



Guidelines for Drivers

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1. The leader is ultimately responsible for the safety of the girls. The leader needs to verify that each driver has proof of current insurance, car registration and a valid driver's license. You should not be taking any medication that might impair your ability to drive safely.
2. "Everyone (girls and adults) will be transported in vehicles designed by the manufacturer for carrying passengers. Persons will not be transported in a camper attached to a truck. Only the cab or driver compartment will be used for passengers. All occupants in a private passenger motor vehicle must wear seat belts at all times. Drivers must follow the specific vehicle manufacturer guidelines for the safe use of air bags." (council policy) California State Law currently requires children under 6 years or less than 60 pounds to be in a safety seat.
3. Arrive at the departure point early enough to allow plenty of time for loading girls and baggage.
4. The leader will provide you with:
 - Appropriate permission forms for all passengers (girls). In case of an accident, these are necessary to ensure prompt treatment.
 - The phone number of the troop's emergency contact person. If you are delayed, call that person, who will notify parents. To use a cellular phone, pull off the road at an exit or rest area.
 - Directions/map to destination.
 - a. For long trips there should be pre-arranged meeting places along the route. In order to be covered by Girl Scout insurance, any stop must be pre-planned. This includes rest/refreshment stops.
 - b. Caravanning (convoy-type travel) is to be avoided.
5. Before you leave, review or explain safety rules:
 - seat belts on at all times (check to see that they fit properly)
 - hands and arms inside
 - noise must be kept at a level acceptable to you
 - special rules for your car
6. Firearms and explosive devices are not permitted at any Girl Scout function or on Girl Scout property. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited at any Girl Scout function when persons under 21 are present. (council policy)
7. Smoking in a vehicle is prohibited. "The use of tobacco products will not be permitted at any Girl Scout function, except by adults in designated areas. Designated areas will be away from non-users. Designated areas will not include vehicles." (council policy)
8. When the trip is over, return permission forms to the leader.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING MAKE THIS TRIP POSSIBLE FOR GIRLS!