girl scouts spirit of nebraska

Co-Leader Experience Map

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Let us know you want to volunteer with Girl Scouts! Whether it's at a Back-to-School night, a community event, or somewhere else, we want to know about your interests and skills.

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Register as a Girl Scout member. If joining an existing troop, or you know the troop you want to join, choose it during the registration process. If you don't have or know of a troop, we'll help you find one!

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Successfully complete a criminal background screen. Check your inbox for an email from our trusted vendor, Asurint.

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Secure a second co-leader for your troop. Friends or parents/caregivers of girls who wish to join your troop is the best place to start. If you can't find additional help, don't worry we can assist with that!

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Start your online training. Watch "Welcome to Spirit of Nebraska" and "Co-Leader Basics" before meeting with Council staff (approximately 40 minutes). We will also mail you a handbook to reference throughout your volunteer training.

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Have a "Troop Start Up Meeting" with your Placement Specialist (up to one hour). We'll introduce you to your area Troop Support Specialist plus assign your troop number.

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Meet with your Troop Support Specialist for a "New Co-Leader Orientation" (up to two hours).

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Set up a troop bank account with the help of your Troop Support Specialist. We'll help you pick the most appropriate banking choice for your area and needs.

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You are now ready to meet with girls!

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Check out the available volunteer resources. We have many training opportunities, including the Volunteer Toolkit with meeting plans, communication tools, activity ideas, shopping lists, and more. Also area Facebook groups to interact with fellow Girl Scout volunteers!

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Host a parent meeting. Throughout your training, you'll get specifics on how to host this meeting, what to say, and what to bring. Feeling anxious? Your Troop Support Specialist would love to help you plan it.

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Complete the remainder of your online training. Find it on our website under "Volunteer Resources."

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Hold your first troop meeting and plan your year with input from girls. Use the Volunteer Toolkit to save you precious time as you and your girls plan, organize, and manage troop activities.

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YOU'RE ON YOUR WAY TO A GREAT GIRL SCOUT YEAR!

- Your Troop Support Specialist will call you periodically to check in. Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or encounter issues along the way.
- Be sure to attend your local Service Unit/Volunteer Meetings to keep updated on all things Girl Scouts!
- Complete the "New Co-Leader Checklist" within one year to receive your next Girl Scout membership OR adult uniform vest for free.