



Area
Troop #

Girl Scouts – North Carolina Coastal Pines
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TOP TEN STEPS TO BEING A TOPNOTCH TROOP

We know that the troops of Girl Scouts – North Carolina Coastal Pines are already great, but we want to challenge all of you to take that **extra** step and become a TopNotch troop! Here’s what you need to do to achieve TopNotch Troop Status:

- ✓ Complete all of the following 10 activities
- ✓ Complete the Annual Troop Program Report to evaluate the quality of program delivered to your girls.
- ✓ Complete the front side of the Annual Troop Program Report with your girls in the fall, and complete the back side with them in the spring! Be sure to answer the questions at the end.
- ✓ Sign this application (leader/advisor and co-leader) and submit it to your Service Unit Manager by May 15, 2008. Upon receipt of this information, you and your girls will receive the TopNotch Troop patches.

Top Ten Steps to TopNotch Troop Status

1. If you are a returning troop, re-register your troop by September 30, 2007. New troops must register within three weeks of your first troop meeting!

2. Your troop should have at least two trained leaders/advisors who have attended Orientation: Getting Started, Girl Scout Leader Basics, and Program Age Level Training.

List names of two trained leaders: _____

3. Explore program opportunities within your area or the council.
 - A. Participate in at least one area event or council-sponsored event

List: _____

- B. Participate in an additional activity outside of the troop meeting

List: _____

4. It’s a council goal to build more adult support for Girl Scouting. Educate your girls and their parents about council giving opportunities.

- A. Ensure a Family Partnership presentation is held for the parents in your troop.

Date Held: _____ Presented by: _____

5. Participate in a Girl Scout family activity; for example, complete the My Family Loves Girl Scouting patch program, attend Family Day at a local museum (check the *LEAD ON!* guide or the *GO!* magazine for details and be sure to follow all safety guidelines and policies), or plan a Girl Scout troop family outing. Be Creative!

List activity: _____

6. Participate in the Cookie Sale Program, set a troop goal, and write a plan to achieve it. What was your goal? _____ Did you achieve it? _____

7. Participate in the Girl Scouts Blanket the Community service project or another troop community service project (please provide name of project: _____).
8. List how many blankets your troop collected. _____
Where did you deliver them? _____

8. Complete the Annual Volunteer Review, Annual Troop Status Report, and Annual Troop Program Report by May 15, 2008 and submit with this report.

9. Support your county/area by attending area/service unit meetings. If as the leader, you can't make it, assign the role to a parent or troop committee member! We understand that life gets in the way, but to maintain TopNotch Status, you're allowed only one absence.

10. Promote Girl Scout camp opportunities! Attend a camp reception or take your troop camping at one of our council properties. Find a creative way to promote resident, group, and/or day camp.
Which did you do? _____

Certification:

Troop _____ has completed all the steps to achieve TopNotch Troop Status.

Leader/Advisor Name: _____

Leader/Advisor Signature: _____

County/Area: _____

Received by:

Service Unit Manager: _____

Sign

Date

Membership Director: _____

Sign

Date

Number of patches needed for girls _____ + _____ leaders = _____ total