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Tips and Suggestions

Figuring Out Financial Aide Forms

- The Financial Aide (FA) forms can be found on Green Pages **page. 65**
- You should fill out the form as **completely as possible.**
- For the **Reasons that make this request necessary** section, write down as simply as possible why the girl needs FA.
- **When requesting items from the shop** such as uniform pieces and books, write down the quantity only. Your Field Director will fill in the total price.
- If you **are requesting membership dues (the \$10 you turn in with registration)** you must give this form, along with the registration forms, to your registrar. **Do not send them directly to Council** unless told otherwise by the Field Director.
- If you are **only requesting shop supplies**, you may fax the form or mail it directly to the Field Director. It does not need to go to the Registrar first. Fax: 202-274-2161, ATTN: Jenna.

Membership and Growth

Girl Scouts of the USA is the world's largest organization dedicated to helping all girls everywhere build character and gain skills for success in the real world. In an accepting and nurturing environment, and in partnership with committed adult volunteers, girls develop strong values, leadership skills, social conscience, and conviction about their own potential and self-worth that will serve them all their lives.

However, Girl Scouts, as a whole, are a membership organization and, as with any membership organization, survival depends on growth. Growth must occur. That is why we strive to meet membership goals every year. These goals are important. They ensure that we are trying our hardest to increase our Girl Scout Family by offering the program to as many girls as possible.

Therefore, we need to be accessible, innovative, and welcoming at all times. Your Organizers and Service Unit Managers are working hard to bring Girl Scouting to every girl in your area, however, when girls show interest in joining, often there are no troops willing to accept them. We try, first, to form new troops with these girls, but sometimes there are just not enough girls to form a troop or there isn't a parent willing to step up.

I am asking that each and every leader take the time to think about the number of girls in your troop and determine if you would be willing to take even one more girl that really wants to be a Girl Scout. Then let either your Organizer or Service Unit Manager know. Your generosity will be very much appreciated and you will be helping to give the gift of Girl Scouts to so many more girls. Together, we can do it! Thank you for your time and efforts and keep up the good work!

Service Unit Goals

Let's talk about goals! The goals below are set by the Field Director and are based on goals give to her by the Council. Each Service Unit is encouraged to be mindful of the goals and to work together to reach them. AND as if knowing you are helping to bring the joy of Girl Scouting to more and more girls isn't the ultimate reward, as an extra incentive, when your Service Unit to reaches its goal, you will receive a special gift from the Field Director! What more could you ask for? So, let's go!

SU	Last Year	Current	Goal	Needed
1	373	320	380	60
5	390	319	398	84
7	468	375	477	94
9	302	199	309	110
11	305	314	332	18

Letter from the Field Director

I am looking for 9th-12th grade trained program aides for Camp Mi Vida from December 26 - 30 at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Herndon. I have 11 positions to fill. These positions can be taken as either a paid position for \$100 for the week or as a service position, earning each girl 43 hours (includes training time). The following positions are open.

Art Assistant Aide
2 Craft Aides
2 Scouting Traditions Aides

Theater Assistant Aide
2 Song Aides

Dance Assistant Aide
2 Games Aides

If you are interested, please send me a short resume of your experience and which position you would be interested in. If you know someone, please tell them about this opportunity. I am looking for experience High School-age Program Aides only because this is a new camp and does not have an established Program Aide training course.

GSCNC, ATTN: Jenna Cooper, 4301 Connecticut Ave., NW, Wash. DC. 20008, 202-237-1670 ext. 292, jcooper@gscnc.org

Letter from the Chairs:

There are several programs that we would like to do, but we need your help! Be on the lookout for opportunities to help plan!

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- Girl Scout Movie Day: "Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe"
- Girl Scout Day at the Mall
- Girl Scout Family Fair

What's Going On?

Junior Troop 4518 from Floris elementary school enjoyed a Monday afternoon at Hartland Orchard in Markham, VA. From Left to right in picture: Lauren Drew, Taylor Bell, Sami Drew, Colleen Saunders, Chloe Kim, and Jenny Chau.



