



## Volunteer Essentials 2018-19

Following is a summary of changes to the current edition of Volunteer Essentials.

### Updates from GSUSA

You will see that the format has changed significantly. There is no longer a Quick Start Guide. Rather a Quick Reference Guide has been included. Some information has been changed and other information has been added or amended. Be sure to check out the excellent **Safety Handbook** at the end of Volunteer Essentials.  
Quick Reference

**Chapter 3** - Girl Scouting as a National Experience there is added information on Girl Scout participation with other scouting organizations. Be sure to read that on page 67

**Girl Scout Safety Guidelines in chapter 5** have been expanded to include common elements from Safety Activity Checkpoints.

New Product Sales Program - There is new information on credit card vs cash sales and also information on cookie booths.

Please check out the Girl Scout Safety Internet Pledge - Review it with your girls.

### Girl Scouts ATL Updates

#### Chapter 5: Being Safety-Wise

- GSGATL is very safety wise. It is better to lessen cash transactions if at all possible and move to credit card.

#### Chapter 6: Managing Group Finances

There is a great section on Recognizing Cookie Sellers in the media and again the Internet Safety Pledge.

Many changes have been updated to Safety Activity Checkpoints and current travel conditions guidelines. Chapters 6 and 7 are chock full of important information.

#### Appendix:

- We also added a great expanded **Safety Guidelines Handbook** beginning on page 193. It may be useful for Troop Leaders to print this entire Handbook - there is so much good information here.