

How to start a Girl Troop:

1. Decide if the troop is a linked troop with a boy troop at the same Charter Organization
Linked Troops – are troops that will share a Charter Organization with a Boy Troop

Non-Linked Troop – are troops that will be a stand-alone troop.

2a. LINKED TROOPS

If it's decided that they **ARE** doing a linked troop, they need the following:

- **Complete a New Unit Application and a Charter Partner Agreement Form and submit it to Jon Pleva as soon as the decision is made to start a Girl Troop. This can be done now.**
- Discuss with the Boy Troop about:
 - How much or little equipment will be shared by the two groups
 - How much or little of the existing treasury will be shared by the two groups
- Recruit at least 5 youth members
- Recruit Adult leaders to fill the following:
 - Charter Representative (must be the same as boy troop)
 - Committee Chair
 - Scoutmaster (must be different from boy troop)
 - 2 Committee Members
 - ** The Charter Representative may also be dual registered as a Committee Chair or Committee Member
- All Adults must complete:
 - Youth Protection Training
 - Complete a CORI form w/photo ID
 - BSA Adult application including
 - Social security #
 - Initial the statements to the left of where the applicant signs
 - Sign the Disclosure page (last page)
 - Which unit position they are serving
- There must be at least one female registered, and enough to be able to ensure that there is at least one female leader attending all meetings, activities, or camping trips.
- There must be a different Scoutmaster for each troop.
- The Scoutmaster does not need to be female
- The rest of the committee may mirror each other.

All Paperwork should be sent to Jon Pleva at the Woburn Service Center.

After turning in the items above:

- Set-up a Be-a-Scout pin, including that they are a Girl only troop

2b. Non-Linked Troops

If it's decided that they **ARE NOT** doing a linked troop, they need the following:

- **Complete a New Unit Application and a Charter Partner Agreement Form and submit it to Jon Pleva as soon as the decision is made to start a Girl Troop. This can be done now.**
- Recruit at least 5 youth members

- Recruit Adult leaders to fill the following:
 - Charter Representative
 - Committee Chair
 - Scoutmaster
 - 2 Committee Members
 - ** The Charter Representative may also be dual registered as a Committee Chair or Committee Member
- All Adults must complete:
 - Youth Protection Training
 - Complete a CORI form w/photo ID
 - Adult application including
 - Social security #
 - Initial the statements to the left of where the applicant signs
 - Sign the Disclosure page (last page)
 - Which unit position they are serving
- There must be at least one female registered, and enough to be able to ensure that there is at least one female leader attending all meetings, activities, or camping trips.
- The Scoutmaster does not need to be female

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After turning in the items above:

- Set-up a Be-a-Scout pin, including that they are a Girl Only troop
3. **“Coming Soon”** Troops are any girl troop that’s in the process of being formed. It’s a status designation to cover the group from now until February 1st. **As soon as the decision is made, and permission is granted from the charter organization, a New Unit Application and a Charter Partner Agreement Form should be submitted.** This allows you to create and update the Be-a-Scout pin. This also gives the females insurance coverage if they are visiting other boy troop meetings, or going on activities.
 4. There will be a Council-hosted workshop for anyone interested in starting a female troop. This is for all, regardless of what part of the formation stages you are. Even those that are only in the “thinking about it phase” are encouraged to come.

We will be sharing various resources and training opportunities for female leaders to become more comfortable with the notion of leading a Scouts BSA Troop. You can share the challenges and best practices that you are encountering during the start-up process. We will be there to accept paperwork for groups completely ready to go, look over and review partial start-ups, and simply hand out the paperwork to those that are just getting started. It is also an opportunity to network and chat with others from around the council.

The workshop is scheduled for:

Tuesday January 15, 2019 at 7PM

EDCO Collaborative – 36 Middlebury Turnpike, Bedford

[There will be a rsvp process through Doubleknot, found on the council calendar at ScoutSpirit.org](#)