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It is important that the girls have a chance to elect a representative so we ask that leaders not appoint one. We do not, however, want this to become a popularity contest. To help with that we have come up with a few ideas for how your Troop may choose to run their election.

1. We have designed a blank election form that any interested girl can complete. This form highlights important aspects of the Council and focuses on the candidate's ideas and skill sets.
2. We suggest that the troop determine a fair way of reviewing those applications and candidates. Maybe they will choose to review the applications without the candidate's name on them. Maybe they will encourage every member of the Troop to complete an application or give a short speech. Or maybe they will decide that every vote must include a reason why they voted for that candidate. Whatever they choose we remind them that the process should be 'honest and fair'.
3. We suggest the Troop determines who can vote for candidates before the election starts. You may choose to only allow the Troop members to vote, or you may decide that Troop Leaders or Nut and Cookie Coordinators should also receive a vote to ensure candidates are chosen based on merit.

After your election please email your Troop representative's name and email address to us at lzsu646manager@gmail.com.

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