



New Leader Buddy/Mentor Program

Dear Experienced Leader:

Do you remember your first few months as a new Girl Scout Leader?

Want to help a new leader to become more comfortable with her new leadership role?

Here's how:

1. Talk with your service unit manager or membership manager and have them pair you with a new leader. You will want someone who will be working with the same age level as you, or with an age level you have previously worked with.
2. Contact your leader buddy to see if she has any questions. You may invite your buddy to one or more of your troop meetings, or by consulting her in person, by phone or by email. You may offer to attend one of her meetings for "reinforcement."
3. Encourage your leader buddy to attend service unit meetings, orientation and leadership essentials. As well as being trained or locating another troop adult to be trained in: outdoor education courses, first aid/CPR and green leaf workshops. Help her register on-line.
4. Help your leader buddy plan the troop's first few meetings, including ceremonies, crafts, songs, games, try-its or badges, or other patch programs. Encourage the girls in your troop to share their knowledge with the new troop. Help her plan a calendar for the year that includes service unit events, cookie program, etc.

Your rewards:

- A new friend
- A happy Girl Scout troop
- A hug from your service unit manager
- A certificate from Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee

Upon completion of mentoring a new troop, you or the service manager may submit the following information to receive your certificate:

New troop number _____ Mentor troop number _____ Service Unit _____

New leader name _____ Phone # _____

Mentor leader name _____ Phone # _____

Year _____

How would you like to receive your certificate?

- Mail Service unit meeting Membership Manager

Return this portion to:
 Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee
 Attn: volunteer relations
 4522 Granny White Pike
 Nashville, TN 37204
 Or email information to: bkelly@gsmidtn.org