



Winter/Spring 2011

Volunteer

Learning Guide

Volunteer Learning Opportunities

Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska has a strong commitment to provide you - the adult volunteer - with essential tools for successful leadership. Our learning opportunities encourage our volunteers to discover, connect, and take action – the key ingredients to Girl Scout success and leadership, for you and your girls.

Adult Learning Opportunities

Discovering Girl Scouts

Required for new leaders and co-leaders.

Highly recommended for group and program volunteers.

This volunteer learning session offers an introduction to Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska and the many resources available to leaders. Discovering Girl Scouts introduces the new Girl Scout Leadership Experience and provides a refreshing look at why Girl Scouting is so important.

Connecting to Your Age Level

Required for leaders and co-leaders before meeting with a troop, and before meeting with a new age-level.

Highly recommended for program or event volunteers.

This volunteer learning session prepares leaders for the specific age level of their girls. Information, resources and tools are offered in conjunction with a detailed look at the new Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Session information is tailored for each age level: Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior and Ambassador. Please identify which age level session you will be attending when you register.

Person-to-Person Learning or Online Learning?

Discovering Girl Scouts and Connecting to Your Age Level is available in two learning formats: person-to-person and online. Please consider your preferred learning style so that the learning session that you choose best meets your needs.

Person-to-person is the preferred learning environment for volunteers who learn best from a group experience and want questions answered on the spot. See page 6 for the schedule of person-to-person learning opportunities.

Online learning is a good option for those who simply cannot make it to a person-to-person opportunity and is appropriate for those who prefer to learn without on-site instruction and at their own pace. Registration instructions for online learning sessions can be found at girlscoutsnebraska.org/for-adults/volunteering-training/online-training/.

Sleep Out Camp Out

Required for outdoor volunteers before taking girls on an outdoor adventure that involves building a fire, sleeping outdoors or cooking outdoors. Outdoor volunteers can be leaders, co-leaders, parent helpers, or troop volunteers.

Recommended before taking girls on any outdoor adventure.

This learning session prepares you with essential skills for outdoor adventures when taking girls to any outdoor camp setting and incorporates the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Skills covered include outdoor fire-building, cooking, dishwashing, tenting, knot tying, emergency preparedness, dressing/packing, hiking, leave no trace, and having the experience be girl-led. Prior to attending, leaders must complete Explore Out and bring it with them to training.

Explore Out

Required before taking girls on any outdoor adventure and prior to attending Sleep Out Camp Out.

The Explore Out guide prepares your troop and recognizes girl-readiness for an outdoor experience; addresses safety issues and provides the required forms. It is available for download and print at girlscoutsnebraska.org/sitepdfs/volunteers/ExploreOutGuide.pdf.

First Aid/CPR

Safety-Wise requires one certified First Aid/CPR volunteer be present when supervising girls during physically demanding activities and other activities involving a potential for injury.

Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska highly recommends that each troop has a certified “first aider” on site at all troop meetings and activities.

This is offered by experts through your local Red Cross or National Safety Council office. To find your local Red Cross chapter, go to www.redcross.org/en/where. For the National Safety Council in Nebraska, go to www.nesafetycouncil.org. If you need any additional assistance in locating a First Aid/CPR class in your area, please call your Volunteer Development Specialist at your local Girl Scout service center.

Girl Learning Opportunities

For Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors

Program Aide

Girls will have the opportunity to put their new leadership skills to work at day camps, council events or with a troop. Program Aides (PA) will be prepared to lead songs, games, ceremonies with younger Girl Scouts. For certification, girls need to be a registered Cadette, Senior or Ambassador Girl Scout, attend PA training and complete 25 hours of service as a PA. At training, girls receive a PA pin. After 25 hours of service, girls earn a PA patch.

Program Aide Specialty

For girls who have completed Program Aide training, Program Aides will expand their skills, either learning more songs, games, crafts and ceremonies, or branching off into a new specialty, such as photography, science, or nature. This is a great opportunity to bring PA's together to learn, share and network!

Camp Aide

Camp Aide training for eligible Seniors and Ambassadors will also be available. Please see the Spirit of Nebraska "Summer Camp Book" (coming in February, 2011) for details and information.

How To Register For Learning Sessions

Registration

Contact our registrar at 1.877.447.5558 x218, or training@girlscoutsnebraska.org, and provide the following information:

- Full name
- Mailing address
- Telephone numbers (home, work, cell)
- E-mail address
- Identify the name, location and date of the training (if age level session, indicate which)
- If registering for Program Aide training, indicate the girl's age level and note preferred T-shirt size – Adult S, M, L, or XL.

Registration is not complete until payment is received.

Registration Deadline

Leaders must register at least one week prior to the training date.

Registration deadlines are noted for each learning session. The deadlines ensure that we are best prepared for the learning session. Once formally registered, you will receive a confirmation via postcard, email or telephone message. If you do not receive confirmation by four days prior to learning session, please contact the training registrar, 877.447.5558 x 218 or training@girlscoutsnebraska.org to verify that we have received your registration.

