


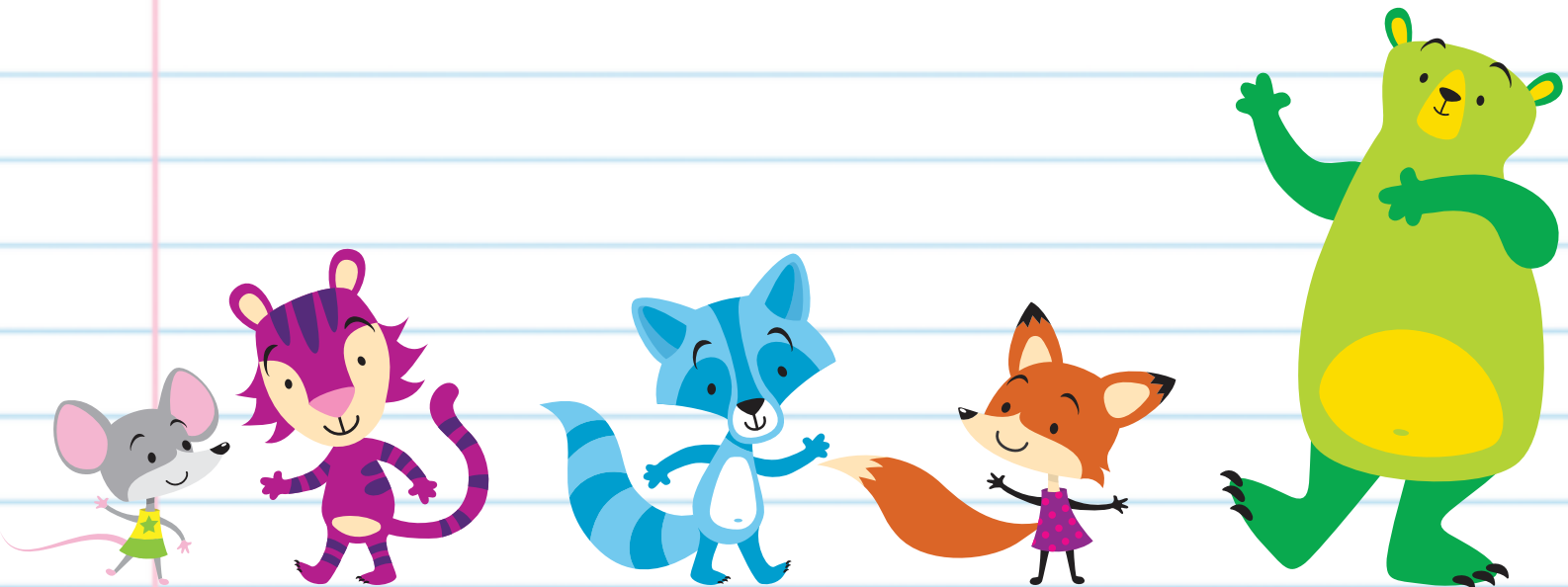


girl scouts 
of louisiana
pines to the gulf

Program and Event Guide Fall 2021

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All about Girl Scouts!

Girl Scout Mission

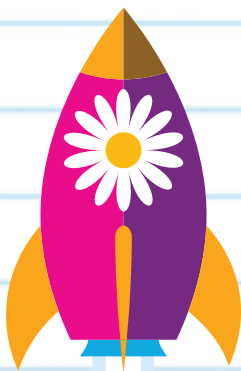
Building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.

Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try:
To serve God* and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law

Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be
honest and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring,
courageous and strong, and
responsible for what I say and do,
and to
respect myself and others,
respect authority,
use resources wisely,
make the world a better place,
and be a sister to every Girl Scout.



Organizational Structure

Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA)

A national organization supporting the work of more than 100 councils across the U.S. for more than 100 years. Headquartered in New York, New York.

Girl Scouts of Louisiana – Pines to the Gulf

Independent 501(c)3 nonprofit chartered by GSUSA operating under the direction of a local board of directors and overseeing all service units, troops and IRMs within a given geographic area.

