



Four Star Troop Excellence Award 2016 –2017

Book is due by September 30, 2017 to the Council Office .

Girl Scouting is a blend of activities from different interest areas, community service, outdoor adventures, field trips and badge work. The Four Star Troop Excellence Award encourages troop activities that reflect the highest standards of Girl Scouts that foster girl/adult partnership, acknowledge citizenship, service, and recognize troop excellence.

Submission Requirements

Must complete the **14** required activities and **2** optional activities for a total of **16** activities. Required activities on page 2.

Four Star Book, must have ...

1. A 3-ring binder
2. A cover page
3. A table of contents
4. "The Four Star Path" Leader Checklist, and any documentation/paperwork necessary to show compliance of requirements.
5. All pages must be in order by table of contents.

Recognitions

Upon successful completion of the requirements, the registered troop will be eligible for:

1. The "Four Star Troop Excellence" Patch for the girls that don't have one.
2. A strip/bar with the year for each girl.
3. An award ribbon.
4. A four star pin and certificate for the Leader (s) .
5. Recognition at the Council Annual Meeting.

daisies 

brownies 

juniors 



cadettes 

seniors 

ambassadors 



Required Activities

R.1 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION & TROOP SIZE:

Troop **MUST** be registered on time (By September 30). New Troops must be registered within 30 days of the Leadership appointment by Membership/Marketing Specialist.

Submit a Troop Roster, including leaders and co-leaders names. Troop size must meet recommendations set by Volunteer Essentials. The troop should be large enough to provide a cooperative learning environment and small enough to allow for development of individual girls. They can also be composed of Multi levels. Council recommends that troop sizes, when possible, are as follows:

Girl Scout Daisies: 8–15 girls

Girl Scout Brownies: 10–20 girls

Girl Scout Juniors: 10–25 girls

Girl Scout Cadettes: 8–25 girls

Girl Scout Seniors: 5–30 girls

Girl Scout Ambassadors: 5–30 girls

R.2 RECRUITMENT: Your Troop should host or participate in a recruitment event in which you invite girls who are not yet Girl Scouts and encourage them to join Girl Scouting.

R.3 COUNCIL SPONSORED EVENT: The troop should participate in at least one Council-Sponsored event.

R.4 COUNCIL-SPONSORED PRODUCT SALES: The troop **MUST** participate in **BOTH** the Fall Product Sale and the Girl Scout Cookie Sale. (Show proof of participation)

R.5 COUNCIL SUPPORT: Support the Council by donating a minimum of \$20 to the “Friends of Girl Scouting” campaign.

R.6 TROOP FINANCES: Troop **MUST** have a bank account according to Council Policies and submit a copy of the Troop Finance Record Form (Fin. #16) along with a May Bank Statement.

R.7 ORGANIZE YOUR TROOP: Behind every successful Girl Scout Leader there is a Committee. The Committee consists of parents and/or other adults who are **registered members** and who agree to carry out various tasks to support the Troop Leader and the Girl Scout program. With a troop committee in place, your time, energy and expertise can be applied directly to working with the girls. Appoint Troop Committee Members such as: (Treasurer, Cookie Mom/Dad, Event Coordinator, Service Project Coordinator, etc...)

R.8 SERVICE UNIT MEETING:

Troop must be represented by a registered adult in at least 75% of Service Unit meetings. (Get letter from SU Manager or Membership/Marketing Specialist).

R. 9 SERVICE UNIT EVENTS:

Troop must participate in at least two Service Unit events.

R.10 TROOP GIRL LEAD & PLANNING:

Submit a dated girl-written report describing 2 or more decisions made by the girls.

R.11 LEADER TRAINING: The Troop Leader **must** have completed the following Adult Developments trainings: On-Line Girl Scouting 101, Troop Module for appropriate Age Level, and Planning Trips/Travel Etiquette within **three** months of leadership appointment.

R.12 COMMUNITY SERVICE: Participate in at least 1 Service Projects of your own choosing.

R.13 RECOGNITIONS: Submit a summary of completed GSUSA Recognitions earned by girls in your Troop.

R. 14 GIVE THE GIRLS IN YOUR TROOP /GROUP AN OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE: Do troop camping at least once. (GS campsite, backyard, park, etc...)

Optional Activities

Complete at least 3 optional activities (for a minimum of 16 activities total).

