



SENSITIVE ISSUES PROGRAM ACTIVITIES  
PARENT PERMISSION

This permission slip is being used for the following program activities.  
List of specific activities and date(s) activities will be conducted:

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**Parents/Guardians**

Our Troop/group will be participating in the activities listed above. Each Troop member must have written approval from a parent/guardian in order to participate. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss our Troop's plans, please feel free to contact me. The information on the other side of this sheet describes the Girl Scout of Central California South procedures for addressing what are considered "sensitive" issues.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please return by \_\_\_\_\_  
Troop Leader/Advisor Date

Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (night) \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK ONE:**

I am familiar with the content and activities of the above indicated event and \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to participate in these program activities.

I am familiar with the content and activities of the above indicated event and \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to participate in only the following listed activities:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I am familiar with the content and activities of the above indicated event and \_\_\_\_\_ **does not** have my permission to participate in these activities.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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Guidelines and Permission

**Position Statement**

In order to be responsive to girls' needs and interests, some Girl Scout activities focus on subjects that may be considered sensitive or controversial. There is no definitive list of these subjects. In general, topics of a highly personal nature such as human sexuality, religious beliefs, and cultural and family values should be regarded as sensitive. The leader's role is as a caring adult who can help girls acquire their own skills and knowledge. Girls are encouraged to see that each family has its own way of doing things based on family customs, cultural background, lifestyles and so on. Advocacy (single opinion positions) is the prerogative of the family and religious institutions.

**GUIDELINES**

1. An outline of the sensitive issues program activities, a list of materials and names and credentials of consultants must be submitted to the volunteer field administrator and membership specialist/manager for approval thirty days before the leader submits information to parents/ guardians.
2. Consultants and leaders understand and are willing to adhere to Girl Scout national guidelines and the Girl Scout position on sensitive issues.
3. An outline of the activities (including content areas, some sample activities, a brief resume of presenters and the expected outcome of the event) as well as permission slips for girls will be given to parents/guardians prior to the event.
4. Written approval must be obtained from parents/guardians in order for girls to participate in each session. The permission slip should clearly state that girls will not be allowed to participate without parental approval.
5. Attendance is optional for all or part of the activities.
6. Consultants and resources selected will provide an informative rather than an advocacy point of view.
7. For help in planning your program activities, please refer to *Safety-Wise*.

**NOTE:** Membership specialists/managers will keep a record of Troops they have given permission to carry out sensitive issue program activities. Troop has approval to participate in activities as listed on reverse side of page.

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Membership Development Specialist Approval

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date