

Sensitive/Controversial Issues Permission Form

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

In order to be contemporary and responsive to the interests and needs of girls, some Girl Scout activities focus on subjects that may be considered sensitive. These subjects include, but are not limited to, highly personal topics such as bullying, peer pressure, sexual harassment, eating disorders, alcohol abuse, and depression. The role of the Girl Scout leader and other caring adults is to provide information rather than advocate a particular position. Parents/caregivers make all decisions regarding their child's participation in the Girl Scout program that may be of a sensitive nature. As a volunteer leader, you must get written parental permission for any locally planned program offering that could be considered sensitive. Included on the permission form should be the topic of the activity, any specific content that might create controversy, and any action steps the Girl Scouts will take when the activity is complete. Be sure to have a form for each troop member and keep the forms on hand in case a problem arises. **Parents/guardians must give written permission before a girl participates in any program activity of a sensitive or controversial nature, as defined in Volunteer Essentials.**

Troop/Group # _____ is planning an activity/program dealing with _____. Please review the following information so that you are informed of the program content being presented and complete the consent form below.

Name(s) of presenter(s) _____

Credentials of presenter(s) _____

Agency affiliation of presenter(s) _____

Brief outline of material to be presented:

Location of activity _____

Date and time of activity _____

Your Girl Scout will be encouraged to share the information with you. Her participation in the activity is encouraged but not required.

Troop Leader's Signature _____ Phone Number _____

Please detach and return to _____ by _____

Girl Scout's Name _____ Troop/Group # _____

I understand the troop will be discussing the following on ____ / ____ / ____:

I have reviewed the information above and I

☐ Give my permission for my Girl Scout to participate.

☐ Do not give my permission for my Girl Scout to participate.

Signature of Caregiver _____ Date _____