

Frequently Asked Questions GSHNC Adult Learning

What training is required for new leaders?

New leaders attend Orientation, Leader 101, and Leadership Essentials courses. Orientation and Leader 101 are prerequisites to Leadership Essentials.

Orientation introduces you to the local, national and international Girl Scout organization, along with our founder, Juliette Gordon Low, special Girl Scout observances and the overall Girl Scout program. This course is available online or by independent study.

Leader 101 is an introduction to the Girl Scout leaders' position that covers organizing and registering a troop, working with parents, troop finances and council policies. These sessions are offered in small groups by your Membership Specialist, by a volunteer designated by the Service Unit Team, or by volunteer council facilitators.

In Leadership Essentials, you will learn the three keys of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, how to use the girl and adult Journey resources to support the processes of Girl Led, Learn by Doing and Cooperative Learning, and the value of inner leadership practices for yourself and girls. This class is led by volunteer council facilitators.

How long do I have to complete the required courses for leaders?

New leader courses must be completed within 6 months of appointment. The registered leader must complete Orientation, Leader 101 and Leadership Essentials. It is strongly suggested that other co-leaders/assistants take these trainings.

How do I register for adult learning courses?

Register online (preferred) or mail or fax a Training Registration Form to:

Girl Scouts, Hornets' Nest Council
Attn: Training Registration
7007 Idlewild Rd.
Charlotte, NC 28212
FAX: 704-567-0598

Do I need to register for courses?

Yes. Registration is necessary for all session. This allows the volunteer facilitators to prepare for the class and ensures enough training materials for participant.

Please register at least seven days before a session. Classes may be cancelled due to low participation or weather; you will be contacted if you were registered for a cancelled session.

How do I receive the independent study materials for Orientation or Be Safe, Be Ready if I do not wish to complete these courses online?

Contact Heidi Stokes at hstokes@hngirlscouts.org or 704-731-6516.

What do I need to bring to adult learning sessions?

Information about materials needed will be noted by each class description in the FYI Troop Planner, during online registration, and in the confirmation email.

What training is required for leaders bridging to a new grade level?

Until October 1, 2010, experienced leaders moving from one grade level to the next will need to complete Continuing the Excellence. This class only needs to be completed once, even if the leader moves to another grade level. There are no longer specific trainings for Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors.

Who else needs to take Continuing the Excellence?

All experienced leaders must attend Continuing the Excellence by October 1, 2010 to be updated on the New Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

When can I take my troop on a trip away from my meeting place?

Once you have completed Orientation, Leader 101 and Leadership Essentials, you can take your troop on a day trip. A First Aider (an adult with current certifications in First Aid and CPR) is required to be with the troop on any trip away from the meeting place. Leaders, assistants or other parents/volunteers can serve as the Troop First Aider. You may already have parents in the troop who hold these certifications – be sure to ask!

You or another adult in the troop must complete the online course Outdoor Education Level 1: Be Safe, Be Ready before going on an overnight. This online course is designed to take about 1 hour to complete. Be sure to consult Safety Wise before all activities.

What classes do I need to take my troop camping?

For lodge and cabin camping (in an enclosed facility with toilets, running water and a full kitchen with **no campfire and outdoor cooking**): Outdoor Education Level 1: Be Safe, Be Ready

For lodge and cabin camping **with** a campfire and outdoor cooking (in an enclosed facility with toilets and running water): Outdoor Education Level 1: Be Safe, Be Ready and Outdoor Education Level 2: Fire Building & Outdoor Cooking

For tent camping at GSHNC properties or other approved sites: Outdoor Education Level 1: Be Safe, Be Ready, Outdoor Education Level 2: Fire Building & Outdoor Cooking and Outdoor Education Level 3: Overnight Camp Experience

Be sure to submit a Troop Trip Application to your Service Unit Manager at least 30 days prior to your trip.

Who delivers Girl Scout adult learning courses?

Sessions are delivered by dedicated volunteer adult learning facilitators who share their knowledge, skills and love of Girl Scouting.

What happens if I come late to a session?

Plan to arrive and sign in about 15 minutes before the class begins.

Arriving more than 20 minutes late or leaving more than 20 minutes early may result in not receiving credit for taking the course. Please be considerate of our volunteer facilitators and other participants in the class.

Is childcare provided?

Childcare is not provided at our adult learning opportunities. Please make other arrangements for children. A troop committee parents or older Girl Scout may be able to assist.

Is there a cost for courses?

Most courses are offered at no cost, with the exception of a few courses where GSUSA publications and meals are needed and therefore provided for the sessions.

Will any record be kept of the Girl Scout adult learning courses attended?

At the completion of Leader 101, you will receive an individual Adult Development Record Card initialed by the facilitator. Please take this card with you to each session or workshop and have the facilitator initial it at the end of the course. This is your personal record and will be carried with you should you change your membership to another council.

A database is in place for volunteer adult learning records and awards. In order to receive proper credit for each course completed, it is important to sign the attendance sheet at each session you attend, using your complete name.

Is training from another council transferable?

If courses taken are equivalents, trainings can be transferable.

Contact the Adult Development Director at 704-731-6554 to discuss your situation. You will need a record of courses taken from your previous council.

What other types of learning opportunities are available?

Enrichment opportunities are offered throughout the year at Trainfests, Potpourri (held in the fall, winter and spring), SKY's the Limit Adult Retreat (held in September), or at service unit meetings. Topics include, Songs, Ceremonies, Trip Planning, Challenge Courses, Canoeing/Kayaking, and much more!

Can I earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for any trainings?

Continuing Education Units are now available for American Red Cross Trainings.

Many individuals who take American Red Cross courses are professionals who need continuing education units (CEUs) to maintain a license and/or certification. In order to provide this added service to our customers, the American Red Cross applied to become and was approved as an authorized provider by the International Association of Continuing Education and Training (IACET). IACET's Criteria for Quality Continuing Education and Training Programs are the standards by which hundreds of organizations measure their education offerings.

The Red Cross makes it easy for you to obtain CEUs online at <http://www.redcrossstore.org>. CEUs are offered as an add-on to training courses completed through the American Red Cross. Visit www.iacet.org to review a list of companies, regulatory boards and organizations that have reported to accept the IACET CEU. Individuals are strongly encouraged to check with their specific regulatory boards, employers or other agencies to confirm that courses taken from IACET Authorized Providers and courses taken for IACET CEUs will be accepted by that entity.

How to obtain CEUs after successful completion of a Red Cross course:

1. Visit <http://www.redcrossstore.org>

2. Click on the Continuing Education Units link on the left side of the page
3. Provide:
 - a. Course date(s)
 - b. Location of course including address, city and zip code
 - c. American Red Cross chapter name
 - d. Instructor name
4. Select the CEU for the course and pay the fee
5. Upon verification of course completion, the CEU certificate will be e-mailed to you within four weeks; hard copy on request.

For additional information, contact InstructorsCorner@usa.redcross.org.