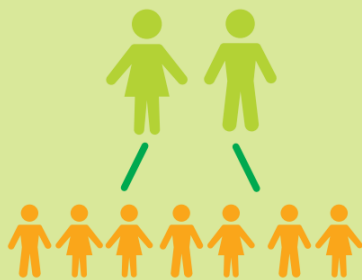


There is no one right way to structure troop leadership and parent involvement. Every troop should do what works best for the girls and the parents involved.

Important tips for troop structure:

- Keep it girl-led - let the girls make the decisions and lead the meetings as much as possible while ensuring every girl has her voice heard and the girls are having fun together.
- Play to the strengths of each family - ask parents what they are good at or interested in doing before assigning tasks.
- Consider a helpful tool such as Sign-Up Genius to keep the meeting dates and volunteer assignments organized.
- As a volunteer, remember to be flexible and have fun, too!
- Parents cannot help, if they are not asked! Don't wait for parents to volunteer, ask them directly to get involved and help.



Traditional

Two unrelated adults lead a troop. Other parents volunteer to help as needed.



Troop Coordinator/Troop Mentor

(this works well in a multi-level troop)

One adult acts as the 'administrator', responding to emails, planning the VTK calendar, etc. Other parents volunteer to lead specific grade levels, meetings, or activities based on skill or preference.



Girl-Led

One adult acts as the 'leader' but each girl and parent rotates leading meetings, activities and events. This is a great option to promote the 'girl-led' experience, as they get to teach their friends a new skill. Also a great option to rotate locations, purchasing supplies and snacks to cut down on troop dues.



Team-Led

All parents volunteer as troop leaders, and evenly divide responsibility by interest and/or skill set.