Service Unit

Volunteers who create a sense of community and support troop volunteers within a given geographic area.

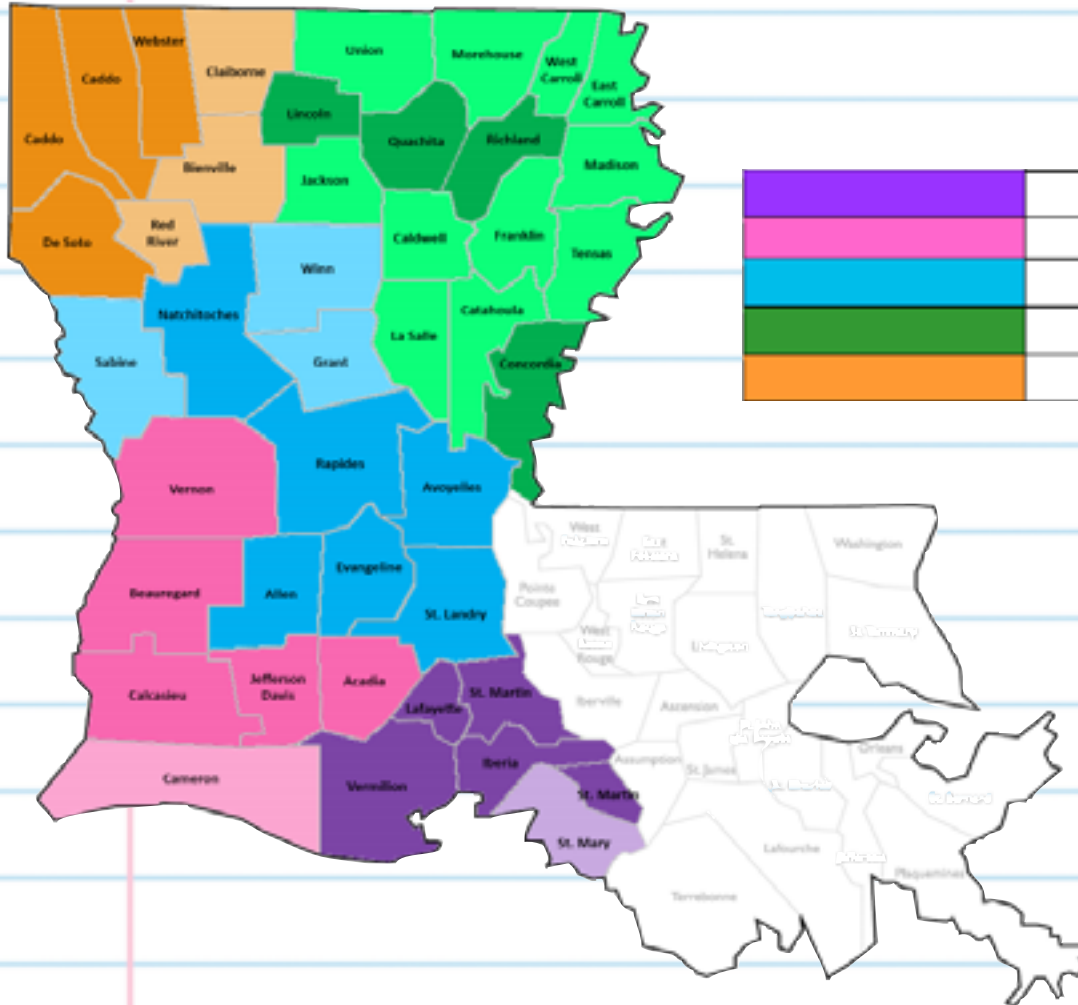
Troops

Groups of girls led by volunteers who participate in the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

Individually Registered Members (IRMs)

Girl Scouts who participate in the Girl Scout Leadership Experience as an individual, tailoring their experience to their specific likes and interests.

