

Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council Shared Bed Permission Form

When a registered Girl Scout has been in a troop for a while, progressing to the next level will most likely involve an overnight experience. This is an opportunity for a girl to practice lifelong skills and make new friends. At times there may be a need for her to share a bed with another person. The following guidelines will be followed:

- On trips where male volunteers are part of the group, it is not appropriate for them to sleep in the same space as girl members.
- Men may participate only if separate sleeping quarters and bathrooms are available for their use. In some circumstances, such as a museum or mall overnight with hundreds of girls, this type of accommodation may not be possible. If this is the case, men do not supervise girls in the sleeping area of the event, and the adult-volunteer-to-girl ratio is adjusted accordingly. Always avoid having men sleep in the same space as girls.
- If non-related girls are sharing a bed, parent caregiver permission must be obtained in advance.
- During family or parent-daughter overnights, one family unit may sleep in the same quarters. Girls and adults should not share a bed otherwise.
- It is not mandatory that an adult sleep in the sleeping area (tent, cabin, or designated area) with the girls, but if an adult female does share the sleeping area, there should always be two unrelated adult females present.

This is a release allowing your child to share a bed with another child if the situation presents itself. This form must be signed by a primary caregiver prior to an overnight stay.

- I understand the guidelines above and agree to allow my child to share a bed as specified above if the situation presents itself.
- I would like additional information regarding my daughter's overnight adventure.
- I am not comfortable with my daughter sharing a bed with another youth Girl Scout and understand that, depending on the circumstances; her overnight accommodations may cost more or potentially be forfeited based on the ability to support this request.

Caregiver's Name

Caregiver's Approval Signature

Date