

TRAINING IN GIRL SCOUTING

Training is a term used in Girl Scouting that refers to adult education. Its purpose is to identify and meet the needs of the individual and the organization. It gives the individual the opportunity to increase job effectiveness and enhance personal and professional growth. In the Girl Scout Council of Greater New York, adults and Senior Girl Scouts have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of training courses.

How to Register: Adult learning opportunities are found in the Training Connection, which is available at your Service Center. Mail the Training Registration form to the Systems Department at the Council Office. Registration forms can also be faxed to (212) 645-4599. Registration forms must be received at the council office by the registration deadline in order to secure your place.

Required Training Courses for Girl Scout Leaders:

- 1. GETTING STARTED TRAINING- (3 Hours)** This orientation should be taken in the borough in which you will be a troop/group leader or co-leader. The Program Specialist in your borough conducts the Getting Started; it is an introduction to Girl Scouting and covers the necessary information for starting your Girl Scout troop. This training must be completed before meeting with your troop /group and must be completed before registering for Basic Leadership training.
- 2. BASIC LEADERSHIP TRAINING I (BLT)-(3 Hours)** This is an introduction to the Girl Scout program, which should be taken within one year of the Getting Started training. The new leader will learn more about managing a troop, the structure of Girl Scouting, troop finances, Girl Scout ways, pluralism, and ceremonies.
- 3. BASIC LEADERSHIP TRAINING (BLT II, III, IV)-(3 Hours)** Age-level training. These courses are for new leaders as well as experienced leaders moving to a new age level. Content includes age – level program planning with girls, earned awards, troop government and the girl / adult partnership.
- 4. CPR/FIRST AID TRAINING- (9 Hours)** Is required for at least one registered adult assisting with troop trips or camping. In Girl Scouting the term “first-aider” applies to an adult who has taken a Girl Scout-approved first-aid training course that includes CPR and whose cards are valid. In this comprehensive course you will learn how to identify and care for a variety of medical emergencies as well as the skills to administer the appropriate CPR measures for adult, children and infant victims.

5. OUTDOOR TRAINING

TROOP CAMP CERTIFICATION- Is a three part training series including a training weekend at camp. The three part courses will help equip leaders with the necessary skills to prepare girls and carry out an adventure in troop camping. **All** three courses are **required** and **must** be completed in order to receive camp certification.

OVERNIGHT ADVENTURES & BEYOND (3 Hours) -

This course is mandatory for all leaders participating in any overnight trip or sleepover. The course has been designed to prepare leaders for all overnight trips both long and short term. In addition, the course will also cover progression, overnight facilities, girl planning, emergency procedures, safety tips etc. **This course is a prerequisite for the Great Outdoors I, II & III.**

THE GREAT OUTDOORS I & II (3-hours)- These coupled courses must be taken together with The Great Outdoors II & III. These courses will prepare participants with the necessary skills for hands-on camping, menu planning, packing right, safety and outdoor cooking methods.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS III- this course includes a **mandatory weekend** at Camp Kaufmann. This course covers fire building, tour of the campground and outdoor cooking.

*** The Great Outdoors I, II & III** must be taken in succession including the mandatory weekend at Camp Kaufman **in order to complete Camp Certification. Upon completion of all three courses leaders are considered Camp Certified and are eligible for Troop camping.**

OUTDOOR SKILLS/ CAMP RECERTIFICATION SELF- STUDY GUIDE

is a re-certification workbook designed for leaders who:

- Received camp certification before June 1999
- Need to re-certify to go camping
- Are comfortable and confident doing the course on their own