



Gaining Support from your Parents

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Agenda

1. Did you know the most successful troops have full parent participation?
2. Getting parents involved with your Girl Scout troop benefits girls, leaders and families.
3. Leaders with involved troop parents can better meet the needs of girls and their families and can often accomplish more during the year.

How do you gauge support for your troop?

- A. Membership - Remember: only registered members (male, female, parent, uncle, aunt, grands, etc) can hold certain positions such as Fall product, Cookie Mom, Chaperones, and Troop treasurer.
- B. Questionnaire - What can you do to help the troop? (See skills)
- C. Participation - who comes to meetings and is engaged?



Skills that can be shared at the troop or community level

- A. Job skills - EMT/Nurse/Doctor, professional photographer, forestry/game management, teachers
- B. Hobby skills - scrapbooking, jewelry making, crafting, painting, gardening
- C. Utilizing those skills for badge work - camping, photography, genealogy, first aid

How do we get our parents or caregivers to participate?

Ask, Ask, Ask.



10 strategies for recruiting active volunteers

1. Start with a plan.
2. Be clear about the time commitment.
3. Ask for a small commitment first.
4. Match their skills with assignments.
5. Remove potential barriers to participation.
6. Make them feel appreciated.
7. Offer an orientation.
8. Share stories of other volunteers.
9. Highlight the positive
10. Communicate what's in it for them.





Thank You

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