Service Areas



	Lafayette
	Lake Charles
	Alexandria
	Monroe
	Shreveport

[Camp Wawbansee](#)
 610 Girl Scout Rd
 Simsboro, Louisiana 71275
 Phone: 337.704.8620
 Fax: 318.263.8771
[Send Email](#)

[Camp Bon Temps](#)
 1123 Camp Bon Temp Rd
 Breaux Bridge, Louisiana 70517
 Phone: 337.344.7872
 Fax: 337.332.2637
[Send Email](#)

[Headquarters Lafayette Service Center](#)
 1720 Kaliste Saloom Rd C-1
 Lafayette Louisiana 70508
 Mon-Thurs: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Fri: 9 a.m - 12 a.m.
 Phone: 337.984.1142
 Fax: 337.984.2799
[Send Email](#)

[Shreveport Service Center](#)
 3921 Southern Ave
 Shreveport Louisiana 71106
 Mon - Thurs: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Fri: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 Phone: 318.868.7322
 Fax: 318.868.7560
[Send Email](#)

Alexandria Region
 By Appointment Only
 Phone: 800-960-2093
[Send Email](#)

Lake Charles Region
 By Appointment Only
 Phone: 800-960-2093
[Send Email](#)

Monroe Region
 By Appointment Only
 Phone: 800-960-2093
[Send Email](#)

Signature Events

These large annual events planned by Girl Scouts of Louisiana – Pines to the Gulf offer a unique, theme-focused experience for girls throughout the council. Event locations can vary from year to year.

Who should attend? For signature events, the best scenario is that entire troops and Individually Registered Members attend, with just the right ratio of adults. That allows for more space for girls – the people we create these events for! Some of our events are family friendly. That means that entire families can register and attend if they want; however, adults must also register and pay the registration fee. Certain restrictions apply to overnight events.

Event Calendar

The program team carefully selects and vets each of our program partners to ensure the programs they offer are in line with the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE) and help girls build important skills by discovering, connecting and taking action.

Who should attend program partner events? Entire troops or individual girls can register and attend these events! Generally, non-registered children are NOT allowed unless noted in the calendar and registration listing, and adults must pay if noted. There are no drop-offs at these programs.

Visit the [Event Calendar](#) to see upcoming events!



Girl Scouts Love State Parks

September 11-12

Every year, Girl Scouts explore the natural wonders found across our country during the Girl Scouts Love State Parks weekend. On September 11 and 12, Girl Scouts nationwide, along with their troops, friends, and family, will celebrate our shared love of the outdoors.

This year, GSLPG has partnered with Louisiana State Parks to offer waived entrance fees at all state parks for Girl Scouts in uniform and their families! A special Tree Promise patch program will also be released this week at [GSLPG.org](https://gslpg.org). Celebrate Girl Scouts, the Tree Promise, and the great outdoors with your troop or family!

Girl Scout USS Kidd Takeover

October 9-10

The USS KID is hosting an exclusive GSLPG overnight! Spend the night aboard the USS KIDD to experience close-quarters living firsthand with your troop or family, and learn about the courage under fire displayed by our American heroes. It's a Girl Scout takeover you'll never forget! Visit the council events calendar for more information in September.

Houston Space Center Galaxy Lights

December 4-5

The Space Center Houston hosts GSLPG Girl Scouts as they embark on a festive overnight adventure this holiday season during Space Center Houston's Galaxy Lights, presented by Reliant. Girls will engage in interactive and hands-on activities in space exploration, demonstrating leadership skills while working together to solve the real-world problems NASA often encounters.

Later in the evening, girls will enjoy an immersive holiday lights tradition with the most interactive and technologically advanced light display in Texas, followed by a campout in the Space Center! Visit the council events calendar for more information in September.

