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Becoming a Girl Scout Leader can be **challenging**; you will be trying to plan your first meetings, meeting **the girls in** your troop and **their** parents (all new to you), trying to decide on girl activities to do, learning to organize the troop paperwork, attending training, **networking with** other leaders from **your** same area, **and** getting to know your membership **specialist**. You will be getting a lot of information in a relatively short period of time. All of this can be overwhelming. A mentor can help make this transition easier and **smoother** for YOU!

➤ **What does a Mentor do?**

A mentor is an experienced Leader in your age level who understands the challenges facing New Leaders. You and your Mentor will decide when, and where to meet. Both can decide how often you want to meet.

Your Mentor will help you learn to plan **meetings and** know how to work with troop parents. A mentor has volunteered their time to help you become a successful Leader.

➤ **When will I meet my mentor?**

We will make every effort to pair you with a Mentor within two weeks of completing your volunteer process, meaning screening and initial volunteer training. Your Mentor will call you and arrange a meeting **with** you.

➤ **When should we meet?**

Your Mentor will arrange a meeting with you before your first troop meeting to help you with your planning. Your meetings with your Mentor will be a time and place convenient for both of you. **E-mail and phone are other options.**

➤ **What kind of questions can my Mentor answer?**

Your Mentor should be able to answer most of your basic questions, and if not, **she will find out from another** volunteer **or a** membership staff. Your mentor is not supposed to replace the trainings offered by the council, but is intended to be an additional resource for you.

➤ **What if my mentor doesn't return my calls or emails?**

You and your mentor should set a day and time **most** convenient for both of you to call each other, however, if this does not work you can contact Leticia and she will help you connect with your Mentor.

➤ **I don't like my mentor/ we don't get along?**

If it is simply a difference in personalities/styles, perhaps you will get along after you begin to get to know her. If you truly cannot get along with your Mentor, contact Leticia and schedule a **time** to discuss your concern.

