

Fall 2006

Dear Leader,

Welcome to a new year of Girl Scouting! Congratulations...you're about to make a lasting impression on some truly remarkable girls! Throughout this year, girls will be watching you. And what will they learn? They'll learn from you how to take on leadership, how to be fair and fun, and how to deal with challenges. It's not about the cookies or the crafts or camping. It IS about the outcomes you lead each girl to: the skills she'll develop, the ways she'll grow under your leadership. What you do with girls in the months ahead (and sometimes, what you don't do) are things they will always remember. Being a Girl Scout troop leader is at once challenging, rewarding, nerve wracking...and memorable.

We are entrusting girls and their development to your care. Enclosed you'll find materials to keep those girls safe while they're learning in the fun environment you'll provide. You'll also find information on whom to call for help, forms to use to decrease your own liability and general information that's handy to keep on hand.

If you were a Girl Scout growing up, chances are you remember your own leader for her patience, her sense of fun, and the warmth you felt in her presence. Whether you're a brand new leader or a seasoned veteran, now it's your turn to be a role-model girls will remember all their lives. Every time you challenge them to try something new, to open their doors to more girls, or to find meaningful ways to give community service, you're making them better people. YOU are making a real difference in the lives of girls, and they'll remember you and your work for years to come.

Thank you in advance for all the time and effort you'll give for Girl Scouting in the months ahead. Please don't hesitate to call on any of your council staff members for their help and advice. Have a terrific year!

Most Sincerely,



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