

New Leaders on the Block—NLOTB

Troop Mentor Program Timeline

September - November

- Join the Troop Mentor Coordinators & Troop Mentors rally on Rallyhood for updates and resources.
- Connect with the new troop leader. Introduce yourself and share your role as a mentor and the purpose of the NLOTB troop mentor program.
- Offer support for the new troop leader's first troop meeting and ways to engage parents/guardians - **4 Hour Pledge**
- Invite the new troop leader to service unit meetings.
- Promote/answer questions related to onboarding trainings.
- Answer questions and offer best practices related to Troop Banking.
- Direct the new troop leader to the Co-Leader Connection series—registration is on gsLearn.
- Remind the new troop leader about upcoming local and council events.
- Offer support for the VTK, trainings, certifications, the Fall Product Sale, grade level programming, etc.

December - February

- Encourage the new troop leader to complete the **Troop Leader 60-Day Survey**. Share the link via text or email.
- Remind the troop leader about upcoming service unit meetings and introduce them to other volunteers.
- Check in with the new troop leader. Do they have questions about the upcoming Girl Scout Cookie Program, Cookie Booths, and other exciting activities related to the cookie sale?
- Ensure that the new leader's troop has a TCC (Troop Cookie Coordinator). Confirm with the new co-leader that the TCC has contact information for the ACC (Area Cookie Coordinator) and they are aware of cookie season resources on the council website.
- Share financial badge requirements, ideas, and activities.
- Connect the troop leader with parades and other community events.
- Share summer camp and day camp registration information.

March - May

- Encourage the troop leader to explore skill building certifications like Outdoor Skills and Archery.
- Continue to encourage the troop leader to attend service unit meetings and events.
- Promote troop financial transparency.
- Discuss cookie season proceeds and offer best practices for the use of those funds.
- Promote local and council trainings and events.
- Invite the troop leader to meet for a social activity, like coffee, and celebrate Volunteer Appreciation Month (April) together.
- Remind the troop leader about girl and adult membership Spring Renewals and available incentives.
- Offer tips and answer questions related to bridging ceremonies.
- Answer Troop Finance Report related questions. Access the report via the VTK.

June - August

- Answer year-end troop related questions—membership renewals, bridging ceremonies, the Troop Finance Report, etc.
- Direct the troop leader to summer patch programs (packets can be found on the council website). Share ideas of ways to keep girls engaged during summer months.
- Encourage the troop leader to complete the **New Troop Leader Survey**. Share the link via text or email.
- Complete end of year NLOTB troop mentor program surveys: Troop Mentors complete the **Troop Mentor Survey**. Troop Mentor Coordinators complete the **Troop Mentor Coordinator Survey**.
- Way to go!* Celebrate a year of New Leaders on the Block Troop Mentor Program success!
- What's next? Check in regularly with your local NLOTB mentor program for program updates. Check out Rallyhood and the council website for additional resources.