

Sex Offenders and Girl Scout Activities

Policy:

Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for those participating in our programs and activities. A registered sex offender may not participate in any way, either in troop activities of any kind or in council activities.

Procedure:

Reporting volunteers

Any volunteer, parent, or guardian of girl members should immediately notify council staff if they learn or become aware that a volunteer is:

- a registered sex offender, has pending charges, has pled guilty or no contest, or has been placed on probation or deferred adjudication, regarding sexual offenses.

The staff person in charge will:

- Verify the validity of the reported offense. This verification may include re-submission of background check and/or court documentation.
- Document each report and take appropriate action to ensure girl safety.

Reporting members, parent/guardians, or household members of Girl Scout volunteers

Any volunteer, parent, or guardian of girl members should immediately notify council staff if they learn or become aware that a member, parent/guardian, or member of a volunteer's household is:

- a registered sex offender, has pending charges, has pled guilty or no contest, or has been placed on probation or deferred adjudication regarding sexual offenses.

The staff person in charge will:

- Verify the validity of the reported offense, which may include a review of available legal documents, such as court records, and newspaper accounts.
- Document each report and take appropriate action to ensure girl safety.