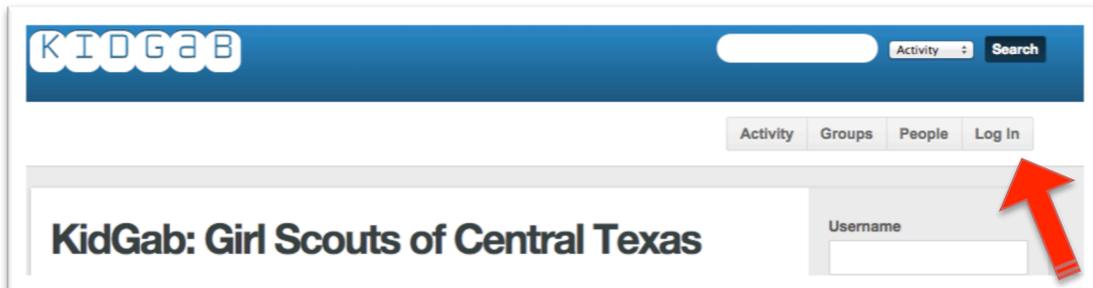# KIDGAB Monitoring Guide for Parents

STEP 1: KNOW WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR

When you monitor your child's online activity, ask yourself four questions:

1. **Who is your child communicating with?** What do you know about his/her communication partners? Show as much interest in your child's online friends as you do his/her neighborhood friends.

2. **Is your child revealing too much information?** Has your child mentioned real names, addresses, phone numbers, birthdays, genders, physical locations, or any other information that could identify him/her individually?

3. **Is your child being cyberbullied?** Has anyone else posted anything mean, hurtful, or threatening about or to your child?

4. **Is your child cyberbullying?** Has your child posted anything that could be considered mean, hurtful, or threatening?

STEP 2: LOG IN TO KIDGAB

In the top right-hand corner of your screen, click the "Log In" button.

Then, enter your username and password into the provided textboxes.
- If you are a parent, your username will be your child's username with "_parent" added to the end. So if your child's username is "girlscout", your username is "girlscout_parent".
- Your password is preset to be "**password**", but you should change this immediately upon logging in.

STEP 3: NAVIGATE TO YOUR CHILD'S PROFILE

On any page within KidGab, you can navigate to your child's profile page. You can find the link on the left side of your top menu. If you have more than one child, a link for each will be available.

STEP 4: BROWSE YOUR CHILD'S PROFILE

By default, clicking the link above will navigate you to your child's ACTIVITY tab. All messages made by your child and sent to your child will appear in the "ALL ACTIVITY" sub-navigation option. If you wish to see the different types of posts individually, you may use the other sub-navigation choices.

If you want to explore your child's activity in a more organized way, you can explore the "MONITOR USE" tab of your child's page. That will collect and display information in three major categories: posts by your child, posts to your child, and your child's communication partners. This view will display graphs of usage and will allow you to explore the activity in those categories.