

Understanding Which Activities Are Not Allowed

In an exciting, learning-by-doing environment like Girl Scouting, it's only natural that girls will sometimes want to take part in activities not covered in [Safety Activity Checkpoints](#). When activities involve unpredictable safety variables, they are not approved as Girl Scout program activities. These include but are not limited to:

- Hot air ballooning
- Bungee jumping
- Flying in small private planes, helicopters, or blimps
- Hang gliding
- Knife throwing
- Tomahawk throwing
- Stunt skiing
- Motor biking
- Parachuting
- Riding all-terrain vehicles
- Riding motorized personal watercraft like jet-skis
- Outdoor trampolining
- Hunting
- Simulated skydiving and zero-gravity rooms (see note below on indoor skydiving)
- Parasailing
- Zorbing

Marksmanship activities require council permission, and volunteers need to transport weapons separately from girls. The minimum age for girls using firearms in highly supervised activities is 12 years of age. If your council expressly approves, indoor skydiving, because it is contained, low-impact, and adjustable to size and skill-level of participants, is the only freefall activity not prohibited by Girl Scouts. Indoor skydiving is not recommended for Girl Scout Daisies or Brownies. In addition, there are some activities in which girls and volunteers may not engage when representing Girl Scouts. These include:

- Endorsement of commercial products or services
- Solicitation of financial contributions for purposes other than Girl Scouting
- Participation in political campaigns or legislative activities, unless the legislative activity has been council-approved

You'll want to have a process for handling requests for activities not covered by [Safety Activity Checkpoints](#). First, investigate whether the activity is similar to one for which [Safety Activity Checkpoints](#) already exist. Then consider whether the proposed activity requires any expert supervision or special certification. Finally, consult the GSUSA Risk Management & Insurance Department before approving any activity not covered in the checkpoints.