

# Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

## Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey

We believe that parents/guardians are the first role models of children and must work collaboratively with volunteers, staff and other Girl Scout families to instill high standards of ethics and promote the development of courage, confidence and character, and other important life skills.

It is important that all GSNNJ parents/guardians accept the mission of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, The Promise and the Law, and support Volunteers in their endeavors to instill these values in girls.



### GIRL SCOUT PROMISE

On my honor, I will try:  
To serve God and my country,  
To help people at all times,  
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

### GIRL SCOUT LAW

I will do my best to be  
honest and fair,  
friendly and helpful,  
considerate and caring,  
courageous and strong, and  
responsible for what I say and do,  
and to  
respect myself and others,  
respect authority  
use resources wisely,  
make the world a better place, and  
be a sister to every Girl Scout.

### The following are expected guidelines to follow by Girl Scout Parents/Guardians:

The parent/guardian will adhere to the **Girl Scout Promise and Law** and,

1. Will treat all girls/adults with respect, and not engage in verbal or physical threats.
2. Will show respect for all adults, staff, and girls while creating a positive and inclusive Scouting environment.
3. Will refrain from disrespectful conduct.
4. Will support the girls' active involvement in the troop by ensuring that the Girl Scout attends troop meetings, arrives on time, is picked up on time and participates in the various troop activities.
5. Will not bring other children to Girl Scout meetings unless invited by the leader for a family event.
6. Will register as a Girl Scout member and will complete a criminal background check to be able to help at meetings regularly if asked and/or attend any trip or travel with the troop, including being a troop driver.
7. Will be responsible for staying informed and will read communications from the troop leader and GSNNJ.
8. Will ensure that their girl(s) are registered members of GSNNJ and that the leader has all necessary documents needed throughout the year.
9. While girls or adults may have disagreements or conflicts outside the Girl Scout space and time, they must refrain from bringing that conflict into the Girl Scout meeting in order to facilitate a safe space for all.
10. Meet with the Service Unit Manager and/or GSNNJ staff if requested to discuss concerns within two weeks.

### Failure to follow the Code of Conduct will result in one or more of the following:

1. Leader to discuss the issue with the parent/guardian involved with a genuine intention to resolve the matter.
2. File written document to the Service Unit Manager who attempts to mediate the issue.
3. Written warning issued by GSNNJ staff that may limit participation in upcoming troop meeting(s) and activities for parent/guardian and daughter.
4. Continued failure to follow the Code of Conduct may impact troop membership for parents/guardians and/or girls.

**By signing this document, I commit to adhering to the above Code of Conduct.**

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Printed Name

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Troop #

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Signature

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Date