



2018-19 Honor Troop Requirements and Application

The Honor Troop program recognizes troops that provide strong, balanced programs for Girl Scouts at all age levels. This program promotes girl/adult partnerships, girl planning, community service, and involvement. Honor Troops are recognized in Spirit of Nebraska online and print publications. Each girl will receive a signed Honor Troop Certificate and each girl in the troop will also receive an Honor Troop Patch.

Honor Troop Requirements

- Troops must complete all “Required Items” (1-16).
- Troops must also complete “Additional Items” (17-36) as follows:
 - **Daisy** troops must complete five additional items.
 - **Brownie** and **Junior** troops must complete seven additional items.
 - **Cadette**, **Senior**, and **Ambassador** troops must complete nine additional items.
- An event or activity may only be used once.
- Complete chosen events and activities from items below by June 30, 2019.
- Email or mail this completed application to your local service center by June 30, 2019. Late applications will not be accepted.

Troop Information

Service Area: West Central Northeast Southeast East Central

Service Unit #: _____

5-Digit Troop #: ____ _

Grade Level(s): Daisy Brownie Junior Cadette Senior Ambassador

Registered # of: Girls: _____

Adults: _____

Co-Leader Name(s): _____

List Names of Each Active Girl Scout Member in the Troop:

Required Items

Specify the date accomplished in the space provided (MM/DD/YY) for each item.

- _____ 1. Membership registrations were completed online by 9/30/18 for returning members of existing troops or by the first meeting for new troops.
- _____ 2. The troop has at least three registered and background-screened adults on their roster.
- _____ 3. All adults registered as “troop co-leader” have completed the required training by 12/1/18.
- _____ 4. The troop has established and maintained a bank account with at least two authorized signers, as well as a Troop Support Specialist as an authorized signer, as required by Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska guidelines.
- _____ 5. Annual Troop Finance Report was submitted by 6/30/19 to the Finance Department at the Omaha Service Center or online through the Volunteer Toolkit (VTK).
- _____ 6. The troop is represented at two or more of the following volunteer-focused events:
_____ Volunteer/Service Unit Meeting _____ Volunteer Enrichment Conference
_____ Leader Networking Events _____ Volunteer Award Ceremony
_____ Recruitment Rally
- _____ 7. The troop has participated in at least one council-sponsored Product Program, all paperwork was submitted, and money deposited to meet deadlines:
_____ Fall Product Program _____ Girl Scout Cookie Program
- _____ 8. A troop planning session has been conducted during the year. Girl interests and ideas are incorporated into the yearly calendar.
- _____ 9. Plan your year in the Volunteer Toolkit (VTK).
- _____ 10. The troop has planned and participated in at least one traditional Girl Scout ceremony throughout the year and parent/guardians have been invited to attend.
_____ Court of Awards _____ Bridging
_____ Investiture _____ Girl Award Ceremony
_____ Rededication
- _____ 11. The troop has observed at least two of the following:
_____ Juliette Low’s Birthday _____ Girl Scout Sunday/Sabbath
_____ World Thinking Day _____ Leader Appreciation Day
_____ Girl Scout Week
- _____ 12. The troop has participated in at least one Take Action/service project.
- _____ 13. The troop has participated in at least one age-appropriate outdoor activity during the year, and at least one adult has completed Explore Out and Camp Out (Basic) trainings (if required).
- _____ 14. The troop has completed at least one Journey for their grade level during the year.
- _____ 15. The troop has a plan for regularly communicating with parents/guardians.
- _____ 16. Troop co-leaders offer opportunities for parents/guardians to be involved in troop activities and/or outings.

Additional Items

Daisy troops must complete five additional activities. **Brownie** and **Junior** troops must complete seven additional activities. **Cadette**, **Senior**, and **Ambassador** troops must complete nine additional items. Specify the date accomplished in the space provided on the left (MM/DD/YY) for each item. Additionally, provide a brief description on how the item was accomplished in the space below each item.

- _____ 17. The troop has taken at least one field trip away from their regular meeting place for Journey and/or badge work:

- _____ 18. The troop has participated in at least one council-sponsored program:

- _____ 19. The troop has participated in at least one area Service Unit event:

- _____ 20. The troop has participated in at least one activity with another Girl Scout troop:

- _____ 21. Troop members invite non-Girl Scouts to attend at least one troop meeting or activity. Girls do not need to be registered members to attend (be mindful of extra insurance needed):

- _____ 22. The troop has learned about Girl Scouting/Girl Guiding in other countries:

- _____ 23. The troop has submitted at least one article and/or photo for council publications (or to a local newspaper) about an accomplishment of the troop:

- _____ 24. The troop has decorated a store window or public bulletin board in their school or other public area during Girl Scout Week AND submitted a photo to the council:

- _____ 25. The troop has participated in at least two activities with a sister Girl Scout troop. A sister Girl Scout troop is a troop with whom the troop joins with on an ongoing basis (i.e. pen pals, field trips, council programs, celebrations, ceremonies, etc.):

- _____ 26. The troop has conducted at least four flag ceremonies, with at least one being a public flag ceremony (i.e. PTA meeting, community club meeting, ball game, etc.):

- _____ 27. The troop has participated in an activity that promotes community Girl Scouting awareness:

- _____ 28. The troop has participated in an activity that encourages environmental awareness:

- _____ 29. The troop has participated in an activity that explores STEM fields (science, technology, engineering, and math):

- _____ 30. The troop has completed at least one Program on Demand:

- _____ 31. The troop has attended a council Local to Global Kick-Off of Cookie Kick-Off event:

- _____ 32. The troop has supported the Family Partnership Campaign with each family contributing any size gift:

- _____ 33. The troop has submitted a nomination for Volunteer Awards:

- _____ 34. The troop has completed Early Bird registration for a majority of their troop members by 6/30/19:

- _____ 35. The troop has invited an expert to attend their meeting to speak to the girls about a Journey/ badge topic:

- _____ 36. The troop has taken part in an age-appropriate travel experience:

Essay and Exception Request

1. Why did your troop decide to work toward becoming an Honor Troop, and why do you feel they are deserving of this distinction?

2. Do you need an exception to any of the “Additional Items”? If so, please include the item number and describe why you are requesting an exception.

Acknowledgement

As a troop co-leader, I verify that the troop has honestly met the requirements for Honor Troop, and I proudly submit this application for recognition to the appropriate council staff.

Co-Leader's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Street Address: _____ Apt #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

MAIL PRINTED FORMS TO:

- Ogallala Service Center, Attn: Troop Support, 302 W. D St., Ogallala, NE 69153
- Kearney Service Center, Attn: Troop Support, 2412 Hwy. 30 East, Ste. 1, Kearney, NE 68847
- Grand Island Service Center, Attn: Troop Support, 820 N. Webb Rd., Ste. 104, Grand Island, NE 68803
- Columbus Service Center, Attn: Troop Support, 1570 33rd Ave., Columbus, NE 68601
- Lincoln Service Center, Attn: Troop Support, 8230 Beechwood Dr., Lincoln, NE 68510
- Omaha Service Center, Attn: Troop Support, 2121 S. 44th St., Omaha, NE 68105

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MemberSupport@girlscoutsnebraska.org

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