

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PIN LEAF APPLICATION

After earning the Leadership Development Pin, a leader, co-leader or group coordinator can add Leaves by taking additional and/or advanced courses. To qualify, these courses must be above and beyond the basic skills required by the council for troop leadership. Courses submitted to qualify for the Leadership Development Pin cannot be used to earn Leaves. The subject areas should reflect personal growth, increased skills in working with girls, and/or development of troop management skills. Sample topics could be on self-improvement, leadership development, dance and advanced outdoor skills.

Each leaf represents ten contact hours **OR** one CEU (Continuing Education Unit) of training (one CEU = ten contact hours). The contact hours may be completed at one workshop or event or accumulated at several events over a period of time after the date the Leadership Development Pin was earned. Qualifying courses are offered by the council (Canoeing, S'Mores, Mentoring, Primitive Camp, Backpacking Skills, L.E.A.P., etc.) or through community colleges, universities, museums, etc. (Computer Skills, Art Appreciation, Group Dynamics, etc.) Leaves are awarded incrementally as follows:

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| Green Leaf = 10 contact hours or one CEU | Up to 5 green leaves may be worn on the pin. |
| Silver Leaf = 5 green leaves (50 ch or 5 CEU's) | Up to 5 silver leaves may be worn on the pin. |
| Gold Leaf = 5 silver leaves (250 ch or 25 CEU's) | Up to 5 gold leaves may be worn on the pin. |

It is the responsibility of the applicant to document the training hours. Upon accumulation of a minimum of 10 contact hours or 1 CEU, the candidate may apply. Application procedure is as follows:

1. Complete the form below. Fill in **ALL** blanks. Attach a copy of your training record or certificate of completion.
2. Return application to the Director of Information Services; Girl Scouts of Northwest Florida, 4755-A Old Spanish Trail, Pensacola, FL 32504-9099.
3. If the application is approved, you will receive a card authorizing you to purchase a leaf. (All leaves are \$1.90 + tax at the Service Center Shop.) Be sure to present the card to the cashier.

Name _____ Cluster # _____ Troop/Group # _____ Age Level _____
 Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
 Telephone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

_____ Earned LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PIN on: _____
 _____ Registered active adult member of GSUSA (Annual membership dues paid)
 _____ Date appointed as troop leader, co-leader, or group coordinator: _____

10 CONTACT HOURS ON ONE SUBJECT OR SEVERAL SUBJECTS							
Applicant is responsible for documenting the hours and describing how the course improves the work with the girls.							
COURSE TITLE	COURSE DATE/S	LOCATION	ORGANIZATION/ COMPANY SPONSORING THE COURSE	# OF SESSIONS	# OF CONTACT HOURS	TRAINER(S)/ INSTRUCTOR	MAJOR TOPICS COVERED
TOTAL HOURS (minimum of 10 ch)							

What specific skills or knowledge have you gained and how will this course benefit your work with the girls? (Use back if necessary.)

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Approved by: _____ Date: _____
 Disapproved by: _____
 Reason(s): _____