

Caregiver Permission for Sensitive Issue Program Activities

Part I: To be completed by troop/group leader. This portion is to be kept by caregiver.

Position Statement

In order to be responsive to girls' needs and interests, some Girl Scout activities focus on subjects that may be considered sensitive or controversial. There is no definitive list of these subjects. In general, topics of a highly personal nature such as human sexuality, religious beliefs, and cultural and family values are regarded as sensitive. The troop/group leader's role is as a caring adult who can help girls acquire their own skills and knowledge. Girls are encouraged to see that each family has its own way of doing things based on family customs, cultural background, lifestyles and so on. Advocacy (single opinion positions) is the prerogative of the family and religious institutions.

Caregivers:

Our troop/group will be participating in the activities listed below. Each girl member is to have written approval from her caregiver to participate in sensitive issue related activities. If you have any questions or would like to discuss our troop/group's plans, please contact the troop/group leader. Refer to [Volunteer Essentials](#) for the Council's procedures for addressing what are considered "sensitive" issues. Attendance is optional for all or part of the activities listed.

Activity Name:		Date:		Time:	
Address:		Facilitator's Name:			

Troop/Group #		Troop/Group Leader's Name:			
Phone:		Email:			

The specific topics we will be covering and program resources/consultants we will use include:

Part II: To be completed by caregiver. This portion is to be kept by troop/group leader.

My daughter: has my permission to participate in the _____ activity (see above).
 will not participate in the _____ activity (see above).

Daughter's First Name:		Middle Name:		Last Name:	
Caregiver's Name:			Phone:		

Caregiver's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Guidelines

Consultants and leaders understand and are willing to adhere to Girl Scout national guidelines and the Girl Scout position on sensitive issues. Consultants and resources selected will provide an informative rather than an advocacy point of view.

1. The troop/group leader will submit this completed form to the staff volunteer specialist for approval at least 30 days before providing activity information to caregivers.
2. The staff volunteer specialist will contact the troop leader to share the decision of approval or denial of the activity.
3. Prior to the event, the troop/group leader will provide caregivers an outline of the activities, including content areas, some sample activities, a brief résumé of any presenters, and the expected outcome of the event.