

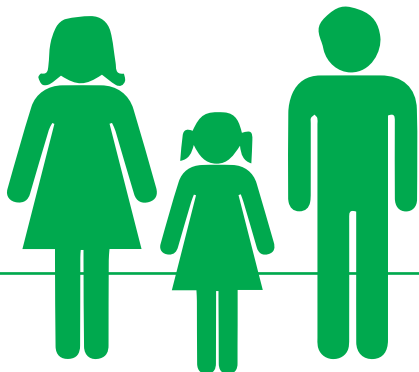


On my honor, I will... not do this alone.

Girls who have family support and participation in their Girl Scout adventures are more likely to stay in Girl Scouts. Ask your parents to volunteer four hours this year 4Her! Troops excel when parents take part.

Family volunteers can:

1. Manage troop cookie program as a **Troop Cookie Manager***
2. Coordinate communication (i.e. Facebook group, parent emails, etc.)
3. Provide transportation for troop outings & activities
4. Volunteer to get **First Aid certified*** to help with activities
5. Manage troop funds & bank account as the **Troop Finance Volunteer***
6. Offer to host & facilitate meetings in your home or coordinate the use of a local venue (church, library, rec center, school)
7. Organize badge work for the troop; rotate leading badge activities
8. Get **Troop Camp certified*** for camping (and activities involving fire)
9. Organize community service projects & activities for the troop
10. Create & manage a snack calendar for meetings year-round



Tips for working with family volunteers

Communicate With Families

- ▶ Hold a Parents Meeting early on to build a network of success for everyone.
- ▶ Don't be afraid to set an expectation of family involvement (most families are looking for that opportunity anyways).
- ▶ Stay in communication – create a troop calendar, budget, and plan for how you will update parents. Use a parent volunteer to help create and share this information.



Provide Options for Families to Take Part

- ▶ Use the 4Her materials (promise card, 4Her sign-up sheet, etc.) to give families ideas of ways they can help AND to celebrate their efforts for their girl – for every 4 hours they give.
- ▶ Use GSNETX's Pinterest Board (search Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas,) the GSNETX blog (linked in the footer at gsnetx.org), and the GSNETX Learning Channel on Facebook for ideas.
- ▶ View and print 4Her resources online at gsnetx.org under the "Volunteer" tab or pick up a copy at your closest GSNETX shop

Recognize Family Efforts

- ▶ Say thank you.
- ▶ Encourage families to track their time spent on Girl Scouts, so they can be recognized for it. Many large corporations make a donation to the nonprofit where their employees give of their time. Check with your company to see if they have an employee volunteer match.
- ▶ Girls can earn the GSNETX's 4Her patch/pins for every four hours a parent/guardian volunteers with her troop. Adults are also eligible for other council recognitions as well.

