

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, or anyone who has been found guilty of/pled guilty or no contest to sexual offenses which will result or have resulted in their being added to the sex offender registry, may not participate in any way, either in troop activities of any kind or in council activities. Anyone with pending sexual offense charges may not participate in Girl Scout activities, pending the adjudication of their case.

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; has been found guilty of; 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 resubmission 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; has been found guilty of; 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.

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