Most learning opportunities require a minimum of five participants.

Because person-to-person sessions are designed to be engaging and interactive for a group of leaders, a session is subject to cancellation if the minimum is not met. Leaders who are registered for a session that has been cancelled will receive a telephone call and/or email message notifying them, as well as a refund, or transfer if requested, of their registration fee. Cancellations are also noted on our website training calendar.

Cancellation Policy

There is a nominal fee for our learning opportunities. You may transfer your fee to another person-to-person learning session or receive a refund if you notify the training registrar at least 48 hours in advance of the session. Contact the training registrar at training@girlscoutsnebraska.org, or by calling 1.877.447.5558 x218 and indicate the alternative learning session you prefer.

Please contact us with volunteer learning questions.

Contact your Volunteer Development Specialist at your local Girl Scout service center for further learning opportunity details.

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Schedule of Adult Person-To-Person Learning Opportunities

Discovering Girl Scouts

Saturday, March 26, 2011

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Lincoln - Eastridge Presbyterian Church - 1135 Eastridge Dr.

Registration Deadline: Friday, March 18, 2011

Cost: \$5.00

Saturday, April 23, 2011

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Omaha - Great Plains Service Center - 2121 S. 44th St.

Registration Deadline: Friday, April 15, 2011

Cost: \$5.00

Saturday, May 21, 2011

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Millard - St. Thomas Lutheran Church - 17007 Q St.

Registration Deadline: Friday, May 13, 2011

Cost: \$5.00

Saturday, June 11, 2011

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Millard - St. Thomas Lutheran Church - 17007 Q St.

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 3, 2011

Cost: \$5.00

Saturday, June 25, 2011

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Lincoln - Eastridge Presbyterian Church - 1135 Eastridge Dr.

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 17, 2011

Cost: \$5.00

Connecting to Your Age Level

Daisy, Brownie, Junior

Thursday, March 24, 2011

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Elkhorn - Peace Presbyterian - 333 S. 204th St.

Registration Deadline: Thursday, March 17, 2011

Cost: \$5.00

Saturday, March 26, 2011

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Lincoln - Eastridge Presbyterian Church - 1135 Eastridge Dr.

Registration Deadline: Friday, March 18, 2011

Cost: \$5.00

Saturday, April 2, 2011

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Kearney - Service Center - 2412 Hwy. 30 East

Registration Deadline: Friday, March 25, 2011

Cost: \$5.00

Saturday, April 2, 2011

1 p.m. - 4 p.m. MST

Ogallala - Service Center - 302 W. D St.

Registration Deadline: Friday, March 25, 2011

Cost: \$5.00

Saturday, April 2, 2011

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Columbus - Central Community College - 4500 63rd St.

Registration Deadline: Friday, March 25, 2011

Cost: \$5.00

Saturday, April 9, 2011

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Grand Island - Camp Cosmo - 2400 E. Wildwood Dr.

Registration Deadline: Friday, April 1, 2011

Cost: \$5.00

Saturday, April 23, 2011

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Omaha - Great Plains Service Center - 2121 S. 44th St.

Registration Deadline: Friday, April 15, 2011

Cost: \$5.00

Monday, May 9, 2011

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Millard - St. Thomas Lutheran Church - 17007 Q St.

Registration Deadline: Monday, May 2, 2011

Cost: \$5.00

Saturday, May 21, 2011

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Omaha - Great Plains Service Center - 2121 S. 44th St.

Registration Deadline: Friday, May 13, 2011

Cost: \$5.00

Saturday, May 21, 2011

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Seward - Seward Civic Center - 616 Bradford St.

Registration Deadline: Friday, May 13, 2011

Cost: \$5.00

Saturday, June 11, 2011

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Millard - St. Thomas Lutheran Church - 17007 Q St.

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 3, 2011

Cost: \$5.00

Saturday, June 25, 2011

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Lincoln - Eastridge Presbyterian Church - 1135 Eastridge Dr.

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 17, 2011

Cost: \$5.00

Connecting to Your Age Level

Cadette, Senior, Ambassador

Saturday, April 2, 2011

1 p.m. - 4 p.m. MST

Ogallala - Service Center - 302 W. D St.

Registration Deadline: Friday, March 25, 2011

Cost: \$5.00

Saturday, April 2, 2011

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Columbus - Central Community College - 4500 63rd St.

Registration Deadline: Friday, March 25, 2011

Cost: \$5.00

Saturday, April 9, 2011

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Grand Island - Camp Cosmo - 2400 E Wildwood Dr.

Registration Deadline: Friday, April 1, 2011

Cost: \$5.00

Saturday, April 23, 2011

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Omaha - Great Plains Service Center - 2121 S. 44th St.

Registration Deadline: Friday, April 15, 2011

Cost: \$5.00

Saturday, May 21, 2011

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Omaha - Great Plains Service Center - 2121 S. 44th St.

