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TROOP TRIPS

- Girls participating in Girl Scout OC approved activities are insured by GSUSA basic accident insurance.
- If the Girl Scout troop leaves the regular meeting place but is in the immediate vicinity, for example in the garden just outside the school building, and has left a notice posted on the door of the meeting place indicating where they can be located, parental permission slips are not required.
- Leaving the meeting place and the meeting place grounds/vicinity constitutes a trip and requires parental consent.
- The OCC must be informed of any activity **away from the Girl Scout stated meeting place**. When the girls leave the regular meeting place for any length of time during the meeting time, the parents must be informed in writing of the purpose of the trip to another location, the date, the time of departure from the regular meeting place and return to the meeting place. The parent must sign a consent slip agreeing to the trip. The leader must carry the consent slip during the trip. A notice must be posted in a prominent place at the troop's regular meeting place, stating the troops destination, and time of return.
- If a troop trip, or **ANY OTHER ACTIVITY AWAY FROM THE GIRL SCOUT STATED MEETING PLACE** is undertaken without the OCCs knowledge or is not an OC approved activity, then it is not a Girl Scout activity and all parents should be so informed. The responsibility for any accident that occurs rests with the adult who organized the activity and the parents of the girls who gave approval to their daughters.
- Any leader who involves Girl Scouts in a non OC approved activity, event or camp-out is jeopardizing the safety of the girls, **especially if the parents have been led to believe that the trip is OC sanctioned**.
- All activities require the OCC and OC approval. The OCC approves the trip and designates the adult in charge either through appointment of the troop leaders or director of the specific trip event or camp. The person in charge must file form 451, 454 and an itinerary for the event with the OC. Volunteers breaching these regulations or jeopardizing the girls under their care due to disregard for the OC regulations and the standards and guidelines found in Safety Wise can be relieved of the responsibilities as leaders or directors of an event. The OC should meet to review any violations that disregard the safety and well being of girls and adults. If the OC believes the person in charge has engaged in inappropriate behavior, they can agree to relieve the person of their duties. The OCC will inform the volunteer by letter.