

Volunteer Positions: Outdoor Experiences Volunteers
Department: Outdoor Experiences
Appointed by: Associate Director of Outdoor Programs

Summary: The Outdoor Experiences Volunteers are responsible for delivering outdoor experiences/courses and resources to individuals and/or groups of volunteers and/or girls. There are two different roles, and each have their own application.

- **Outdoor Trainer Volunteer** is responsible to hosting Camping 102/103 Trainings throughout the year. They will work with other trainers to help Leaders and Volunteers become confident with their outdoor skills. They will also help with other events such as the Adult Outdoor Program Conference.

The programs/events an Outdoor Trainer Volunteer will help with are as follows, but not limited to:

- Camping 102 Trainings
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 - Adult Outdoor Program Conference
- **Outdoor Program Volunteer** will help with council excursions, journeys, and badge days. They will help with leading Girl Scouts through various programmatic activities. They will also help the planning and orchestration of programmatic activities

The programs/events an Outdoor Program Volunteer will help with are as follows, but not limited to:

- Outdoor Badge Days
- Day Excursions
- Weekend Excursions/Trips (must be at least 21 years of age)
- Summer Excursions/Trips (must be at least 21 years of age)

Term of appointment: Outdoor Experiences Volunteers are appointed for an on-going basis provided they consistently train/volunteer for programs/events each year (at least 2 times per year). A term may not be renewed due to poor evaluations or lack of availability.

Support: Outdoor Experiences Volunteers receives training support, guidance, and encouragement from the Outdoor Experiences Team, Training and/or Volunteer Support Staff.

Responsibilities:

- Be guided in all actions by the Girl Scout Mission, Promise and Law
- Run or assist outdoor experience programs
- Maintain knowledge of current Safety Activity Checkpoints for Outdoor Activities
- Provide supervision and safety for all girls involved in program

Core Competencies:

- Girl focus: Empower girls to lead activities, learn by doing, and cooperate with others on current issues that involve their interests and needs, while having fun.
- Experience in outdoor skills and camping.
- Be comfortable and flexible facilitating group activities of various sizes
- Personal integrity: Demonstrate dependability, honesty, and credibility.
- Adaptability: Adjust, modify own behavior, and remain flexible and tolerant in response to changing situations and environments.
- Share your passion. We encourage girls and adults to explore leadership and the outdoors. For many this could be their first-time camping in a non-family setting.
- Must be able to work with and communicate with other outdoor volunteers, girls, adults, and council staff.
- Work directly with the Associate Director of Outdoor Program and the Outdoor Program Specialist
- Oral communication: Express ideas and facts clearly and accurately.
- Foster diversity: Understand, respect, and embrace differences.
- Computer skills: Access to e-mail and the Internet.

Benefits of volunteering in this role

- Serve as a positive role model and mentor to other volunteers & girls
- Gain experience teaching/facilitating outdoor skills to adults and youth
- Gain public speaking skills and leadership skills through each training you facilitate
- Work in a diverse setting with an emphasis on building outdoor and leadership skills

Additional Requirements:

- Complete required Girl Scout training as assigned
- Must complete a volunteer application and pass a background check
- Become a registered member of GSUSA if not already

Location & Hours

Various locations depending on the program/event, within the GSKSMO 47 County service area. Programs/Events will be held on an ongoing basis and posted on the GSKSMO website and Activity Calendar. Events may be held on weekdays or weekends, with some evening and overnight opportunities available. Travel may be required beyond normal GSKSMO locations.

This position description is not intended to be all-inclusive. Reasonable accommodations will be made to allow individuals with disabilities to perform volunteer jobs with the council whenever possible.