate girls' interests and curiosities about the ways that they can discover a strong sense of self, connect with the others, and take action to make the world a better place through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE). The nature of this position requires the individual to provide direct service to girls.

Term of appointment: The co-leader is appointed for a one-year term that is renewable upon completion of evaluation processes. This position requires an average of 1-2 hours per week.

Supervision: The co-leader reports to the volunteer troop leader and staff membership and marketing specialist (MMS).

Support: The co-leader receives support, guidance, and encouragement from the volunteer troop leader and other direct-service volunteers. The individual has access to relevant learning opportunities and materials that prepare them for and support this role.

Responsibilities:

- Work in partnership with girls and other adults to generate girls' interests in and curiosities about the ways that they can discover a strong sense of self, connect with others, and take action to make the world a better place through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE).
- Assist volunteer troop leader in implementing fun, interactive, girl-led activities to deliver the GSLE to girls by completing tasks as assigned.
- Ensure that the program offered aligns to the GSLE by utilizing Girl Scout Journeys books and *The Girls' Guide to Girl Scouting* customized with additional local experiences.
- Attend troop meetings and assist with activities.
- Be guided in all actions by the Girl Scout Mission, Promise, and Law.
- Serve as a positive example for girls by modeling positive attributes such as reliability, respect for others, inclusiveness, and a positive attitude.
- Support and encourage girls in attaining desired goals and awards.
- Communicate effectively and deliver presentations and information to the troop and parents.
- Remain informed about and comply with the most current policies, procedures, and guidelines of Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland and Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA).

Qualifications and core competencies:

- **Girl focus:** Empower girls to lead activities, learn by doing, and cooperate with others on current issues that involve their interests and needs while having fun.
- **Personal integrity:** Demonstrate dependability, honesty, and credibility.
- **Adaptability:** Adjust, modify own behavior, and remain flexible and tolerant in response to changing situations and environments.
- **Oral communication:** Express ideas and facts clearly and accurately.
- **Foster diversity:** Understand, respect, and embrace differences.
- **Computer skills:** Access to email and the Internet.
- **Additional requirements:**
 - Valid driver's license and safe driving record (if applicable).
 - Must become a registered member of GSUSA.
 - Must be an approved volunteer that completes a volunteer application and background screening that is renewed every three years.
 - Complete required trainings as assigned and provided by Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland and GSUSA.