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## “How Are We Doing?” Mini-Training

We are half way through the Girl Scout year. It’s been busy, so far, with registration, investiture, membership pins, permission slips, and Girl Scout Cookie® order forms...and there is more to come. Now is a good time to step back and ask yourself, “How are we doing?” You may have questioned your efforts or even been discouraged from time to time. It is very natural to wonder if your Girl Scout troop is accomplishing what it should and if the girls are developing, as a result of your leadership efforts.



The following assessment is a guide to help judge your Girl Scout troop’s progress. Do not be discouraged if you cannot answer “yes” to all of the questions. The longer you and your Girl Scout troop are together, the more progress you will make.

	YES	SOMETIMES	NO
Our Girl Scout troop meets on a regular basis.			
There are at least two adults registered with our Girl Scout troop.			
We use the appropriate printed resources (Girl Scout handbooks, badge/award books, etc.) to help guide plans for our Girl Scout troop.			
Our Girl Scout troop is represented at VISTA meetings.			
Girl Scout leaders have completed all necessary trainings.			
I know who to contact in the VISTA, if I need help.			
I use the Girl Scout council and VISTA Web sites to stay current with Girl Scouting.			
I realize the girls in my Girl Scout troop look to me as a role model and I conduct myself accordingly.			
Our girls have been invested or rededicated into Girl Scouts.			
Our Girl Scout troop reflects the diversity in our community.			
Girls demonstrate respect for the racial, ethnic, religious, cultural, and diverse backgrounds of others.			
The times of activities and meetings, as well as the cost of activities are planned so that all our Girl Scouts can participate.			
Girls are having fun.			

	YES	SOMETIMES	NO
Girls show enthusiasm and excitement about Girl Scout activities.			
Girls feel accepted and positive about their Girl Scout troop experience.			
Girls feel comfortable sharing their concerns and troubles.			
Girls actively participate in planning meetings, trips, and other activities.			
Girls feel involved in the decisions being made by the Girl Scout troop.			
Girls generate most of the conversations and ideas.			
Girls choose activities that introduce them to a wide range of interests.			
The girls know and understand the Girl Scout Promise and Law and can talk about the expressed ideals.			
Girls listen to each other and respect each other's differences.			
Girls are learning skills to resolve any disagreements.			
Girls are involved in age-appropriate activities that progressively build skills.			
Girls arrive on time; attendance is good.			
Girls are actively involved in Girl Scout troop money management.			
Our Girl Scout troop participates in the Family Partnership Campaign.			
... in the Girl Scout Cookie Program.			
... in the Fall Product Activity.			
... in Spring Registration.			
We keep accurate records of all Girl Scout troop income and expenses.			
We have planned and carried out a service project.			
We keep families informed of plans and encourage their involvement.			
Activities outside the regular meeting site are part of the Girl Scout troop's activities.			
<i>Safety-Wise</i> guidelines are followed for all activities with the girls. I keep Girl Scouts - Illinois Crossroads Council's emergency procedures card handy during Girl Scout activities.			
Drivers for our Girl Scout troop's activities have adequate insurance, a seat belt for every girl, and a safe driving record.			
We are having so much fun, we plan to continue next year.			