

2022-2023 Honor Troop Requirement List

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 troop will receive a signed Honor Troop Certificate and each girl in the troop will receive an Honor Troop Patch.

Please use this document to track your accomplishments throughout the year. To apply for 2022-2023 Honor Troop status, your application must be completed online at by June 30, 2023. Use [Adobe Acrobat Reader DC's Fill & Sign Tool](#) to fill out this form on your computer.

HONOR TROOP REQUIREMENTS

- Troops must complete all “Required Items” (1-17).
- Troops must also complete “Additional Items” (18-39) as follows:
 - **Daisy** troops must complete 5 additional items.
 - **Brownie** and **Junior** troops must complete 7 additional items.
 - **Cadette, Senior, Ambassador, and Multi-Level** troops must complete 9 additional items.
- An event or activity may only be used once.
- Complete chosen events and activities from items below by June 30, 2023.
- Enter dates into the online application (at www.GirlScoutsNebraska.org/HonorTroop) by June 30, 2023. Late applications will not be accepted.

REQUIRED ITEMS

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

- _____ 1. Membership registrations were completed online by 9/30/22 for returning members of existing troops or by the first meeting for new troops.
- _____ 2. The troop has enough registered and background-screened adults on their roster to comply with Volunteer-to-Girl Ratio.
- _____ 3. All adults registered as “troop co-leader” have completed the required training within one month of the troop starting for the school year.
- _____ 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 GSSN guidelines.
- _____ 5. The troop has held at least two Parent Meetings throughout the year, encouraging parents to participate in the troop and fostering good communication and teamwork. Best times to hold a Parent Meeting: Back to School, Cookie Season, End of Year (wrap up), etc. (guides to help you run these meetings can be found on our website).
- _____ 6. The troop has a plan for regularly communicating with caregivers.
- _____ 7. Troop co-leaders offer opportunities for caregivers to be involved in troop activities and/or outings.
- _____ 8. A troop planning session has been conducted during the year. Girl interests and ideas are incorporated into the yearly calendar.
- _____ 9. Utilize the Volunteer Toolkit (VTK) in learning to plan your Girl Scout Troop year. Plan at least one meeting using the VTK.
10. The troop is represented at one or more of the following volunteer-focused events:
 - _____ Volunteer/Service Unit Meeting
 - _____ Leader Networking Events
 - _____ Volunteer Weekend Retreat Weekend and/or Volunteer Award Ceremony

- _____ 26. 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.):
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- _____ 27. 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.):
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- _____ 28. The troop has participated in an activity that promotes community Girl Scouting awareness:
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- _____ 29. The troop has participated in an activity that encourages environmental awareness:
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- _____ 30. The troop has participated in an activity that explores STEM fields (science, technology, engineering, and math):
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- _____ 31. The troop has completed at least one Program on Demand:
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- _____ 32. The troop has attended a council Girl Scouts Give Back Kick-Off or Cookie Kick-Off event:
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- _____ 33. The troop has supported the Family Partnership Campaign with at least half of the families contributing any size gift:
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- _____ 34. The troop has submitted a nomination for Volunteer Awards:
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- _____ 35. The troop has completed Early Bird registration for a majority of their troop members by 6/30/23:
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- _____ 36. The troop has invited an expert to attend their meeting to speak to the girls about a Journey/badge topic:
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- _____ 37. The troop has taken part in an **age-appropriate travel experience**:
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- _____ 38. The troop has participated in a back to school event or curriculum night encouraging new girls to join their troop or to start a new troop:
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- _____ 39. The troop has discussed the importance of the Girl Scout Voices Count survey and the majority of girls and parents in the troop have completed the survey:
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- _____ 40. The troop participated in a Girl Scouts Give Back-themed program or earned any of the new Girl Scout badges added in summer 2022:
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QUESTIONS

Other questions that will be asked on the online application:

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.