Brownie Troop #43915 (2nd - 3rd- 4th grade)

St. Bernard’s Catholic School

2021-2022

Thank you for your interest in Girl Scouts! Katy Roshone and Amanda Hughes are super excited to get our troop meetings kicked off ~ Couple of up-front areas of focus before reading through the plethora content below – Hope to see you soon!

**New to Girl Scouts?**

If your child is new to the troop, there is a $25 membership fee. You can register your child at http://www.girlscoutsnebraska.org – Financial Assistance available with info below

**Health Forms**

Please fill out the return Health Forms attached and bring to our meeting **11/11/2021**

<https://www.gscnc.org/content/dam/girlscouts-gscnc/documents/Frequently%20Accessed%20Forms/3_Girl_Health_History_and_Emergency_Medical_Authorization_Form.pdf>

**Communication**

We will be using a free app (Team Snap) to communicate with parents during the course of the year – please download from your app store, more information will be provided during our first meeting

**Team Snap Registration** – Please send an email to Katy and Amanda (emails below) with the following information to get your child registered

* Girl Scout name
* Parent name
* Parent email address
* Parent phone number
* Address
* Parent date of birth

Girl Scout Council: Spirit of Nebraska (402) 558-8189

<https://www.girlscoutsnebraska.org/>

Email: [MemberSupport@girlscoutsnebraska.org](mailto:MemberSupport@girlscoutsnebraska.org)

Co-leaders: Katy Roshone (402) 980-6768 [roshonefamily@gmail.com](mailto:roshonefamily@gmail.com)

Amanda Hughes (402) 699-6555 [ajhughes0001@yahoo.com](mailto:ajhughes0001@yahoo.com)

**All plans/meetings/outings are subject to change due to COVID-19 restrictions.**

Meeting Place: School Cafeteria

We will try to do certain activities outside, whenever possible. While inside the school, we will follow all COVID-19 precautions.

When: Once a month, from 3:15-5:00 at school with an quarterly outing/activity outside of the meeting.

Pick up/Drop Off: We will meet everyone by the office at dismissal and go straight to our meeting place. Their teachers may send them to the meeting place as well. When the meeting is over around 5, we will escort everyone to the front doors for dismissal. Please park along 65th Street and wait for us to come out.

Girl Scout Meeting schedule for remainder of the year: **11/11 & 12/9**. There will also be a reminder in the THT or Follow Up Friday

Outings: Outings will take place away from our usual meeting place at the school. These are meant to be a fun, team building activity and are voluntary. Because we will not be at our usual meeting spot, we ask that one parent/guardian accompany each child to the outing (or make arrangements for the child to attend with another child/parent). Troop leaders will not provide transportation to the outings. Each family will be responsible for the cost of the outing, if any. In past years, the cost of the outing has been around or below $10/person.

If your child is new to the troop, there is a $25 membership fee. You can register your child at http://www.girlscoutsnebraska.org

Your child must be a registered Girl Scout in order to participate in any council-sponsored event, such as selling cookies.

Financial assistance is available to those who qualify, please contact the Spirit of Nebraska Council Membership Support at (402) 558-8189 or 1-800-695-6690 with any questions. You can request help paying for your child's membership, uniform, and program materials.

There will be no troop dues, aside from costs associated with outings.

The troop will provide snacks, journey books, journey awards, art and craft supplies, and fun patches.

**\*\*\*Please let Katy or Amanda know ASAP if your child has any food allergies or dietary restrictions that we should know about.\*\*\***

Each family is responsible for providing their child with the necessary uniform (vest/sash, Council ID, troop numbers, insignia's, etc). These are not required to attend meetings or outings, but are highly suggested. Scouts are allowed to wear their uniform to school on meeting days. Uniforms can be purchased at Juliette’s Boutique via the Spirit of Nebraska website:

<https://www.girlscoutsnebraska.org/en/shop.html>

Uniform pricing information and patch placement guides: <https://www.girlscouts.org/content/dam/girlscouts-gsusa/forms-and-documents/our-program/uniforms/with%20links%20diagram%20gs_brownie_vest_sash_insignia.pdf>

We will be using an app called TeamSnap. We used it in the past and it makes communication easier. On the app, you will find the schedule with meetings and outings, as well as any information about that meeting/outing (like what to bring or where to meet up). Please make sure that we have your updated email address and phone number.

