

# TROOP BACKPACKING ADVISOR

PURPOSE	APPOINTED BY	TERM
Assists girls in planning, budgeting, and organizing their troop backpacking experience. Accompanies girls on the backpacking adventure to make sure the trip is both safe and fun.	Troop Leader	Planning and Trip Duration

RESPONSIBILITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete online <a href="#">Trip and Outdoor Basics</a> course, additional prerequisite courses, <a href="#">Troop Camp Advisor</a> course, and <a href="#">Backpacking Advisor</a> course as required before taking girls backpacking. For backpacking trips that will last 3 nights or more <a href="#">Extended Troop Travel</a> training is also required.</li> <li>• Meet with the girls on a regular basis to plan, schedule, and budget for their troop backpacking trip(s) based on their program level abilities and be present during the entire trip.</li> <li>• Teach camping and backpacking skills to girls and prepare them for their outdoor trip.</li> <li>• Be familiar with the Girl Scout program for the program level you are working with.</li> <li>• Understand the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE) and incorporate outcomes into activities and plans.</li> <li>• Ensure that <a href="#">Adult-to-Girl Ratios</a> are followed in accordance with GSNorCal regulations.</li> <li>• Coordinate qualified <a href="#">Troop Drivers</a> and <a href="#">First Aiders</a> and ensure they take the appropriate training and follow GSNorCal safety policies.</li> <li>• Follow the <a href="#">Outdoor Progression</a>, <a href="#">Travel Progression</a>, and <a href="#">GS Guide to U.S. Travel</a> guidelines.</li> <li>• Adhere to health and safety standards as outlined in <a href="#">Volunteer Essentials</a>, <a href="#">Girl Scout Safety Guidelines</a>, <a href="#">Introduction to Safety Activity Checkpoints</a> and specific Safety Activity Checkpoints for <a href="#">backpacking</a>, <a href="#">hiking</a>, <a href="#">camping</a>, <a href="#">outdoor cooking</a>, and other activities your troop will do.</li> <li>• Complete and submit the <a href="#">Trip or High-Adventure Approval Form</a> before the trip.</li> </ul>

QUALIFICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registered and volunteer approved Girl Scout (at least 18 years of age) who lives the values of the Girl Scout Philosophy</li> <li>• Ability and desire to work with and serve people from diverse backgrounds</li> <li>• Able to maintain confidentiality when sensitive issues arise</li> <li>• Ability to foster a spirit of cooperation and teamwork with adult volunteers as well as function constructively and cooperatively in a group</li> <li>• Demonstrates strong organizational skills with the ability to plan, supervise, evaluate, and communicate effectively</li> </ul>
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For more information, details and links for this position, go to: <https://training.gsnorcal.org/course/view.php?id=116>

## APPOINTMENT

Your appointment to the above position begins on \_\_\_\_\_ and will continue to September 30, 20\_\_\_\_

Service Unit	Printed Name	Signature	Date
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