

HOW TO START A GIRLS TROOP

Scouting America
Mobile Area Council



STEP 1: LINKED AND NON-LINKED TROOPS

Decide if the troop is a linked troop with a boy troop at the same Charter Organization:

- **Linked Troop:** are troops that will share a Charter Organization with a Boy Troop
- **Non-Linked Troop:** are troops that will be a stand-alone troop.

STEP 2A: LINKED TROOPS

If it's decided that they ARE doing a linked troop, they need the following:

- Complete a New Unit Application and a Charter Partner Agreement Form and submit it to MOBILE AREA COUNCIL as soon as the decision is made to start a Girl Troop. This can be done now.
- Discuss with the Boy Troop about:
 - o How much or little equipment will be shared by the two groups
 - o How much or little of the existing treasury will be shared by the two groups
- Recruit at least 5 youth members
- Recruit Adult leaders to fill the following:
 - o Charter Representative (must be the same as boy troop)
 - o Committee Chair
 - o Scoutmaster (must be different from boy troop)
 - o 2 Committee Members
 - o ** The Charter Representative may also be dual registered as a Committee Chair or Committee Member
- All Adults must complete:
 - o Youth Protection Training
 - o BSA Adult application including:
 - Social security #
 - Initial the statements to the left of where the applicant signs
 - Sign the Disclosure page (last page)
 - Which unit position they are serving

- There must be at least one female registered, and enough to be able to ensure that there is at least one female leader attending all meetings, activities, or camping trips.
- There must be a different Scoutmaster for each troop.
- The Scoutmaster does not need to be female
- The rest of the committee may mirror each other.

All Paperwork should be sent to the MOBILE AREA COUNCIL office. After turning in the items above:

- Set-up a Be-a-Scout pin, including that they are a Girl Only Troop

STEP 2B: NON-LINKED TROOPS

If it's decided that they ARE NOT doing a linked troop, they need the following:

- Complete a New Unit Application and a Charter Partner Agreement Form and submit it to MOBILE AREA COUNCIL as soon as the decision is made to start a Girl Troop. This can be done now.
- Recruit at least 5 youth members
- Recruit Adult leaders to fill the following:
 - o Charter Representative
 - o Committee Chair
 - o Scoutmaster
 - o 2 Committee Members
 - o ** The Charter Representative may also be dual registered as a Committee Chair or Committee Member
- All Adults must complete:
 - o Youth Protection Training
 - o Adult application including:
 - Social security #
 - Initial the statements to the left of where the applicant signs
 - Sign the Disclosure page (last page)
 - Which unit position they are serving

- There must be at least one female registered, and enough to be able to ensure that there is at least one female leader attending all meetings, activities, or camping trips.
- The Scoutmaster does not need to be female

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STEP 3: COMING SOON TROOPS

“Coming Soon” Troops are any girl troop that’s in the process of being formed. It’s a status designation to cover the group from now until a decision is made. As soon as the decision is made, and permission is granted from the charter organization, a New Unit Application and a Charter Partner Agreement Form should be submitted. This allows you to create and update the Be-a-Scout pin. This also gives the females insurance coverage if they are visiting other boy troop meetings, or going on activities.

STEP 4: TRAINING

Please see the “Resources” and “Leader Tools” section of the MOBILE AREA COUNCIL website for training links and PDFS, guidelines and instructional information for starting a unit.

CONTACT MOBILE AREA COUNCIL IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN STARTING A GIRLS TROOP?



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