On my honor, I will... not do this alone.

Girls who have family support and participation in their Girl Scout adventures are more likely to stay in Girl Scouts. Ask your parents to volunteer four hours this year - 4Her!

Troops excel when parents take part.

Family volunteers can:
1. Manage troop cookie program as a **Troop Cookie Manager**
2. Coordinate communication (i.e. Facebook group, parent emails, etc.)
3. Provide transportation for troop outings & activities
4. Volunteer to get **First Aid certified** to help with activities
5. Manage troop funds & bank account as the **Troop Finance Volunteer**
6. Offer to host & facilitate meetings in your business or coordinate the use of a local venue (church, library, rec center, school)
7. Organize badge work for the troop; rotate leading badge activities
8. Get **Troop Camp certified** for camping and/or overnight trips
9. Organize community service projects & activities for the troop
10. Create & manage a snack calendar for meetings year-round

Tips for working with family volunteers

**Communicate with Families**
- Hold a Parent Meeting early on to build a network of success for everyone.
- Don’t be afraid to set an expectation of family involvement (most families are looking for that opportunity anyways). Ask for 4 hours minimum per family, per year.
- Stay in communication – create a troop calendar, budget, and plan for how you will update parents. Use a parent volunteer to help create and share this information.

**Provide Options for Families to Take Part**
- Use the 4Her sign-up sheet to give families ideas of ways they can help and give them a means to commit to helping the troop.
- Family means more than just mom and dad, by the way. If a grandparent or aunt wants to volunteer – by all means, yes.
- View and print 4Her resources online at girlscouts-ssc.org under the “Volunteer” tab.

**Recognize Family Efforts**
- Say thank you.
- Encourage families to track their time spent on Girl Scouts, so they can be recognized for it. Many large corporations make a donation to the nonprofit where their employees give of their time. Check with your company to see if they have an employee volunteer match.
- Girls can earn the GSSSC 4Her patch for each parent/guardian that volunteers with her troop (volunteer approval process must be followed where applicable). Adults are also eligible for other council recognitions as well. (Leaders may submit copies of parents Sign-Up Sheets after the completion of 4 hours. Patches will be issued 2 times per year. January and May)