

**SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS FORM**

When a registered Girl Scout has been in a troop for a while, progressing to the next level will probably involve an overnight experience. This is an opportunity for a girl to practice lifelong skills and make new friends. At times there may be a need for her to share a bed with another person. GSUSA Volunteer Essentials Troop Travel stipulates that the following guidelines be followed:

*On trips where male volunteers are part of the group, it is not appropriate for them to sleep in the same space as girl members. Men may participate only if separate sleeping quarters and bathrooms are available for their use. In some circumstances, such as a museum or mall overnight with hundreds of girls, this type of accommodation may not be possible. If this is the case, men do not supervise girls in the sleeping area of the event, and the adult-volunteer-to-girl ratio is adjusted accordingly. Always avoid having men sleep in the same space as girls.*

*• Each participant has her own bed. Parent/guardian permission must be obtained if girls are to share a bed.*

*• Girls and adults do not share a bed; however, an exception is made for mothers and daughters.*

*• It is not mandatory that an adult sleep in the sleeping area (tent, cabin, or designated area) with the girls, but if an adult female does share the sleeping area, there should always be two unrelated adult females present.*

This is a release allowing your child to share a bed with another child if the situation presents itself. If this form is not provided to the volunteer in charge of this outing, you understand that your child may be excluded from participating in this event.

I understand the guidelines above and agree to allow my child to share a bed as stipulated above if the situation presents itself.

This form must be signed by both the Girl Scout and the parent/guardian.

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| Girl Scout’s Signature | Date |
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| Parent/Guardian’s Approval Signature | Date |

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