Registration Deadline: Friday, May 13, 2011

Cost: \$5.00

Saturday, June 11, 2011

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Millard - St. Thomas Lutheran Church - 17007 Q St.

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 3, 2011

Cost: \$5.00

Saturday, June 25, 2011

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Lincoln - Eastridge Presbyterian Church - 1135 Eastridge Dr.

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 17, 2011

Cost: \$5.00

Sleep Out Camp Out

Friday, April 15, 2011

7 p.m. Friday - 1:30 p.m. Saturday

Grand Island - Camp Cosmo - 2400 E Wildwood Dr.

Registration Deadline: Friday, April 8, 2011

Cost: \$20.00

Friday, April 29, 2011

7 p.m. Friday - 1:30 p.m. Saturday

Nebraska City - Catron Camp & Retreat Center - 609 N. 60 Rd.

Registration Deadline: Friday, April 22, 2011

Cost: \$20.00

Saturday, April 30, 2011

2 p.m. Saturday - 9 a.m. Sunday

North Platte - Lakeview Cabin - 101 S. Lake Maloney Dr.

Registration Deadline: Friday, April 22, 2011

Cost: \$20.00

Friday, May 6, 2011

7 p.m. Friday - 1:30 p.m. Saturday

Kearney - Cottonmill Park - 2795 Cottonmill Ave.

Registration Deadline: Friday, April 29, 2011

Cost: \$20.00

Friday, May 13, 2011

7 p.m. Friday - 1:30 p.m. Saturday

Papillion - Camp Maha - 17114 S. 63rd St.

Registration Deadline: Friday, May 6, 2011

Cost: \$20.00

Friday, June 3, 2011

7 p.m. Friday - 1:30 p.m. Saturday

Nickerson - Camp Crossed Arrows - 12997 Co. Rd. P-1

Registration Deadline: Friday, May 27, 2011

Cost: \$20.00

Friday, June 17, 2011

7 p.m. Friday - 1:30 p.m. Saturday

Papillion - Camp Maha - 17114 S. 63rd St.

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 10, 2011

Cost: \$20.00

Schedule of Girl Person-To-Person Learning Opportunities

Program Aide

Friday, February 11, 2011

7 p.m. Friday - 1 p.m. Saturday

Omaha - Great Plains Service Center - 2121 S. 44th St.

Registration Deadline: Friday, February 4, 2011

Cost: \$30.00

Friday, February 18, 2011

7 p.m. Friday - 1 p.m. Saturday

Grand Island - Camp Cosmo - 2400 E. Wildwood Dr.

Registration Deadline: Friday, February 11, 2011

Cost: \$30.00

Friday, March 18, 2011

7 p.m. Friday - 1 p.m. Saturday

Lincoln - Homestead Service Center - 8230 Beechwood

Registration Deadline: Friday, March 11, 2011

Cost: \$30.00

Friday, April 8, 2011

7 p.m. Friday - 1 p.m. Saturday

Columbus - St.. Luke's Church - 1072 21st Ave.

Registration Deadline: Friday, April 1, 2011

Cost: \$30.00

Friday, April 15, 2011

7 p.m. Friday - 1 p.m. Saturday MST

Sidney - United Methodist Church - 2622 11th Ave.

Registration Deadline: Friday, April 8, 2011

Cost: \$30.00

Friday, July 15, 2011

7 p.m. Friday - 1 p.m. Saturday

Lincoln - Homestead Service Center - 8230 Beechwood

Registration Deadline: Friday, July 8, 2011

Cost: \$30.00

Program Aide Specialty

Saturday, January 22, 2011

9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Grand Island - Camp Cosmo - 2400 E. Wildwood Dr.

Registration Deadline: Friday, January 14, 2011

Cost: \$5.00

Saturday, January 22, 2011

1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Columbus - Central Community College - 4500 63rd St.

Registration Deadline: Friday, January 14, 2011

Cost: \$5.00

Saturday, January 22, 2011

1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. MST

Ogallala - United Methodist Church - 421 N .Spruce St.

Registration Deadline: Friday, January 14, 2011

Cost: \$5.00

Saturday, January 29, 2011

1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Omaha - Great Plains Service Center - 2121 S. 44th St.

Registration Deadline: Friday, January 21, 2011

Cost: \$5.00

Wednesday, June 8, 2011

2 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Grand Island - Camp Cosmo - 2400 E. Wildwood Dr.

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Cost: \$5.00

Saturday, June 25, 2011

1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Omaha - Great Plains Service Center - 2121 S. 44th St.

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 17, 2011

Cost: \$5.00

Saturday, June 25, 2011

1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Lincoln - Eastridge Presbyterian Church - 1135 Eastridge Dr.

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 17, 2011

Cost: \$5.00

Saturday, July 30, 2011

9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Columbus - Central Community College - 4500 63rd St.

Registration Deadline: Friday, July 22, 2011

Cost: \$5.00



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