



The first time you sit in a circle with a group of restless five-year-olds or with a couple of teens who are just starting to think of career paths can be a bit overwhelming. Not everyone participates in Girl Scouting in the same way – so not everyone needs the same preparation or training.

Your Girl Scout Paris Neighborhood provides a variety of trainings for both new and experienced Girl Scout volunteers, mentors and advisors. **Safety-Wise** is the guide for adults and advisors that accompany most of the resources for girls, providing helpful guidelines and suggestions for setting up a Girl Scouting experience that encourages fun, friendship, and individual development. Our bi-monthly informational adult gatherings give that all-important chance to meet other adults who are interested in contributing to the premiere program for girls.

Basic Volunteer Training (BVT)

Essential for adult volunteers who are joining the Girl Scout program for the first time. Fundamental GS philosophy as well as hands-on applications are included in this required training session. *Scheduled for November.*

Level Training

Indispensable for all adult volunteers with BVT experience who are changing levels within the GS program. Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador levels are covered. *Half-day (3 1/2 - 4 hour) courses are scheduled as necessary.*

Award Workshops

Workshops run for a half-day (3 1/2 - 4 hours) and are required for all Bronze, Silver and Gold Award candidates and potential adult Consultants/Advisors. *Scheduled in December or January.*

Outdoor Training (NB: this training is specific to the Paris Neighborhood ONLY)

- **In-Town Prep:** A 3-hour prerequisite session covering the Girl Scout approach to outdoor camping, including girl, leader/advisor and parent responsibility for anyone wishing to take their troop on our annual Spring Campout. *A daytime and/or evening session is slated early in the year.*

- **Outside:** The follow-up fun "down and dirty" all-day session (minimum 6 hours) where we REALLY prep and cook, learn to safely light a fire, discover cooking options, find out how and what to pack, put up and strike tents, and lots more! *Scheduled during the spring.*

First Aid / Refresher

This vital Red Cross certified First Aid course is for all adults working with girls. An initial First Aid course is 4–5 hours; count on a 3-hour refresher course required every three years. *Scheduled for November.*

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CPR / Refresher

This very important Red Cross certified CPR course teaches cardio-pulmonary resuscitation techniques that all adults dealing with girls should know. The initial basic CPR course runs

about 4-5 hours, and is slated for November.

Yearly refresher courses usually run 2-3 hours and are held as necessary.