

**Homeowner Agreement for Hosting Sanctioned Girl Scout of Ohio's Heartland Council  
Troop Meetings in a Private Residence**

It is the policy of the Girl Scout of Ohio's Heartland ("GSOH") that Troop meetings are held in public locations. However, GSOH understands that not all troops have access to a public meeting space. Accordingly, as a condition to hosting any Troop meetings at my private residence, I acknowledge and agree to the following:

1. Troop # \_\_\_\_\_ meetings will be held at \_\_\_\_\_  
(the "Home"). Before any Troop members will be permitted to attend a Troop meeting in the Home, a signed waiver from each Troop member's parent will be completed and submitted to GSOH.
2. All requirements as spelled out in the Volunteer Essentials, located on the GSOH website, including the Safety Activity Checkpoints, Meeting Guidance and what to do in the event of an emergency will be strictly adhered to.
3. The space for the Troop meetings in the Home is large enough to accommodate the entire Troop and all planned activities and it will permit Troop members to be able to focus without disruptions from other household members. The space can accommodate Troop members with disabilities, as well as parents with disabilities who may attend the meetings. Pet dander, smoke, and other common allergens will not bother susceptible members during meetings.
4. The space is safe, secure, clean, properly ventilated, with appropriate temperature, free from hazards, and has at least two exits that are well-marked and fully functional.
5. A first aid kit, functioning smoke detectors, and a fire extinguisher are on site.
6. A working cell phone or a land line for emergencies is on site.
7. If a household member is sick with a communicable disease, the Troop meeting will be held in a different location. This location will either be in a public place, or if another residence, approved by GSOH prior to the Troop meeting.
8. All adults who reside in the Home will have a current background check on file with GSOH prior to any Troop meetings being held. Other than the Troop Leaders, parents/caregivers of Troop members, or Troop meeting-related guest presenters, no other adults will be present at Troop meetings.
9. All firearms and weapons are stored out of view and in a locked space. Additionally, all firearms are stored: a) unloaded; b) locked using a locking device, such as a lock

box or a gun safe inaccessible to children; c) separate from ammunition; and d) stored in a location that is only known to those legally allowed to operate it.

10. Any pets will be kept in a location that is separate from the meeting space and away from the Troop members. No Troop member will be left alone with an animal in the Home during a Girl Scout event or meeting.

11. The use of trampolines, pools or other private bodies of water will not be used during any Girl Scout meetings and events, and, accessibility during meetings in the Home will be restricted.

12. Residential Troop Meeting Applications and Homeowner Agreements, and parent waivers must be re-submitted annually based on the Girl Scout membership year in order for troops to continue meeting in a residential location.

13. Residential Troop Meeting procedures are subject to change, and troops must comply with any changes in order to continue to meet in a residential location.

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Signature of Troop Leader

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Print Name Troop Leader

Received by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
GSOH Representative

Date: \_\_\_\_\_