

# Canoe Program Facilitator

## Volunteer Position Description



### When you see the whole, your part makes sense.

As a Canoe Program Facilitator, you'll lead fun canoeing programs for girls in 4th grade and up at our camp properties. You'll teach basic paddling skills, keep everyone safe, and help girls work together as a team on calm, flat water.

### Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much!

As a Canoe Program Facilitator, you'll be supported by the Outdoor Girl Experience Coordinator, as well as other GSNEO staff and volunteers from the Girl Experience Department.

### Know your role. Rock your role.

Here are some of the awesome things you'll do as a Canoe Program Facilitator:

- Lead canoeing programs using the Girl Scout curriculum
- Check equipment before and after each program for safety and cleanliness
- Teach girls how to paddle safely and use the gear properly
- Report any broken or unsafe equipment
- Create a positive, welcoming environment for girls and their families
- Communicate with staff and other volunteers by phone or email as needed
- Collect and send in program evaluations
- Fill out any reports or required paperwork
- Follow health and safety rules

### Grow your skills, grow your future.

Being a Canoe Program Facilitator helps you grow, too! You'll build skills like:

- Staying organized
- Speaking in front of others
- Managing time
- Leading a group
- Solving problems calmly
- Building strong, trusting teams
- Being flexible and thinking on your feet

### Great work starts with clear expectations.

- **Follow the Rules:** Comply with GSUSA Policies, Standards and Guidelines, Volunteer Essentials, Safety Activity Checkpoints, GSNEO Bylaws, and GSNEO Volunteer Policies.
- **Membership & Safety:** Be a current GSUSA member and pass the volunteer screening process, to help keep girls and volunteers safe.
- **Communication:** Volunteers in this role need to be able to send and receive messages through email, text, or social media and agree to receive emails and texts from GSNEO and GSUSA.
- **Renewal:** This role is reviewed every year and can be renewed if both the volunteer and council staff agree.
- **Time Expectations:** Occasional commitment: Lead a minimum of 4 council sponsored programs annually.
- **Training:** Complete required Red Cross Small Craft Safety as led by a Canoe Instructor.
- **Recommended Training:** GSNEO leadership development courses: Basic Leadership Training: Girl Scouting 101, Welcome to Girl Scouts, and Program Volunteer Training
- By taking this volunteer position with Girl Scouts of North East Ohio, I promise to follow the Girl Scout Promise and Law. I will keep all Girl Scouts information about members, volunteers, and staff private and respectful.