

So, You've Decided to Start a Troop - Now What?

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Welcome!

This presentation aims to cover:

- ★ Working With Adults - Parents and Other Volunteers
- ★ Networking With Other Leaders in Your Service Unit
- ★ Managing the Leader-Daughter Dynamic
- ★ A Sample Badge Activity
- ★ Questions and Concerns



Working With Adults - Parents and Other Volunteers



Annual Troop Parents Meeting
Friday, 9 October 2020; 7pm
Web Conference

→ **Welcome Back to Troop!**

→ **Our Troop 101**

- ◆ Troop Number and Leader Contact Info
- ◆ **2020-2021 Expectations**
 - **2020 Parent Contract**
 - Between-Meetings Work
- ◆ **2020-2021 In-Person Meeting Policies**
 - **Illness**
 - Inclement Weather
 - **COVID-19**
 - Supply Bags
- ◆ 2020-2021 Virtual Meeting Policies
 - **Girl Scout Internet Safety Pledge**
 - Expectations
- ◆ Badges, Journeys, and Awards
 - Shape of Our Year plan
 - Detailed Badge-Level Activity Plan

→ **REQUIRED Forms**

- ◆ Universal Permission Slip for Meetings & Local Trips/Activities
- ◆ Troop Member Health History Form
- ◆ Allergy/Anaphylaxis Form
- ◆ Council Cares Application
- ◆ 2020 Fall Product Program Permission Slip

→ **Uniforms**

- ◆ Review of Uniforms and Required Insignia
 - What FAMILIES buy
 - What TROOP 71567 buys
- ◆ Insignia, Badge, Patch, and Award Placement Guide

→ **Questions**

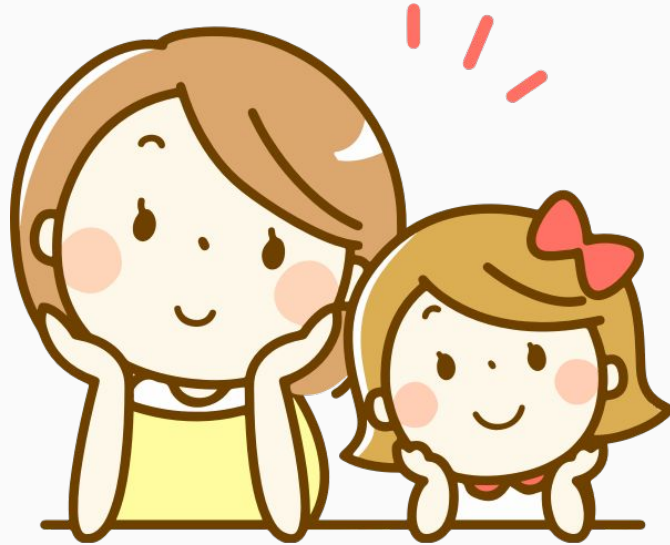
Networking With Other Leaders In Your Service Unit



Examples of Cool Stuff You Can Coordinate With Other Leaders

- Older Girls who can lead a badge meeting, like *Buddy Camper* for Daisies or *Hiker* for Brownies
- Ideas for fun activities their Girl Scouts enjoyed when they were your girls' age - sleepovers at a museum, easy snack recipes for food-related badges, awesome outings to use cookie profits for, and more!
- “Sister Troops” to team up with yours for bigger outings
- “Big Sisters” or “Little Sisters” at Bridging

Managing the Leader-Daughter Dynamic



Top Tips for the Leader-Daughter Dynamic

- ❖ Talk to your Girl Scout before the year starts
- ❖ Lay down the (Girl Scout) Law
- ❖ Team up with your Co-Leader
- ❖ Hold the Girls Accountable
- ❖ Remember Your Role Outside of Meetings

Sample Badge Activity

This activity comes from the Brownie *First Aid* badge; it's part of **Step 1 - Find out how to get help from 9-1-1.**

We are going to abbreviate and modify it for being online. When I run it in person, I ask the girls to “dash” to different sides of the room.

After I switch off my screen-share, I want everyone to stand up so we can start right away.

If you think you **should** call 9-1-1 after I read each scenario, send “**CALL**” in the chat.

If you think you **should NOT** call 9-1-1, send me “**DON'T CALL**” in the chat.

Any Questions?

