

Girl Scouts of South Carolina - Mountains to Midlands Volunteer Forum – Usage Instructions

The Volunteer Forum is a support tool providing adult members of Girl Scouts of South Carolina-Mountains to Midlands the opportunity to exchange ideas and information that will enhance their volunteer experience. The Volunteer Forum gives volunteers a place:

- to ask each other questions about working with girls, families, and other volunteers;
- to offer suggestions or solutions to each other's challenges;
- to share programs, community resources, or other resources that will enhance the Girl Scout experience.

The Forum is moderated by the Volunteer Services staff. Their role includes:

- assuring that posts conform to the participant agreement (shown below);
- assuring the accuracy of information that is posted as volunteers answer each other's questions;
- encouraging participation to enhance volunteer interaction and exchange of information;
- researching and responding to questions or comments relating to council responsibilities.

The Forum is a venue for volunteers to support each other through information exchange. Questions pertaining to council issues that are time sensitive should be directed to the appropriate staff member and not submitted for consideration on the Forum.

To gain access to the forum, you must be a recognized Girl Scouts of South Carolina – Mountains to Midlands volunteer. In order to request access, you will need to provide your name and address so that we can verify your identity and allow you to read and post on the forum.

Visit <http://gssc-mm.org/volunteerforum.aspx> and click on "Forum Registration" to register.

Once your information has been verified and your account has been approved, you will receive a confirmation e-mail allowing you to view and submit messages to post to the Forum. To view or submit messages, visit <http://www.gssc-mm.org/volunteerforum.aspx> and click on "User Login." Enter your username (your full name with no spaces) and password; then click "login."

Once logged in, you will be able to view all of the topics and subtopics (called conversation threads) currently being discussed by volunteers. To read a

conversation thread, click on the desired topic to view threads.

All messages or topics must be approved by the Girl Scouts of South Carolina–Mountains to Midlands Volunteer Forum Moderator before they will appear on the site.

To submit a new topic, click to the topic or thread under which you want to post; then click the red “New Topic” button on the left. Enter a specific subject that fits your topic in the “Subject” box at the top. Then enter your message in the large box below. Click “Submit” to submit this message for approval. As soon as the moderator approves your message, you will receive an e-mail notification, and your message will appear on the board in its appropriate location.

If you would like to reply to a posted message on the site, click on the message, then click “Reply.” Enter your reply message in the box and click “Submit.” Your reply will also be approved by the moderator. You will be notified by e-mail when your message has been approved and can be viewed on the Forum.

If any message is not approved for posting on the Forum per the Participant Agreement, you will receive an e-mail notification.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please call our toll free number, 800.848.4475, and ask for the Volunteer Forum Moderator.