Signature Events

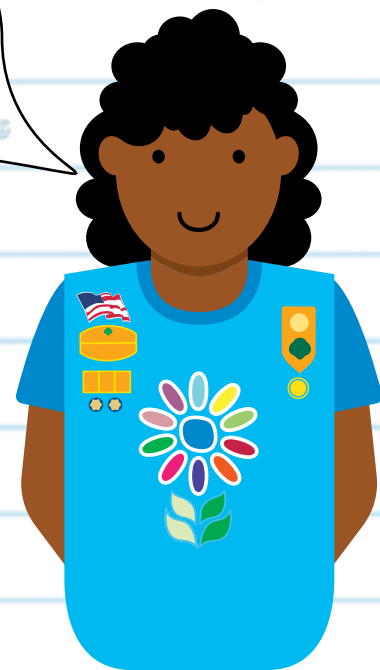


Disclaimer

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Traveling more than 120 miles to attend a Signature Event? Knock out these Signature Events and earn your GSLPG Road Trip patch! Visit [GSLPG.org](https://gslpg.org) in September for the program launch.



Program Activity Kits

Activity Kits Available in the Retail Shop

Program activity kits are the perfect way to keep Girl Scouts going strong while on your own at home or in a troop setting! Girls have the option to choose from several creatively themed boxes, each containing goodies and supplies for 3-5 hands-on activities, delivered right to their door!

Troops are encouraged to use these boxes over the course of a few troops meetings, whether virtual or in-person.



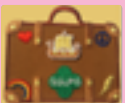
Believe in Yourself: Join Anna, Elsa, and their best friend Olaf, for a Frozen-inspired STEM challenge!



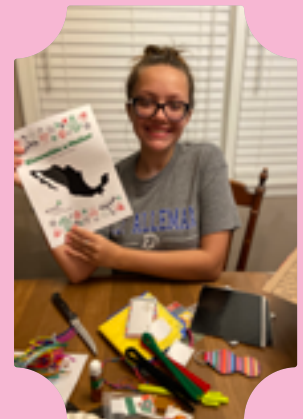
Explora Mexico: Girl Scouts are known for thinking globally. Expand your horizons by exploring Mexico through activities surrounding Dia de los Muertos, including Huichol Yarn Painting, Frida's Floral Headpiece, and Tin Folk Art.



Konnichiwa Japan: Girl Scouts are known for thinking globally. Expand your horizons by exploring Japanese culture through sushi, origami, and Koinobori (carp kites).



Oppdage Norway: Girl Scouts are known for thinking globally. Expand your horizons by setting your sights on Norway where you might find Northern lights, Scandinavian folk art, trolls and folktales.



Boxes are \$30 per girl/box and include:

- Exclusively themed swag and goodies
- An educator-created activity booklet, materials, and supplies for 3-5 activities; girls K-1 may need additional parent/guardian assistance
- Invitation to interactive camp sessions for virtual activities with girls and camp counselors
- Shipping to your doorstep

Payment options include:

- Credit card
- 2020 Cookie Dough (members only)
- Financial assistance for up to \$15 per kit (members only). Financial assistance will be processed within one week of request.

Order your program activity kit today here: <https://form.jotform.com/212144630019141>

Free Program Activity Kits

Grant Funded Activity Kits

The program activity kits listed below are available to Girl Scouts at no cost (while supplies last) thanks to our generous supporters.



SuperGIRLS: What does it take to be a superhero? Explore your favorite superheroes, women in history, and people in your life. Then figure out what your superpowers are and how you will use them to make the world a better place! This kit is geared towards Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors.

BFF (Be a Friend First): BFF (Be a Friend First) is designed to work with the aMAZE! Journey, Girl Scouts' highly acclaimed leadership curriculum. The aMAZE! Journey gives middle school girls valuable skills and tools for figuring out relationships. BFF takes girls a step deeper. How? By focusing on the confidence and skills they need to prevent bully behavior and build friendships and confidence.



We want to extend a thank you for the generosity and support of local organizations, such as the Louisiana Children's Trust Fund, the United Way of Southwest Louisiana, and the Zigler Foundation, who support the mission of these programs and the mission of Girl Scouting.

Order your program activity kit today here: <https://form.jotform.com/212144630019141>



Volunteer Events

Volunteer Palooza

GSLPG couldn't be more excited for all our volunteers to come together in person at the Volunteer Palooza on October 23-24, 2021! While this annual event usually takes place in the springtime, it's been decided to move it to the fall to kick off the year with a weekend packed with education, networking, and fun!

What can you expect?

