

**Thank you** for the support that you are giving your neighborhood Girl Scout troop! Girl Scouting is a continuous adventure in learning that offers girls a broad range of activities that stimulate self-discovery! Girls grow in skill and self-confidence through a wonderful variety of experiences in science, the arts, the out-of-doors, and with people! Your participation as a Sponsor helps to provide these experiences for girls in your neighborhood!

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We can imagine that you have some questions about what being a Sponsor entails! We have tried to answer a few of the more commonly asked questions about Sponsorship for you. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact your neighborhood troop leader or the Girl Scouts of Michigan Capital Council.

### **Who becomes a troop Sponsor?**

A Sponsor can be a recognized institution, business, organization, or individual whose ideals and objectives are in accord with those of the Girl Scout movement.

### **How much does it cost to be a Sponsor?**

No outlay of monies is required from any Sponsor! The cost of sponsorship depends on the needs of the Girl Scout troop being sponsored and the willingness and ability of the sponsor to help meet those needs.

### **How can I help a troop as a Sponsor?**

Sponsorship can come in **many** forms! We've listed some of the more popular ways below. (If you think of some other ways that you can help, let us know! Girl Scouts **always** want to explore new possibilities!)

Sponsors may help by:

- \* providing girls with a meeting place or transportation for special events.
- \* providing supplies, equipment or funds to supplement troop funds for a particular project or for individual girls
- \* assisting or supporting the troop with Council approved fund raising activities
- \* acting as consultants and resource people, as well as promoting Girl Scouting in the community
- \* providing affirmation of the troop and its leadership in upholding a positive community image

### **What benefits are there to me as a Sponsor?**

By working in partnership with a Girl Scout troop, **you** become a role model for the girls of that troop! Girls can see, firsthand, adults readily giving of their time and resources to the community, thereby, instilling in them the conviction that serving the community is the responsibility of all good citizens. Because troop sponsorship **is** a partnership, the troop may:

- \* provide program for a sponsor's meeting
- \* perform a flag ceremony to begin a meeting
- \* address and stuff envelopes
- \* make posters or name tags
- \* help with inventory, open houses, or special occasions
- \* keep the meeting place clean and orderly
- \* include the sponsor in appropriate activities
- \* recognize and actively publicize your contribution to the stability of the troop or group
- \* actively seek opportunities to provide services to you

**\*\*\* Please note: Girls Scouts may not make direct solicitations for cash, sell any product for another organization, directly endorse a particular brand, place of business, political party or religion.**

We at Girl Scouts of Michigan Capital Council also make a commitment to you, the Sponsor. We promise to:

- \* recruit and train qualified, responsible adult volunteers
- \* make Girl Scout membership available to you

**We appreciate your help, and invite you to fill out the enclosed Troop Sponsorship Agreement form and return it to your neighborhood Girl Scout Leader.**

\* provide information about Council activities



The Girl Scouts of Michigan Capital Council serves 8,821 girls in Ingham, Eaton, and Clinton Counties. Almost 2000 adults, both women and men, work to provide quality services to girls.

For more information on other ways that you can become involved in Girl Scouting, please contact:

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