

**Homeowner Agreement for Hosting Sanctioned Girl Scout of Ohio's Heartland Council
Troop Meetings in a Private Residence**

It is the policy of the Girl Scout of Ohio's Heartland ("GSOH") that Troop meetings are held in public locations. However, GSOH understands that not all troops have access to a public meeting space. Accordingly, as a condition to hosting any Troop meetings at my private residence, I acknowledge and agree to the following:

1. Troop # _____ meetings will be held at _____ (the "Home"). Before any Troop members will be permitted to attend a Troop meeting in the Home, a signed waiver from each Troop member's parent will be completed and submitted to GSOH.

2. All requirements as spelled out in the Volunteer Essentials, located on the GSOH website, including the Safety Activity Checkpoints, Meeting Guidance and what to do in the event of an emergency will be strictly adhered to.

3. The space for the Troop meetings in the Home is large enough to accommodate the entire Troop and all planned activities and it will permit Troop members to be able to focus without disruptions from other household members. The space can accommodate Troop members with disabilities, as well as parents with disabilities who may attend the meetings. Pet dander, smoke, and other common allergens will not bother susceptible members during meetings.

4. The space is safe, secure, clean, properly ventilated, with appropriate temperature, free from hazards, and has at least two exits that are well-marked and fully functional.

5. A first aid kit, functioning smoke detectors, and a fire extinguisher are on site.

6. A working cell phone or a land line for emergencies is on site.

7. If someone is sick, or diagnosed with COVID in the household, the Troop meeting will be held in a different location. This location will either be in a public place, or if another residence, approved by GSOH prior to the Troop meeting.

8. All adults who reside in the Home will have a current background check on file with GSOH prior to any Troop meetings being held. Other than the Troop Leaders, parents/caregivers of Troop members, or Troop meeting-related guest presenters, no other adults will be present at Troop meetings.

9. All firearms and weapons are stored out of view and in a locked space. Additionally, all firearms are stored: a) unloaded; b) locked using a locking device, such as a lock

box or a gun safe inaccessible to children; c) separate from ammunition; and d) stored in a location that is only known to those legally allowed to operate it.

10. Any pets will be kept in a location that is separate from the meeting space and away from the Troop members. No Troop member will be left alone with an animal in the Home during a Girl Scout event or meeting.

11. The use of trampolines, pools or other private bodies of water will not be used during any Girl Scout meetings and events, and, accessibility during meetings in the Home will be restricted.

Signature of Troop Leader

Date: _____

Print Name Troop Leader

Received by:

GSOH Representative

Date: _____