



## Welcome to the Cove Girl Scout Troop, # 45413.

We're so excited to have you join us!

We're hoping you and your daughter find this new opportunity at Cove to be rewarding. We've put together an FAQ to help get everyone oriented. Please let us know if you ever have any additional questions!

Jen and Adrienne

### -----FAQs-----

#### ***Who's running the Troop?***

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#### ***Who's in the troop?***

| First Name | Last Name | Grade | Girl Scout Level |
|------------|-----------|-------|------------------|
| April      | Puccini   | 3     | Brownie          |
| Lauren     | Bolech    | 4     | Junior           |
| Charlotte  | McMaster  | 5     | Junior           |
| Genevieve  | Bruns     | 6     | Cadette          |
| Emma       | Sweeney   | 8     | Cadette          |
| Alex       | Paldrmic  | 8     | Cadette          |
| Morgan     | Vangalis  | 9     | Senior           |
| Lindsay    | Hermann   | 9     | Senior           |
| Nita       | Braun     | 10    | Senior           |
| Lisa       | Hiebl     | 12    | Ambassador       |
| Lelia      | Purky     | 12    | Ambassador       |

Know of any other girls that might want to join us? The more the merrier!

#### ***What will the girl be doing?***

As a troop, we will be deciding this together. Some badges have been pre-planned for the girls, some they will choose on their own. Everything will be as girl led as possible.

Once we have a good understanding of the girls interests and abilities, we'll create a calendar for the semester. You can see what has already been started here:

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1VW-mZwsKbSfn6FW5-jp\\_ZeidZYBvFKKsspf1jAftBO8/edit#slide=id.p](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1VW-mZwsKbSfn6FW5-jp_ZeidZYBvFKKsspf1jAftBO8/edit#slide=id.p)

Since it is our first year together we'll likely work on a lot of the foundational items, things like what it means to be a girl scout, first aid, etc...

Older girls have the opportunity to earn extra awards. These take more time and effort to complete and are optional.

### ***How are you handling having different age groups?***

In girl scouts there are general themes that you can then adjust the activities complexity to the age level. The older girls will focus on learning how to be a leader while obtaining the skills that we are working on as a troop.

Here's a cart on some of the main themes for each age group:

|                               | <br><b>Activities</b> | <br><b>Awards</b> | <br><b>Fundraising</b> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Everyone</i>               | <i>Have Fun<br/>Be with peers<br/>Explore<br/>Gain new skills</i>                                      | <i>Badges<br/>Service Projects<br/>Global Action Award</i>                                         | <i>Fall Product<br/>Cookies</i>                                                                           |
| <i>Brownie<br/>(2-3)</i>      | <i>Try something new<br/>Participation</i>                                                             |                                                                                                    | <i>Customer skills<br/>Money management skills</i>                                                        |
| <i>Junior<br/>(4-5)</i>       | <i>Try something new<br/>Participation</i>                                                             | <i>Bronze Award</i>                                                                                | <i>Customer skills<br/>Money management skills</i>                                                        |
| <i>Cadette<br/>(6-8)</i>      | <i>Try something new<br/>Participation</i>                                                             | <i>Silver Award</i>                                                                                | <i>Customer skills<br/>Money management skills</i>                                                        |
| <i>Seniors<br/>(9-10)</i>     | <i>Mentor<br/>Activity planning</i>                                                                    | <i>Gold Award</i>                                                                                  | <i>Business Management<br/>(inventory, budget, etc...)</i>                                                |
| <i>Ambassador<br/>(11-12)</i> | <i>Mentor<br/>Activity planning</i>                                                                    | <i>Gold Award</i>                                                                                  | <i>Business Management<br/>(inventory, budget, etc...)</i>                                                |

### ***What does my class fee cover?***

We set the fee for Girl Scouts inline with the other after school program fees that Cove offers. The fee covers Cove's costs for adding professional staff and supplies.

***Do I need a Uniform?***

At this time, it is not required. What we really want is for the girls to gain the experience. However, if the girls would like to get a sash or vest for their badges, that would be great. Using one from another troop is completely fine if your daughter is in more than Cove's troop or has been in one before.

At some point we may decide to start participating in public or school events. When that comes, we'll decide how to handle what to wear.

***Do I need to go and purchase any of the binders or journey books that I see online?***

No, we'll be purchasing these for the troop as needed.

***Are there Additional Fees Involved?***

Most of what your daughter is doing with the girl scouts, Cove is covering. The only exception is the \$15 national council fee. Each girl will need to register with the national council. By doing so they are covered under the girl scout insurance. Register here: <https://girlscouts.secure.force.com/girl>

***Will the Girls Be Fundraising?***

Yes! Everyone wants their girl scout cookies right? We'll also participate in the fall product sale (candy, magazines, address books). None of this is required for any of the girls. The money we raise we will use for special activities and outings.

***Will the girl participate in any out of school activities?***

That's up to us and then of course the girls. We'll be meeting weekly at Cove to earn badges, but girl scouts is about so much more. We need to decide as a group if we want to support the girls...

- Going on extra outings
- Going camping

***Can I volunteer or help?***

Yes! There are lots of ways to get involved.

- Do you have a special skill or knowledge set that would be a good demonstration for the girls? (Or know someone who would?)
- Carpooling for special activities
- Help sort cookies

If you want to volunteer on a regular basis, you need to sign up on the national council website and pay the \$15 fee. <https://girlscouts.secure.force.com/>

***What do I need to do?***

- Fill out the health form - we have a special one from Girl Scouts
- Sign your daughter up with Cove and the National Council
- Let us know all the tips and tricks you have to help your daughter have fun.
- Be patient, we are sure we are going to have a fantastic time, but it is our first year, it may take a little bit to work out all of the kinks.
- Support your daughter's enthusiasm!
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**Reminder:**

**There will be a Girl Scouts parent meeting starting at 6:30 tomorrow 9/8/2016 just before Cove's regular parent meeting starting at 7:00.**

**We'll go over how the troop is going to work.**

**See you soon!**

**Jen and Adrienne**