O.1 Earn the CLEAN JEANS patch. Troop implements a service project that improves one of the Girl Scout campsites. (Form Attached)

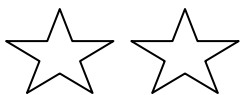
O.2 Hold an investiture/rededication ceremony, court of awards or bridging.

O.3 Participate in an activity with a sister-troop.

O.4 Share the Fun: Involve family in at least one Troop activity.

O.5 Obtain a Troop sponsor.

FOUR STAR BOOKS ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 30th OF EACH YEAR.



The Path to FOUR STAR Leader Checklist



Please submit this with your FOUR STAR Book. Simply fill-in any required information and check it off (✓) in order to keep track of the activities your troop has completed.

R.1 Membership Registration & Troop Size # _____ of girls registered Submit a Troop roster which includes leaders and co- leaders names.	R.2 Recruitment Recruitment event Date: _____ Have your Membership Spec. write a letter if you participated in School Recruitment Night.	R.3 Council- Sponsored Event Name/Date of Event _____ _____ _____ _____	R.4 Council Product Sales Participated in Fall Product Sale? _____ Participated in Girl Scout Cookie Sale? _____	R.5 Council Support Charity begins at home. My troop donated to the "Friends of Girl Scouts" campaign. Amt: \$ _____
R.6 Troop Finances Submitted Troop Finance Record _____ Submit a copy of Finance Record Form and a bank statement to council.	R.7 Organize your troop: List names of parents the make-up your Troop Committee	R.8 Service Unit Meetings Get letter from Membership/Marketing Specialist	R.9 Service Unit Events Name of events and dates.	R.10 TROOP GIRL LEAD & PLANNING Submit a dated girl-written report describing 2 or more decisions made by the girls.
R.11 Leader Training Date of On-Line Girl Scouting 101 _____ Date of Troop Module Training _____ Date of Trip/Travel Training _____	R.12 Community Service Names/Dates of Events 1. _____ _____ 2. _____ _____	R.16 Recognitions List of completed activities and recognitions earned by girls.	R.14 Give The Girls in Your Troop an Outdoor Experience. Indicate type of activity.	 FOUR STAR EXCELENCE

Remember...this is only a checklist to help keep you
on track. Supporting documentation and
pictures must be submitted as well!

Optional Activity <input type="checkbox"/> # _____ Name/Date of Activity _____ _____	Op- tional Activity <input type="checkbox"/> # _____ Name/Date of Activity _____ _____	Optional Activity <input type="checkbox"/> # _____ Name/Date of Activity _____ _____	Optional Activity <input type="checkbox"/> # _____ Name/Date of Activity _____ _____
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CLEAN JEANS AWARD

The Clean Jeans Award may be earned by any troop, group or individual, who develops and implements a service project, that improves one of the Girl Scouts of Tropical Florida camp sites.



Requirements:

1. Contact the Program Site Registrar Lois Auerbach at lauerbach@girlscoutsfl.org for ideas on the proposed project 30 days prior to the date of the project.

Name of Project: _____

Campsite: _____ Date Project completed: _____

Description of Project: _____

2. Photo attached or included: _____

Leader Name _____ Date _____

Phone Number _____ Troop _____

3. Program Site Registrar or Representative validation:

Program Site Registrar Signature _____ Date _____

TROOP SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT

_____ has agreed to sponsor
(Name of sponsor)

_____ for the year of _____
(Troop/Group # and Age Level)

_____ will work with _____
(Name of sponsor's representative)

_____ (Troop/Group leader address) _____ (zip) _____ (service unit #)

of the Girl Scout Council of Tropical Florida, Inc. to fulfill the responsibilities of this agreement.

THE GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL WILL:

Select and train volunteers working with the troop/group.

Provide and safeguard the Girl Scout program.

Keep the sponsor informed about current Girl Scout activities and trends.

Interpret national and council Girl Scout policies and standards.

Other _____

THE SPONSOR WILL:

(Please check appropriate box or boxes)

☐ **Provide meeting place**

☐ **Provide goods and services (books, equipment, transportation, etc.)**

☐ **Provide Program Consultants**

☐ **Appoint a member to serve on the troop committee or serve as group coordinator**

☐ **Provide career exploration opportunities**

Additionally, the sponsor will do the following: _____

Please return This agreement to the Girl Scout Council, 11347 SW 160 Street, Miami, FL 33157. Once signed by the Executive Director a copy will be mailed back to you with your certificate.

Signature for the sponsoring organization

Date

Signature for the troop/group

Date

Signature of Council Representative

Date

