

GIRL SCOUTS OF MONTEREY BAY

GUIDELINES FOR DRIVERS

Girl Scouts like to take trips, and adults who drive them should have a good time, too! You will enjoy your turn at driving, and the parents of the girls will be comfortable about having their girls ride with you, knowing you will follow these guidelines carefully.

1. The leader is ultimately responsible for the safety of the girls. A driver needs to be prepared to show proof of insurance, car registration and driver's license. You should not be taking any medication, which might impair your ability to drive safely
2. Be sure your car is in safe condition, with good brakes and tires (including the spare); and that you have enough gasoline. Each car should be equipped with a first aid kit.
3. Everyone (girls and adults) will be transported in vehicles designed by the manufacturer for carrying passengers. Persons will NOT be transported in a camper attached to a truck. Only the cab or driver compartment will be used for passengers. All occupants in a private passenger motor vehicle must wear seat belts at all times.
4. Arrive at the departure point early enough to allow plenty of time for loading girls and baggage.
5. The leader will provide you with:
 - Appropriate permission/medical release forms for all passengers (girls and adults). In case of an accident, these are necessary to insure prompt treatment.
 - The phone number of the troop's emergency contact person. if you are delayed, call that person, who will notify the parents.
 - Directions/map to destination. Be sure you know exactly where you are going. For long trips, there should be prearranged meeting places along the route. Caravanning (convoy-type travel) is to be avoided. In order to be covered by Girl Scout insurance, any stop must be pre-planned. This includes rest/refreshment stops.
6. Before you leave, review or explain safety rules:
 - keep seat belts **on** all the time.
 - keep hands and arms inside.
 - noise must be kept at a level acceptable to you.
 - explain any special rules for your car.
7. Observe speed and other traffic laws, not only for safety, but also as an example to girls riding with you.
8. The following are not permitted at any Girl Scout function or property:

Alcoholic beverages when persons under 21 are present; illegal or controlled substances; and, weapons or explosive devices.
9. Smoking in a vehicle is prohibited. The use of tobacco products will not be permitted at any Girl Scout function, except by adults in designated areas. Designated areas will be away from non-users. Designated areas will not include vehicles.
10. When the trip is over, return permission/medical release forms to the leader.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING THIS TRIP POSSIBLE FOR GIRLS!