

Girl Scout Lingo

Camporee - An educational camping trip. The Adult Camporee is planned for adult Girl Scouts only and is held in the fall. Service unit camporees are planned by and for the service unit and may involve all age levels of girls.

Cookie Cupboard - A location where cookies can be picked up when your troop runs out of its initial order or wants to have a cookie booth.

Customer Care - The Customer Care team is available to help get your questions answered quickly and get access to information you need to make working with girls easier!

Friendship circle - Girls and volunteers stand in a circle, crossing the right arm over the left and holding hands. Send a gentle squeeze around the circle.

Girl Scout Sign - To give the sign, raise the three middle fingers of the right-hand palm forward and shoulder high (the three extended fingers represent the three parts of the Girl Scout Promise).



GORP - A traditional snack in which various ingredients (such as dried fruits, nuts, cereals, pretzels and candies) are combined.

Kaper chart - Used to assign chores or troop activities to girls on a rotating basis. Kaper charts can be used at troop meetings and/or during camping.

Potlatch/SWAP - A small craft made to commemorate a Girl Scout event, e.g. camping trip or camporee. It can be pinned to a special hat or jacket. Swaps are the same as potlatches — usually used to “swap” at camporees or other events.

Quiet Sign



Teach the quiet sign to girls during your first meeting. Raise your right hand high with an open palm. As girls in the group see the sign, they stop talking and raise their hands. Once everyone is silent, the meeting can begin.

Safety Activity Checkpoints - The GSUSA online publication that defines health and safety standards for program and camping. Found both on GSOH’s website and as a resource on the VTK.

Service team - A team of volunteers who are involved with Girl Scouts to help run the service unit and give support to the volunteers.

Volunteer Toolkit - The Volunteer Toolkit (VTK) gives registered troop leadership volunteers the tools and features they need for troop management and program delivery.