

New Leader Express Tip Sheet:

Safety

Keeping girls safe is a priority of our organization. Sometimes it's hard to remember all of the steps. Below is a list of the resources available to you.



Required for Volunteers and Non-Members

Background Checks – these are required for every adult working with girls and are good for 3 years.

[Activity Insurance](#) – All our registered GS members are covered with activity insurance. Non-registered parents/caregivers are not covered, and must have supplemental insurance each time they attend GS activities. Purchase using the form online at least 4 weeks in advance

Resources

Safety Activity Checkpoints – explains how to keep your troop safe in almost any activity. Be sure to read up before you take your girls on an adventure outside of your regular troop meeting. Topics include swimming, horseback riding, canoeing and more.

Volunteer Essentials – overview of requirements for troops. Chapter 4 is an overview of Safety but also includes information on troop banking and money earning, volunteer policies, disbanding troops and more.

Forms – this section of the website includes health form, insurance purchase & claim forms, accident forms, sample permission slips and more.

Activity and Trip Approval

[Council Approval](#) – Troops must have approval to: go camping or hold overnights not on GS property, take a trip outside council boundaries, discuss sensitive issues or participate in high adventure activities. Review the Activity and Trip Planning Guide at gksmo.org/troop travel, then complete an activity approval application and our staff will help make sure you have all of the details covered.

[Trip and Activity Guide](#) – provides an overview of planning a field trip or extended trip.