

## Volunteer Position Description

# Outdoor Champion

### Position Summary:

The **outdoor champion** promotes, teaches, mentors, and supports volunteers in providing nature-based activities and outdoor skills to Girl Scouts.

Individuals must apply for this position. Applications will be considered by a regional team to ensure diverse representation that reflects the geography and diversity of Girl Scouts of Western Washington (GSWW). The committee will include members with varied experience planning, delivering, and supporting nature, outdoor and camping programming.

### Responsibilities:

- Promote, provide, and support opportunities to get Girl Scouts outside.
- Work actively to advance nature and camp experiences.
- Attend one in-person outdoor champion meeting per year.
- Actively participate in outdoor champion online forum.
- Keep all certifications and trainings up to date.
- Attend service unit (SU) meetings to answer questions and further outdoor interest.
- Work collaboratively with SU team to identify outdoor needs and opportunities.
- Keep and update resource list for local SUs.
- Host, promote, or facilitate outdoor programming.
- Willingness to step in and provide leadership and mentoring as needed.
- Complete activity reporting online.
- Agree to be guided by the Girl Scout Mission, Promise and Law, and the procedures and guidelines of GSWW and Girl Scouts of the USA.
- Create a welcoming atmosphere for youth and adults from all different social, cultural, ethnic, and economic backgrounds.
- Maintain GSWW confidentiality standards.

### Qualifications:

- **Required Training:** Complete all GSWW outdoor related training.
- **Experience:** Experience with Girl Scout outdoor programs and belief that GSWW members need opportunities in nature.

- **Leadership Skills:** Demonstrate leadership and decision-making skills, able to work collaboratively with youth and adults. Commitment to inclusion regardless of race, ethnicity, physical or mental differences, geographic location, socioeconomic status, educational background or any other difference. Respect diverse viewpoints and willingness to engage in discussion.
- **Computer Skills:** Ability to use email, word processing software, and internet to communicate with committee members, volunteers, and GSWW staff.
- **Other Requirements:**
  - Must be 18 years of age or older to volunteer; must be 21 or over to transport youth.
  - Become a registered member of Girl Scouts.
  - Complete required volunteer application process by submitting volunteer application, criminal background check, undergoing interviews and evaluations by GSWW staff and council representatives.
  - Ability and willingness to meet the time commitments.

## Time Commitment:

Volunteer Time:

- Attendance at one in-person meeting per year (spring).
- Participate in additional phone, online or in-person meetings.
- Check and respond to email at least once per week.
- Other events, meeting and training as needed.

Term of Service:

- Members will be appointed for a two-year term.
- Members may apply for additional year term but must be approved by outdoor champion board or regional coordinator.

## Reports To:

- Volunteer outdoor champion board.
- Staff director of camp programs.

## Marketable Skills:

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| • Public speaking         | • Event planning                 |
| • Communication           | • Training                       |
| • Mentorship and coaching | • Social media, Microsoft Office |