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GUIDELINES FOR USING TROOP/GROUP FUNDS

Troop/Group Leaders must obtain written approval from their Service Team before starting a troop money-earning activity. See form #02-207 (Permission For Group Money-Earning). Troop/Group money-earning may be undertaken only when the girls identify and justify the need for such funds. The money-earning activity must give girls an opportunity to use skills learned in their troop/group. The expected financial goal for the money-earning activity should not exceed troop/group needs.

A troop/group should not initiate more than two money-earning projects a year, in addition to the cookie sale, except in circumstances where funds are needed for special projects. Sincere effort should be made to use most of the funds raised during that Girl Scout year. However, some money should be left in the troop/group account at the end of the Girl Scout year. This helps at the beginning of the next program year.

Emphasize to girls in your troop/group that you all are a team and that any monies earned belongs to the troop/group, and not the individual girl. To place emphasis on team work in regards to raising troop/group funds, a visual troop/group goal for the girls to look at would be helpful (see page 10, *LEADER DIGEST Blue Book of basic documents*, Control of Funds). Each girl's participation must be voluntary. Each girl remains a member of the troop/group whether or not she participates.

Uses for troop funds are program supplies, earned recognitions, troop refreshments, planned trips, service projects, etc.

REMEMBER BEFORE UNDERTAKING ANY TROOP MONEY-EARNING PROJECTS, SAFETY-WISE PROGRAM STANDARDS # 28 TO 35 MUST BE FOLLOWED.

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SUGGESTIONS FOR MONEY-EARNING ACTIVITIES

Gingerbread Houses (by design)	Yard sale
Personalized T-shirts, water bottles, etc (from GSCM licensed vendor)	Babysitting at malls, churches, etc.
GSUSA calendars	Yard clean-up
Personalized Calendars with Troop/group photos	Gently used book sale
Santa's Secret Workshop	Face painting
Troop photo sales	Me & My Guy Dance
Hand-made greeting cards	Me & My Special Friend Tea
Hand-made jewelry sales	Roller skating event
Working a concession stand at A sporting event	Ice skating event
Ushering at a theater	Holiday plant sale
Packaged recipes	Birthday Party entertainment
Gift wrapping	Talent show
	Can recycling

****When planning Troop/Group money-earning activities please consider all safety issues that may be involved. All activities should be age appropriate and meet Safety-Wise standards.****

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