Girl Scout troops in SU's 51-9, 51-11, and 70-3 participated in the Herndon Homecoming Parade on October 23, 2005. Their theme was "Film Festival" and the Girl Scouts received 1st place in the Civic Category (beating out the boy scouts this year) and also took home the trophy for best in parade! Girl Scout troops must have been a force of 300 girls parading down Elden Street and just smiling, waving, and singing songs while passing in front of the judges. A great projector filmstrip float and a cut sign started and ended our Girl Scout section

Troop 3076 volunteered at Farm Harvest Day at the Ellmore Farm center of Frying Pan Park on October 15th. The girls assisted with art and crafts, puppet shows, and farm games. It was a great event and the girls enjoyed being a part of it.

Kathy McGriff (PR) led Junior troop 2511 on a tour of WJLA-TV / News Channel 8 yesterday. The focus was on the newsgathering and reporting process. They were also fortunate enough to meet TV personality Andrea McCarren, lead of ABC 7's Investigative team. Andrea talked to them about her job as a reporter, her experiences as a White House correspondent (and her background in Girl Scouts!) The girls also got to say "Good Morning Washington DC"! on the morning news.



Meet Somebody Special

Association 51 Service Unit Managers

Each Association is divided into Service Units and each Service Unit is run by a team that works closely, together, with the association, and the Field Director to make life easier for the leaders and volunteers in their area. The leaders of these teams are the Service Unit Managers. It is the Service Unit Manager's job to coordinate the team, lead Service Unit Meetings and act as a liaison between the leaders and the Council. Service Unit Managers go through extensive training in order to serve you in the best way they can and they can be a wealth of knowledge and inspiration. Thank them for all of their hard work!

Lisa Stosch, 51-1

I was a Girl Scout from Brownies through Cadettes. My favorite memory of that time is when I attended a Girl Scout hiking camp for Juniors. The counselors were great and I remember making many new friends. The hiking was tough, but fun and I learned to carry only what I really needed!

As an adult, I got re-acquainted with Scouts through my daughters, as I'm sure most moms and dads do. I started as an Assistant Leader for my older daughter's Daisy troop and now I head up a team of four leaders in that same troop as Cadettes. I have a deep fondness for these girls and I'm very proud of all their achievements. In addition I play the role of "helpful mom" to my younger daughter's troop and I enjoy that tremendously. All the fun with no planning required!

I'm going on my second year as co-Service Unit Manager for 51-1 in South Reston. This is an interesting job and I've learned so much! It's amazing to see how time and energy so many parents give to Girl Scouts and the interchange of ideas amongst all these creative people is a great thing to observe.

Liz Goswick, 51-1

Liz has been a leader for five years and currently leads a Junior and a Brownie troop. Liz has been happily married to Dan for 16 years. She has three wonderful kids: a son, William, and two daughters, Allison and Sarah. Liz currently works as an instructional assistant at SVES helping upper elementary kids learn math. Liz is currently taking classes in special education and hopes to be hired as a full time special education teacher next fall. She spends most of her "free" time transporting her kids to events, attending soccer games, planning scout meetings, and helping with homework.

Beth Good, 51-1

Hello, my name is Beth Good. This year I joined Lisa Stosch and Liz Goswick as Co-SU Manager for SU 51-1. I was a girl scout for 5 years as a child and have been an adult member for 10 years. I began as a Troop Cookie Manager and was quickly recruited to be the SU Cookie Manager, a position I held for 6 years. I also became a Troop Leader 8 years ago; between my two daughters' troops I have led every program level. In addition, I was a Troop Organizer for Sunrise Valley E.S. for a few years. Prior to having my daughters I was a financial analyst in the banking industry.

Danielle Hicks, 51-5

As a girl I joined Girl Scouts in the middle of fourth grade soon after I moved to NJ when my new neighbor invited me to a troop meeting. I had a blast and I have a lot of great memories in Tick Country! After I bridged to Cadettes, I moved away and didn't join Girl Scouts after the move. I moved back to the same town in NJ my senior year of high school. Though I didn't realize it at the time, a big part of the reason that I was able to make the difficult move my Senior year was because of the friendships that I made in Girl Scouts. I have found them to be some of the most enduring connections that I've made – in fact – my friend that introduced me to Girl Scouts was my Maid of Honor when I got married. I'm a busy gal – I work in DC for a national initiative to grow philanthropic giving (gotta love that hour commute). I volunteer a lot in philanthropy - I serve on a national board for emerging leaders in philanthropy and for a fledgling board for Blacks in philanthropy in the Washington, DC area. Interested in volunteering where I live, and remembering all the fun I had as a girl, I responded to an ad for a Girl Scout leader of an Outreach

troop in Herndon (51-9). My daughter Sydney, (3 ½ at the time) and I couldn't wait to get started...so much so that I volunteered for the Outreach troop AND a Brownie troop at Lake Anne last year. Sydney is so excited to be a Daisy (my husband, on the other hand, is a little less excited at what we've taken on). I'm looking forward to what is possible for our service unit as I settle into this new role!