**Please have your child bring their mask, hand sanitizer, vest/sash, arts & crafts supplies, and water bottle to each meeting. We will send out reminders via TeamSnap.**

Review the Family Guide to Girl Scouts, it has so much great information! Please check out the Spirit of Nebraska website for all the fun badges and programs. Anyone is able to participate in any program, with or without the troop. If you or your child find an activity (Council-sponsored or not) that could be fun for the whole troop, please let us know! We are always looking for different ideas for our monthly outings.

Please review the following links about what Brownies do and the badges your child could earn:

<https://www.girlscoutsnebraska.org/en/what-girl-scouts-do/grade-levels/what-brownies-do.html>

For more information about council-sponsored activities and events, check out the 2020-2021 Annual Program Book:

<https://issuu.com/spiritofnebraska/docs/2020-2021-annual-program-book?fr=sNDQyNjI3NTY5MA>

If you are interested in helping the troop in any way, please let Katy or Amanda know!

**COVID-19 Guidelines**

We will follow the same guidelines that are enforced throughout the day at school. Co-leaders and Girl Scouts will be required to wear masks when we are in the building. If masks are no longer required all the time (the students don’t have to wear them at their desks) then we will not require them to be worn unless we are not able to properly social distance.

We will also be adapting activities at meetings to minimize the sharing of materials. Please have your child bring their arts and crafts box with them to the meetings (crayons/markers, pencil, scissors, glue sticks). We will send out reminders via TeamSnap prior to the meetings.

Additional precautions we will be taking are:

1. Sanitize tables before and after meetings.

2. Wash hands before snack. Sanitize hands frequently, the troop will provide each girl with a bottle of hand sanitizer. (Please remember to bring it to each meeting!)

3. Wear masks when appropriate.

4. Social distancing during meetings (one girl/table, staying 6 ft apart).

5. Adapting activities to minimize the sharing of materials.

\*Please have your child bring crayons or markers, scissors, pencil or pen, and glue or glue stick. The troop will provide any extra materials needed.\*

6. Eat snack outside and try to do activities outside when possible.

7. Individually wrapped/sealed snacks.

8. Students bring their own water.

These are the guidelines that our troop will be following, and they may change at any time. Please read the following blog posts from the Girl Scout council regarding COVID-19 updates and holding meetings in-person:

<https://www.girlscoutsnebraska.org/en/about-us/blog/2020/covid_19_working_tog.html>

Please also review the following guidelines, they are about halfway down the page under the section titled “Resuming In-Person Troop and Group Meetings” for more information:

<https://www.girlscoutsnebraska.org/en/what-girl-scouts-do/how-to-join-girl-scouts/membership-renewal.html#covid>

**Some important information from the links above:**

* Cough and sneeze into a tissue, throw the tissue in the trash, and then wash or sanitize your hands.
* Stay home if you are sick.
* Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
* Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Wash hands if you touch these areas.
* Volunteers, girls, and parents should be reminded to take temperatures prior to group interaction to confirm individuals are not running a fever and that their temperature is a normal 98.6 degrees. Members with fever or temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher should skip the in-person gathering until their temperature is normal.
* The safety guidelines must be provided to all participants, volunteers, and caregiver/guardians of all girl participants before an in-person meeting takes place.
* Participants should follow all rules and guidelines of the in-person meeting location or host site. It is strongly encouraged to hold meetings outdoors whenever possible.
* If a girl, parent/caregiver, or volunteer (or member of their household) is showing signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19 or has been in close contact with someone confirmed to have COVID-19, they are not permitted to attend in-person meetings or gatherings until they are either: cleared by a medical professional, 72 hours have passed without any signs or symptoms (without the use of fever-reducing medication), or it has been 14 days since the last date of a confirmed exposure to COVID-19.
* In the event of a COVID-19 positive test result for a troop member or someone in their family, promptly contact the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) at 402.552.6645 or 833.998.2275.

The Department of Health and Human Services (not volunteers), will be responsible for:

* Confirming and tracing the positive tester
* Contacting anyone who may have been exposed
* Notifying the facility where a troop has met

**DHHS (not volunteers) will notify parents and others about a positive test result and that the tester’s identity is confidential.** Additionally, if the person whom tested positive attended a Girl Scout gathering within the past 10 days, we respectfully request that the individual notify the council directly at 800.695.6690.

Remember that girl and volunteer health information is private, confidential, and should be only shared on a need-to-know basis with council staff.

**\*\*This information will most likely already be known/shared by St. Bernard’s since meetings are after school.**\*\*

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**November 11, 2021**

**Agenda**

Meet & Greet – Get to know your troop

Girl Scout Promise and Law

Snack

Discussion Potential Badges to earn for the year

Activity