girl scouts of southwest indiana

Honor Troop / Golden Honor Troop Tracking Sheet

This form is used for troops that achieve the Essential Elements of a Girl Scout Troop and provide overall excellence in troop management and programming in a given year. To achieve this honor, leaders and girls must work in partnership with each other, other troops, Service Team and council staff.

This award is for activities completed October 1 – September 30 of the membership year. This form is used to track progress throughout the year; the final application can be submitted online by October 1 of the membership year.

Golden Honor Troop Applicants must complete all Honor Troop requirements PLUS the Golden Honor add-ons.

Service Unit _____ Troop # _____ Age Level: ☐DA ☐BR ☐JR ☐CD ☐SR ☐AM

Contact Name _____ Position _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Name(s) of additional co-leaders to be recognized: _____

1st Year Honor/Golden Honor Troop Status Girls and Adults to Receive Patches		2nd & Additional Years Honor/Golden Honor Troop Status Girls and Adults to Receive Patches	
Number of Honor Patches		Number of Honor Stars	
Number of Golden Honor Patches		Number of Golden Honor Stars	

Essential Elements of a Troop

Requirements must be met for the program year in which the application is being submitted.

Honor Troop - Family Welcomed (at least 4) As a troop leader:	
☐	Hold a parent meeting in the fall.
☐	Communicate regularly with families - ALL volunteers and families must join Rallyhood, families are invited to activities, etc. (required)
☐	Encourage families to read the council eNewsletter and visit the GSUSA and GSSI websites frequently.
☐	Encourage troop adults to register as volunteers (at least 50% of girls have a registered approved GS parent).
☐	**With girls**, plan and hold a troop year-end celebration for girls and their families.
Golden Honor Troop Add-On	
☐	Achieve all 5 options under the Family Welcomed section.

Honor Troop – Belonging to a Sisterhood (at least 4) As a troop:	
☐	Promote all pathways (events, camps, travel) by encouraging participation in national and council activities.
☐	Attend a service unit or council event.
☐	Plan and carry out an activity with another group in the council (any age level).
☐	Encourage families to participate in unique giving opportunities promoted throughout the year.
☐	Make a contribution to Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana (troops may designate to a specific initiative or give to the general fund).
Golden Honor Troop Add-On	
☐	Achieve all 5 options under the Belonging to a Sisterhood section.
Honor Troop – Leadership Development (all required) As a Troop:	
☐	Explore additional awards available for the troop's level (Safety, Religious, Global Action, Bridging, and Leaders Awards for girls 6-12 grade).
☐	Participate in activities that focus on the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE).
☐	Girls participate in the decision-making process at an age-appropriate level.
☐	After activities, girls reflect on what they have learned and what they would change if repeating the activity.
Golden Honor Troop Add-On (choose 2)	
☐	Explore the requirements or attend training for Girl Scouts' Highest Awards (Bronze, Silver, and Gold).
☐	Girls have opportunities to work in small groups and take ownership of a project or part of a project.
☐	Girls learn a new skill from each other.
Honor Troop – Community Engagement (all required) As a Troop:	
☐	Explore opportunities for girls to change the community.
☐	Complete a community service project or Take Action Project.
Golden Honor Troop Add-On	
☐	Complete 1 additional community service project or a **National Service Project** with GSUSA.
Honor Troop – Skill Building (all required) As a Troop:	
☐	Use our online **Badge Explorer**.
☐	Explore the four GSUSA pillars: STEM, Entrepreneurship, Outdoors, and Life Skills.
☐	Complete one Leadership Award or 4 skill building badges.

Golden Honor Troop Add-On	
☐	Contact a community partner listed on GSSI's website in Discover Local Programs & Activities.
Honor Troop – Expanding World View (at least 3) As a Troop:	
☐	Participate in a World Thinking Day activity.
☐	Meet an expert related to a Leadership Award, or badge theme.
☐	Plan and carry out a field trip during the year.
☐	Plan and carry out at least one activity that deals with current social issues such as racial justice, bullying, body self-image, etc.
Golden Honor Troop Add-On (all required)	
☐	Fulfill all requirements under the Expanding World View section.
☐	Explore travel opportunities for your troop.
Honor Troop – Ceremony and Tradition (at least 4) As a Troop:	
☐	Plan and carry out an Investiture/Rededication Ceremony.
☐	Plan and carry out an outdoor activity like a hike, cookout, game, campout, etc.
☐	Incorporate the Girl Scout sign, handshake, friendship circle or greeting into group gatherings.
☐	Celebrate the Girl Scout birthday together.
☐	Plan and carry out an Awards/Bridging Ceremony.
Golden Honor Troop Add-On (all required)	
☐	Girls develop their own new group tradition and carry it out during gatherings.
☐	Girls study the history of Girl Scouts and its founder, Juliette Gordon Low.
Honor Troop – Adult Support (all required) As a Troop Leader:	
☐	Ensure that all co-leaders have completed their onboarding training.
☐	Verify that all adult troop volunteers regularly receive and read the council newsletter and visit the website.
☐	Connect with other adult volunteers in the area by attending at least 2 Service Unit Meetings or volunteering at 2 or more Service Unit Events.
Golden Honor Troop Add-On (at least 2)	
☐	Represent at one or more council-wide meetings such as the Annual Meeting or Volunteer Leadership Summits.
☐	Explore the online Volunteer Toolkit.
☐	Participate in additional GSSI adult learning opportunities this program year (Overnights, Fire Building, etc.)

Honor Troop – Earning and Learning (all required) As a Troop:	
☐	Girls "earn and learn" by participating in the Girl Scout Cookie Program.
☐	Work towards the **Girl Scout Cookie Program's 5 Skills for Girls**.
☐	A trained Troop Cookie Volunteer coordinates all aspects of the troop's cookie business logistics.
☐	Troop families receive the **Cookie Family Connection Guide** prior to starting the cookie program.
Golden Honor Troop Add-On (at least 2)	
☐	Girls earn at least one of the Cookie Program pins or badges.
☐	Girls work with their families to earn a Cookie Entrepreneur Family Pin.
☐	Girls participate in a Cookie Kick-Off Event (national, council, service unit, or troop program).
☐	Cadette or above age-levels with prior cookie selling experience assist a younger troop with their cookie program.
Honor Troop – Experience Progression - Share exciting opportunities girls will have if they stay with Girl Scouts. (at least 3) **As a Troop:**	
☐	At least one adult volunteer and 50% of the troop girls renew their membership during GSSI's Spring Renewal Campaign in April/May.
☐	Discuss/Plan the troop's next level of outdoor activities for their age-level; what new activities are available as they progress to an older level.
☐	Plan and carry out at least 1 summer activity.
☐	Plan and carry out an activity to encourage non-Girl Scouts to join Girl Scouting.
☐	Explore **GSUSA's What Age Levels Do** and **Badge Chart**.
☐	Set a goal for a future trip/adventure and begin planning/fundraising for it.
Golden Honor Troop Add-On	
☐	Fulfill at least 5 of the above requirements in Experience Progression.

Don't forget to send us a picture of your troop for the current year!
Send to support@girlscout-gssi.org.