

FAQs for In-Person Troop Meetings

Q: Do all troop leaders need to take the recommended training? Or is it OK for just one troop leader to train?

A: We strongly recommend that all adults in leadership positions take the training. However, at least one troop leader should take the training in order to meet in person.

Q: Can we meet in my home?

A: GSMW does not recommend that troops meet in homes out of concern that there would be greater risk of exposure to other family members and the personal liability of the homeowner. The recommendation is to stay away from in-home meetings.

Q: Where can we get help finding someplace to meet?

A: Contact your local Volunteer Support Manager, your town office, or council for suggestions. We are happy to help! Please call 800-736-5243 or email customercare@gsmw.org

Q: How do we prescreen for our meetings?

A: Troop leaders should have all parents/guardians answer the Member Participation Waiver questions before coming to each troop meeting. The troop leader does not need to collect this waiver, but will want to confirm with each parent/guardian that the pre-screening was conducted and the Girl Scout is OK to attend the meeting. If a parent/guardian answers yes to any of the screening questions, they cannot send their Girl Scout to the meeting.

Q: Do we all have to wear masks (girls and adults) at all times?

A: If the members of the troop (girls/adults) are maintaining a 6 feet distance at all times, then masks do not need to be worn. An exception to this may be if you are doing activities that may increase possible droplets such as singing, dancing, or other activities that take extra exertion.

Suggestions:

- ✓ Use visuals for younger girls: pool noodles are a great resource for a visual of social distancing. Let the girls decorate the noodles and make them their own, let them use them to make sure they are always far enough away.
- ✓ Use a rope for younger girls with knots tied every 8 feet. Each girl has her own knot to hold, sit or stand on to keep a safe distance.
- ✓ Use place markers for girls to sit or stand on; bring their sit-upons.
- ✓ Due to anxiety, asthma, or other reasons a girl cannot wear a mask – plan your troop meetings to ensure that you are properly socially distanced at all times.

Q: Will council supply masks for troops?

A: No, at this time we will not be able to provide masks for our membership.

Q: Where can we get first-aid supplies?

A: Local pharmacies carry first-aid supplies. A first-aid kit should be part of your troop's supply on hand.