What does it take to have a troop? Game

Materials

Virtual

PPT

Link to registration form on our website:  https://www.girlscoutsem.org/en/join-us/become-a-girl-scout.html

In person

Colored Construction Paper Squares

Key to the color’s meanings

Paper Registration forms (optional)

Directions

Say if doing virtually with PPT     Say if doing in person with construction paper     Say for both

Say: I’m going to describe some skills that you might have and if you feel like you have these skills you are going to write down the COLOR I tell you associated with that skill. Now, there’s no judgment. I don’t expect you to have all of these skills. And it’s ok to feel like you have more than one of these skills. So feel free to write down as many colors as you’d like while we play.

• If you are digitally inclined. You are good at checking and posting on Facebook. You are good at sending and replying to text messages and/or emails. I want you to write down the color RED. Take a RED square.
• If you are good at managing your money. You usually know how much money you have in the bank, you typically don’t bounce checks and you know how to go online and check your balance. I want you to write down the color BLUE. Take a BLUE square.
• If you have ever worked retail, no matter if it was fast food, a clothing store, home depot or anything like that, or owned your own business. I want you to write down the color YELLOW. Take a YELLOW square.
• If you are organized, good at delegating when you need more help, or good at being delegated to, I want you to write down the color PINK. Take a PINK square.

Everyone know what colors match your skills?

Say: Ready to learn what these colors mean?

Say: Now, I want you all to work together to determine who is going to keep which color.

We need 1 person to keep red, 1 person to keep blue, two people to keep yellow and two people to keep pink. If you don’t remember what each color means, just ask and I can remind you. The only rule is, you each only get to keep one color. Go ahead and work it out. And when you’re done, everyone hold up the color they are going to keep so I know you have all agreed.
The people that wrote down red could be our Troop Communication Managers. You could manage the platform that your troop chooses to use to communicate, like Facebook, Rallyhood, emails or texts. You could help coordinate when other parent support is needed, like who’s bringing snacks for in-person meetings or who can help drive for a field trip. This role takes about an hour a month of your time.

If you wrote down blue, you could be our Troop Finance Manager. You are responsible for keeping track of the income and expenses for the troop. You will send a balance sheet with your daughter to the troop meeting so the girls know where their money is coming from, where it’s being spent and how much they can available for planning. This role takes about an hour a month as well.

Our people that wrote down yellow are our Troop Product Sales Managers. A troop typically has 2 of these. One person will help the troop succeed with Treats and Reads, which is about 3 weeks during the fall. The other person will help the troop succeed with Cookie Sales for about 6 weeks in the early spring. During your season, it takes about 2 hours a week of your time. Outside of your season, you get to be “just another parent” in the troop.

And finally, just like the yellow, every troop needs two pinks. Our pinks are our Troop Leader and Troop Assistant Leader. This role, because of all the other parent support you have, takes about 2 hours a week, and that includes the troop meetings. It’s your job to help the girls have fun while learning during the troop meetings.

Pretty cool huh? You have skills to help with the troop and you didn’t even know it!

Are there any questions about these roles to support the troop?

Now, you aren’t actually locked into holding any of these roles, but you do have the skills for it, and it’s not a lot of work when we have all this adult support for the troop.

If you’d like to hold one of these roles, go ahead and complete the registration for yourself as well. I’ll help place you in the troop with that role.

Is everybody happy with the role they picked? If not, you can trade with someone if you want.

You aren’t actually locked into holding this role, but you do have the skills for it, and it’s not a lot of work when we have all this adult support for the troop.

If you’d like to hold the role you ended up with, go ahead and complete the registration for yourself as well. I’ll help place you in the troop with that role.

This is the script that I use. Feel free to make it your own so you are comfortable with what you are saying.