

# Getting **FAMILY** INVOLVEMENT



Below are some tips to secure the family involvement every girl needs to be successful.

## **Communicate!**

- Let parents and guardians know about the learning and sales goals set by the girls..
- Host a cookie training party and invite the families.
- Have the girls write letters home sharing their plans, send postcards, set up an e-newsletter or send an eCard.

## **Personalize!**

- Every parent and guardian likes to hear about their child's success.
- Share your observations of their Girl Scout's growth in skills and self-confidence.
- Let each family adult know that their Girl Scout is an individual in your eyes and not just one of the crowd.

## **Utilize!**

- Families can be great sources of expert help. Find out what skills and hobbies family members have, and recruit them to do tasks that fit their interests.
- Involve a few family adults in helping you plan cookie activities.

## **Empathize!**

- You devote a lot of time and energy to helping a group of girls become happy, resourceful citizens. If a parent or guardian isn't receptive to requests for help, try not to make them feel guilty. Perhaps the timing is just not right.

## **Economize!**

- Try your best to use adult resources wisely. When conducting meetings, begin and end on time and stick to a tight agenda.
- When you recruit adults to work with girls, be specific about what you want them to do and only ask for as many adults as you really need.

## **Follow Council Guidelines for adult recruitment:**

- Your council may have guidelines put into place for any adult who works with girls or handles troop money that must be adhered to. These may include reference checks, minimum car insurance and membership in Girl Scouts. Anticipate your needs and encourage adults to sign up early.