



### TROOP SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT

Association \_\_\_\_\_ Service Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Troop No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sponsoring Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: Evening \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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The considerations and responsibilities mutually agreed upon by Troop \_\_\_\_\_

and

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sponsor)

shall be \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

It is agreed that \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of organization)

and Troop \_\_\_\_\_ of the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital accept the responsibilities of sponsorship for the period of one year

from \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor's Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Troop Leader

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Troop Member or Scribe

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Service Team Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

(Please check: Sponsor Copy \_\_\_\_\_ Troop Copy \_\_\_\_\_ Service Unit Copy \_\_\_\_\_)

**Membership August 2003**



### TROOP SPONSORSHIP GUIDELINES

*"When a Girl Scout troop is sponsored by one religious group, members of different faiths or religious affiliations within the troop shall not be required to take part in religious observances of the sponsoring group."*

#### **Blue Book of Basic Documents - Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.**

Troop sponsorship is a voluntary association of an organization with a Girl Scout troop. Its purpose is to extend membership opportunities, to enrich the Girl Scout program and to broaden the base of community support for the Girl Scout movement.

The Board of Directors of the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital recognizes the value of troop sponsorship and supports its expansion in the community.

A troop may be sponsored by any organization outside Girl Scouting that is interested in the troop and whose aims and ideals are compatible with the Girl Scout movement. Some examples of appropriate groups are Parent-Teacher Associations, women's clubs, civic associations, businesses and religious organizations.

The Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital retains final authority for the maintenance of standards and the administration of the Girl Scout program; the sponsoring group assists and supports the leaders in their work with the girls. The final decision for sponsorship is the prerogative of the troop. The Girl Scout Service Unit Manager and Team, as volunteer administrators, are authorized to act on behalf of the Council.

#### **Responsibilities of the Service Unit Team to the Sponsoring Organization**

1. Authorizes community groups as sponsors within the framework of Council policies and standards.
2. Assures that the meeting place meets health and safety standards.
3. Assures that the troop's program meets GSUSA's and GSCNC's program standards.
4. Informs sponsor of GSUSA policies regarding membership.
5. Provides sponsor information about Girl Scouting and this Council's policies, standards and procedures.
6. Initiates an annual review of the agreement between the sponsor's representative and the troop.

#### **Responsibilities of the Troop Leader to the Sponsor**

1. Shares information about the troop's program and schedule with the sponsor.
2. Provides opportunities for a member of the sponsoring group to participate on the troop committee.
3. Arranges for exchange of service between the troop and the sponsor in accordance with GSUSA and GSCNC Program Standards.
4. Reports to the sponsor on use made of funds, if any, and any other resources provided by the sponsor.
5. Notifies the sponsor of changes in troop leadership.
6. Confers with the troop committee and the service team in the event that termination of the sponsorship agreement may seem desirable.
7. Gives the sponsor an annual report of troop size and activity.

#### **Responsibilities of the Sponsoring Organization and its Representative to the Troop**

1. Agrees to sponsor a troop by a mutually satisfactory written Troop Sponsorship Agreement.
2. Appoints a member of the group to serve as the sponsor's representative and contact person for the troop.
3. Provides an opportunity for Girl Scouting to be interpreted to the membership of the sponsoring group.
4. Provides assistance to the troop (i.e. troop program, consultants, financial support, meeting place) when appropriate and possible.
5. Suggests kinds of service that would be helpful to the sponsoring group within GSUSA and GSCNC policies and standards and coordinates any approved service project with the troop leader in advance.
6. Informs the service unit team members in writing, if the sponsor decides to terminate the Troop Sponsorship Agreement. Sponsorship Form is in the Forms Appendix.