

## **Your Guide to Major Changes in Volunteer Essentials 2010-2011**

Volunteer Essentials available online at [www.gsvsc.org](http://www.gsvsc.org) with hyperlinks available, and can be searched by using Control-F function.

### ***Quick Start Guide***

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- pp. 12-13 – Registering your troop online
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### ***Program – What Girls Can Do!***

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### ***Engaging Girls at all Grade Levels***

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I:4 – sample troop year

I:4 – reengaging girls

***Travel Information***

II:1 – appropriate age levels for trips

II:2 – Trips outside community boundaries need approval from volunteer services manager – southwest

II:4 – Details when background checks needed for chaperones

II:5 – Travel Security and Safety Tips

***GSVSC Safety Wise Supplement***

III – Policy regarding drivers under age 18 has been eliminated

III:14 – Car/booster seat required for any child under the age of 8

***Council Policies***

IV:10 – Bus Contracts approved by program and membership officer

IV:12 – Updated procedures to report suspected case of child abuse

***GSVSC Contact Information***

V:2-6 – Council Staff Resource List Updated