What is a Short and Snappy?

- These short trainings can be provided at a service unit meeting.
- Any interested volunteer may lead a Short and Snappy.
- Short and Snappys are 10-45 minutes in length.

What you'll need

- Short and Snappy outline

Things to remember

- Stay within the allotted time.
- If you don’t know the answer, seek the correct answer from the appropriate support person.

Questions? Comments?

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The easiest (and recommended) way to implement the co-op model to rotate meeting/activity duties. For instance, each month a different co-op troop leader uses the Volunteer Toolkit to prepare and lead the activities for the troop, along with any optional field trips. Another option is for co-op leaders to divvy up areas of responsibility (e.g., meeting leader, camping parent, badge tracker, supply purchaser, record keeper).

Some additional, behind-the-scenes tasks to be allocated include:

- Troop treasurers — two people to be stewards of the girls’ bank account. Discuss with all co-op leaders how troop money will be handled.
- Troop cookie manager — one person to manage the Girl Scout Cookie Program at the troop level. It may be possible to split this role among two or three co-op leaders (for example, one manages the girls’ orders and the other coordinates booth sales). Discuss how to divide duties, and decide what level of participation is a good fit for the troop’s goals.
- Troop fall manager — one person to manage the Fall Sale, through which girls earn money by selling snacks and magazines.

The most successful co-op troops are flexible, keep communication open and respectful, allow for different styles of leadership (girls learn a lot from different leadership styles!) and make it fun. For more information, contact customercare@sdgirlscouts.org.