

# Trefoil Troop Sponsorship

This document clearly defines what Trefoil Service Area Sponsorship means and how it will be implemented. It is assumed that troops applying for this Sponsorship would have already received approval from GSWPA for their proposed trip and have already started fund-raising. Sponsorship is one part of the troop's overall plan for earning money towards their approved trip. Money earning should be a process that takes place over a period of at least 3 years

## **1. What are the criteria for a troop asking Trefoil to be a Sponsor of a trip?**

Troops would only be able to ask Trefoil Team to be an official Sponsor if ALL of the following situations exist:

- Troop would be approved by GSWPA to take an extended (more than 3 days) or long-distance trip (used to be called Wider Ops) arranged by a GS Council or by an individual troop.
- A Troop would have to be at least Cadette Scout level at the time of the sponsorship.
- A Troop would have to have consistently participated in Magnut and Cookie Sales and have planned Council approved fund-raisers toward that trip, and still exhibit a need for sponsorship.

## **2. What is required of the troop to receive a sponsorship?**

- The Cadette Troop would be asked to take on planning and conducting a Trefoil Event in exchange for Sponsorship.
- The event would fall under the SAME criteria as all other events. These requirements are more clearly defined in the "Event Coordinator's Guide" and include: the troop or its leaders must submit a timely event budget and flyer for approval by the Service Team. All monies would be handled through the Service Area bank account as with any other event. The amount of the Sponsorship would be listed in the budget and agreed upon by all parties before work on the event begins. After the event the troop would receive a check from Trefoil for this sponsorship amount.
- The troop would need to have experience with planning and executing events or projects working with younger scouts such as having earned their Junior Aide, Bronze and/or Silver Awards, Program Aide Training, and assisted at other Trefoil Events.

## **3. What guidelines would need to be followed by the Service Team and troop in planning the event?**

- The event price should be reasonable and not way out of proportion to previous events of its kind.
- It is **STRONGLY** suggested that the leader of the troop has had previous experience being an event coordinator.
- As with any event, the Service Team will supply oversight as needed in the event planning stages.
- The Service Team will be responsible to assure that this opportunity is open to all troops requesting sponsorship.
- It is the responsibility of the Troop Leader to inform the Team of her troop's intention of applying for sponsorship.
- An appropriate Trefoil Event would be one in which the troop members take an **ACTIVE** role in planning and conducting event activities, not merely arranging for a tour or visit of a site that supplies programming.

For more specific information or questions, the troop leader should attend a Service Team Meeting to ask for guidance or consult with the Trefoil Manager.