Tracey Chichester, 51-5

I am the mother of 2 wonderful daughters, both of whom are involved in girl scouts. I am in my 6th year as an adult girl scout volunteer. I lead my older daughter's 5th grade Junior troop and help out with my younger daughter's 3rd grade Brownie troop. I am a certified leader and camp certified adult for both troops. In addition, I am working with a fabulous woman, Danielle Hicks as a SU Manager. As a youth, I earned my First Class Girl Scout award and remained a girl scout throughout high school.

Pat Hutzler, 51-7

Pat has been a Girl Scout leader for 8 years, starting her troop when her daughter entered Girl Scouts in the first grade. She currently advises her Cadette troop of twelve 8th graders. During the time that she's been involved in Girl Scouts, Pat has taken on various jobs for the service unit, including management of the QSP campaign and serving as a delegate to our annual meeting. This is her second year as SUM. She has also represented Association 51 on the Service Unit Manager's Panel and attended the National Convention this year as a visitor. Professionally, Pat retired from private consulting after spending 28

years working in the fields of military resource analysis and logistics planning and modeling. In addition to working with the Girl Scouts, Pat also works with Boy Scouts on several Citizenship merit badges and volunteers at Rachel Carson Middle School where her daughter attends, and Oakton High School, where her son attends. In her spare time, she also dabbles in various home improvement and construction projects and works with her son's ice hockey team.

Jennie Klare, 51-9

As of this year, I've been in Girl Scouting for 20 years. After being wait listed as a Daisy, my mom became my leader my first year of Brownies. I immediately started going to day camp at Ashgrove Adventure and became addicted to everything about GS. Through the hard years of being a Junior, a male leader kept me involved and interested. We played basketball when we got bored; we brought our dads to a meeting and made our own birdhouses from scratch that my dad still keeps in the backyard. We also started the recycling program at several of the community pools in Herndon.

Since then, I've help run core camps, encampments, day camps, resident camps; traveled to Ireland, England, Rhode Island, the Bahamas, Florida, Delaware, New York all before I even graduated HS. I became a GS leader at the age of 15, moved back to Herndon after college for scouts mainly, and had 6 troops of my own as recently as last year. I'm now a trainer, Service Unit Manager, and a camping nut. And for all of you that are curious, yes, I keep gimp and all my camping gear in my car at all

times, and film canister salt and pepper shakers in my purse. Doesn't everybody?

Carolyn Faraday, 51-11

After spending 4 years as a Girl Scout girl (plus two more years on a waiting list), Carolyn volunteered to be her older daughter's troop leader "if you really need me". That was 12 years, 3 jobs and another daughter ago. In addition to volunteering as troop leader and SUM, Carolyn has acted as SU QSP chair, troop organizer, bridging coordinator, Girl Council coordinator, Thinking Day coordinator, and volunteered at both Camp Algonkian and Camp Fairfax, where she was the Center Director. Carolyn, a native Virginian, lives just outside the town limits of Herndon with her husband of 21 years and her two daughters, 10 and 17, and commutes to work in Tyson's Corner daily.

Kirsten Frostad, 51-11

I was a Brownie and Junior Girls Scout. My young Scout career ended with move to Hawaii where Scouts weren't very active. I have now put in 10 years as an adult!!! I was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, but have lived all except the last 10 years in California and Hawaii. Before kids I was a level III neonatal intensive care nurse. I share my volunteer time with Girl Scouts & schools. During the occasional free moment I will scrapbook and to de-stress I sew or quilt.

What is the Girl Scout Hierarchy? Who do I contact when I have a question or a problem?

It is sometimes difficult to determine whom you should go to when you have a problem or a question about Girl Scouts. Below is a quick reference for you to make it easier to figure it all out. In most situations, just go to the level or position above you, if that person or group cannot help, they will direct you up the ladder.

