

Green Grapevine

Dear Green Grapevine-

My Troop would like to hold a car wash to raise extra money for our trip to Savannah next summer (yes, we are planning ahead!) Is that ok?

Sincerely-

Dot Snice

Dear Dot-

Ahh... Savannah in the summer! Sounds lovely, sweaty, but lovely! There are some guidelines regarding Troop Money Earning Projects, and with that in mind, your question comes at the perfect time!

In order to be considered eligible to submit an application to conduct a money-earning project proposal, troops/groups are required to participate in its two most recent, consecutive Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida sponsored product sales based on the date of the project proposal. Exceptions will be made for Troops that register after a product sale program has ended. Since the Fall Product Sale Program, one of our two Council-sponsored product sale programs, begins October 1, your Troop should plan to participate. After they then participate in the Cookie Sale Program in January - February they will be eligible to submit their Money Earning Application.

All girl member money-earning projects, other than Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida sponsored product sale programs must be approved prior to starting. The Troop must obtain written approval at least six weeks prior to the proposed money-earning project date, so it is great that you're planning ahead! The Troop Money Earning Application can be found in the [Volunteer Vault](#), just follow the instructions on the form. Once your project is finished, you'll need to complete the Troop Money Earning Activity Evaluation Form, also found in the Volunteer Vault.

There are a few other things to keep in mind. Troop/group money earning projects may not be conducted during the sale dates for the Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida Cookie Sale Program. Finally, girl members may not engage in any direct solicitation for money in an official Girl Scout capacity, including as a troop/group. Direct solicitation includes, but is not limited to, raising funds for other charities such as walk-a-thons benefiting non-profit organizations or selling of third-party goods and services (e.g. PartyLite, AVON, Pampered Chef, Tupperware, etc.). While they can't raise funds directly, your Troop can always decide to make a donation to a charitable organization of their choice from their Troop Treasury.

Detailed guidelines can be found in our Volunteer Policies and Procedures and in the Volunteer Essentials Manual. If you have questions about a specific money-earning project please email program@gssef.org.