

## Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) Check Process

Non-sufficient funds (NSF) is a condition where a bank does not honor a check, because the checking account on which it was drawn does not contain sufficient funds. The term can also be applied to a situation where an individual attempts to make a purchase with a debit card, and there are not sufficient funds in the underlying bank account to pay for the transaction.

The recipient of a check that is classified as NSF may be charged a processing fee by the bank at which it attempted to deposit the check. The party that issues a NSF check is always charged a significant fee by the bank where its checking account is located. Once a check is identified as NSF, your bank will notify you that the money you had deposited was not available and send you a legal copy of the NSF check.

#### **How to Avoid NSF Checks**

- Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons (GSDH) strongly encourages Girl Scouts, troops and parents to only accept checks from friends and family members.
- Checks should always have the issuer's current address and phone number listed on the top of the check.
- GSDH cautions accepting out of state checks from someone you do not know.
- Do not accept foreign checks.
- GSDH strongly encourages the use of credit cards and cash vs. accepting checks from strangers.

### How to Report a NSF Check

- If you receive a NSF check, please contact GSDH immediately.
- GSDH will assist in the collections of NSF checks if the NSF check is reported to GSDH within 30 days
  of bank notification.
- NSF checks reported to GSDH after 30 days of bank notification will need to be collected by the troop.
- GSDH does NOT cover any NSF bank fees troops may have incurred.
- Troops must submit the NSF check via a completed NSF Check Reporting Form along with the ORIGINAL legal copy of the check.
- Always make copies of all your documents prior to sending to GSDH.



# Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) Reporting Form

Non-sufficient funds (NSF) is a condition where a bank does not honor a check, because the checking account on which it was drawn does not contain sufficient funds.

#### **How to Report a NSF Check**

- 1. Complete, sign and date the information below authorizing GSDH to assist in the collections of the NSF funds using a 3rd party service provider.
- 2. MAIL the completed authorization form and ORIGINAL legal returned check copy to:

Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons

Attn: Finance Department

1101 S. Marion Road

Sioux Falls, SD 57106

Troop #:	OR Service Unit (SU) Name:
Troop / SU Treasurer:	
Email Address:	
I authorize GSDH to assist our troop/S	U in the collections of the attached check.
Signature:	Date:

### **Legal Returned Check Copy**

Date from bank—must be submitted within 30 days from this date.

States it is a LEGAL copy and why the check was returned.

