

Co-Leader Discussion Questions

In leading a new troop, you'll want to guide the structure and experiences of your troop—from how and when meetings are held to how the troop communicates, and from steering girl-led activities to setting financial expectations. You'll make these decisions collaboratively with your volunteer team or co-leader, as well as with input from the girls and their parents/caregivers. Use these questions to guide your conversation with troop volunteers or co-leader before discussing the topics with parents and caregivers.

Meeting Logistics:

- When will we meet and for how long?
- How frequently should we schedule troop meetings?
- Where will we meet?
 - Troop leader pro tip: great meeting spaces include schools, places of worship, libraries, and community centers.

Your Troop:

- Will our troop consist of girls in just one grade or will we have more than one grade? What ages of girls do we want in our troop?

Some things to consider:

- Girl Scouts has curriculum developed for girls in certain grades based on [program grade levels](#) so you may want to consider how many active volunteers you'll have to make this decision.
- Another factor in your decision may be if your troop has families who have girls in different grades.

Troop Communication

- How often will we communicate with troop families?
- How will we keep families in the loop? The Volunteer Toolkit? Emails? Group texts? A troop Facebook group?
- Who wants to take the lead on communicating with families?

Money Matters:

- Will our troop charge dues?
- How much money will we need to cover supplies and activities?
- What should our financial plan look like?
- Which components of the uniform—the tunic, sash, or vest—will troop families need to purchase?
 - Troop leader pro tip: get the full rundown on uniforms and insignia at www.gsnetx.org/shop