

Troop First Aider Policy

For many activities that take place away from the normal meeting place, Girl Scouts recommends that at least one adult volunteer be First Aid and CPR certified. A volunteer acting in this capacity is called a **Troop First Aider**. Safety Activity Checkpoints should be referenced to determine which activities require a Troop First Aider to be present.

Adults who will be serving as the Troop First Aider must complete First Aid and CPR training that includes specific instructions for adult and pediatric CPR, first aid, and AED (automated external defibrillator) training, that includes a face-to-face, hands-on skills assessment. **Courses without an in-person skills portion (meaning online-only certifications) are not accepted.**

Acceptable organizations are:

- Emergency Care and Safety Institute (our council's provider)
- American Heart Association
- American Red Cross
- Ellis Education Services

If acquiring your certification with an organization other than ECSI, please see Safety Activity Checkpoints for more specifics about suitable courses.

It is at our discretion to accept first aid and CPR certification not taken through our council. Approval should be sought prior to registering for first aid and CPR through other organizations than the above. The following healthcare providers may serve as First-Aiders:

- physicians
- physician's assistants
- nurse practitioners
- registered nurses
- licensed practical nurses
- paramedics
- military medics
- emergency medical technicians

Volunteers with these credentials are asked to submit a copy of their license/certification to the council for approval. It may be emailed to customer care at customercare@girlscoutsgcnwi.org.



Our council offers an Adult/Child/Infant CPR with AED and First Aid Training course. You can register by scanning the QR code or visiting girlscout.info/facprregistration.

Certification completed through our council scheduled sessions does not need to be submitted to customer care. Your gsLearn account will be updated upon completion.

Additional Information:

- First aid/CPR certifications are valid for 2 years
- A troop leader or assistant leader does not have to be the Troop First Aider; a registered troop support volunteer may also acquire the certification
- The cost of a first aid/CPR certification through our council is \$50; troop funds may be used to offset the cost of this training
- If First Aid and CPR certifications have been earned in separate courses, both certificates should be submitted to our customer care team at customercare@girlscoutsgcnwi.org to meet the qualifications of Troop First-Aider