

Leader and Approved Adult Volunteer Trip Chaperone Agreement

I understand that as an approved adult chaperone I play an essential role in the success of the trip and that my attitudes, behavior, and responsibilities as a role model are critical to the quality of the experience. **An approved adult is a registered and criminal background checked member of Girl Scouts of Nassau County.**

Therefore, I agree to do the following:

- Be sensitive to the needs of each girl participant.
- Respect the places and the people with whom I come in contact.
- Understand that I will be responsible for girls other than my daughter.
- Ensure that Girl Scout Safety Checkpoints, Volunteer Policies, and GSNC Policies and Standards and Guidelines are followed.
- Be responsible for the safety and wellbeing of ALL participants during this trip.
- Plan rest stops every few hours and avoid driving for extended periods at night. If traveling with others, prearrange stopping places along the way. When planning longer trips, arrange for relief drivers.
- Do NOT drive when you are tired or taking medication that makes you drowsy.

I also understand and agree with the following Girl Scouts of Nassau County Policies:

Alcohol and Drug Use

- No volunteer may use, possess, transfer, distribute, manufacture, or sell alcohol or any illegal drug while on the Council's property, while responsible for the health and safety of girls, while operating a vehicle or potentially dangerous equipment or used at any Council, Association, Camp or Troop girl event. In addition, no volunteer may undertake a role as a Girl Scout volunteer while under the influence or impaired by any drug or alcohol, including prescription and over-the-counter drugs.
- Violators of the alcohol and drug policy may be asked to leave the Council property or activity site and future participation in Girl Scouts may be jeopardized.

Smoking

- Volunteers function as role models at all times, and are therefore not permitted to smoke in front of girls during Girl Scout sponsored meetings, events or trips. Volunteers are expected to observe the law and GSNC guidelines with regard to where and when smoking is permitted/prohibited. This policy applies to all types of smoking/vaping and similar apparatus and the use of tobacco in any form.

Weapons

- No volunteer of Girl Scouts of Nassau County may carry a dangerous weapon while on Girl Scouts of Nassau County property, driving a Girl Scouts of Nassau County-owned, rented or leased vehicle, or at meetings, events or trips. Weapons include guns, knives, explosives and other items with the potential to inflict harm. Any violation of this policy will be grounds for appropriate disciplinary action, up to and dismissal. Excluded from this provision, would be any equipment that a volunteer would use in a typical camping

environment while engaged in camping activities, and must be used according to the guidelines for such in Safety Activity Checkpoints.

Distracted Driving

- It is illegal to operate a vehicle that is in motion while using any portable electronic device, the exception is hands free technology, using a device attached to the dashboard, and communications with emergency services.
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Photos

- Leaders, parents, or girls are not permitted to post photos that will be shared on social media or any other media platform. Photos can be sent to customercare@gsnc.org for possible post on GSNC or GSUSA media platforms.

The Rule of Three

- To protect GSNC staff, volunteers and program participants at no time during a troop meeting, program, trip or any Girl Scout activity may a staff person or volunteer be alone with a single child where the staff or volunteer cannot be observed by others. Never go anywhere alone or be alone in a room with a single child. Always have a third person with you, whether that is another adult or another child.

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All Leaders and Approved Adult Volunteers must sign and return this form prior to the trip to the Girl Scout Leader and a copy will be given to the emergency contact not traveling with the group

IF DRIVING GIRLS, THIS BOX MUST BE CHECKED.

- I verify that I have reviewed the Trip Chaperone agreement and my New York State Driver's License and Car Insurance is current and in good standing.

Please print your name below and provide your signature.

Name (print)

Signature

Telephone: _____

Date: _____