- Traditional training on: bridging & ceremonies, service unit operations, product program, outdoor education, etc.
- Training on: Highest Awards, Leadership & Mentoring Awards, convention 2023 delegates, travel, crucial conversations, marketing yourself – using your skills to advance your career, etc.
- Networking opportunities with council staff, Girl Scout volunteers, and local professionals
- Girl Scout swag – t-shirts, bracelets, bags, and more!

Come reconnect with your peers in person, make new friends, and learn about all our exciting things ahead! Please visit the event calendar in September for more information. We can't wait to see you there.

Episodic Volunteers

There are many ways to volunteer with Girl Scouts. Be the troop leader that supports her every week—the one that watches her smile get bigger as she grows more confident. Mentor a Girl Scout Cookie Professional during cookie season so she can earn enough to reach the goals she and her troop set. Or work with other adults to provide the kind of behind-the-scenes support that makes it possible for her to make amazing new memories at Girl Scouts.

Whether you can give a few hours, a few weeks, or a few months, volunteering with Girl Scouts is flexible and fun.

Interested in becoming an episodic volunteer and donating time in small spurts when you are available? Check out the opportunities online at [GSLPG.org](https://www.gslpg.org). Openings include volunteer trainers, event coordinators, and many more.

Volunteer Events

Volunteer Trainings

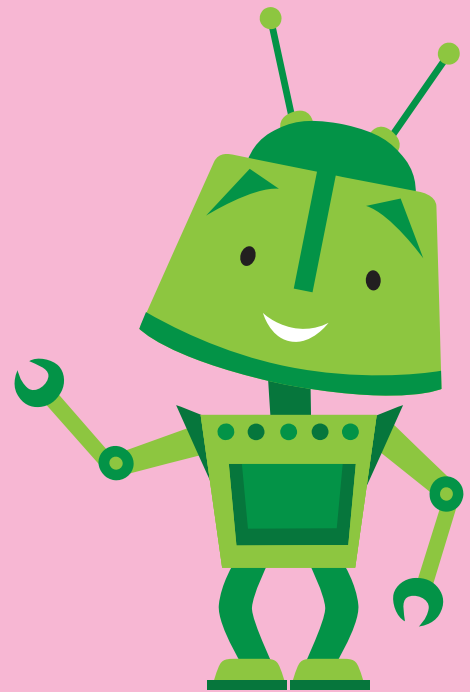
GSLPG offers many of the leader training requirements online at gsLearn so volunteers can begin their leadership journey when it's convenient for them. Additionally, in-person training dates have been set for the membership year on specific topics found below. Registration for these can be found on the council [events calendar](#). When volunteers are confident in their ability to provide a fun, balanced and safe Girl Scout experience, they begin to help girls make memories that last a lifetime.

Bon Temps

Outdoor Ed	Saturday, October 2, 2021
Archery	Saturday, October 2, 2021
Canoeing	Sunday, October 3, 2021
Outdoor Ed	Saturday, November 6, 2021
Archery	Saturday, November 6, 2021
Canoeing	Sunday, November 7, 2021
Outdoor Ed	Saturday, May 14, 2022
Archery	Saturday, May 14, 2022
Canoeing	Sunday, May 15, 2022

Wawbansee

Outdoor Ed	Saturday, September 11, 2021
Archery	Saturday, September 11, 2021
Canoeing	Sunday, September 12, 2021
Outdoor Ed	Saturday, October 2, 2021
Archery	Saturday, October 2, 2021
Canoeing	Sunday, October 3, 2021
Outdoor Ed	Saturday, April 23, 2022
Archery	Saturday, April 23, 2022
Canoeing	Sunday, April 24, 2022
Outdoor Ed	Saturday, May 21, 2022
Archery	Saturday, May 21, 2022
Canoeing	Sunday, May 22, 2022



Product Program

Fall Product Program

October 4 – November 10, 2021

The Fall Product Program enables troops to earn startup funds by selling magazine subscriptions, nuts, and chocolates. The girls can create their own personal avatar patch and earn some awesome rewards as well. Be on the lookout for training opportunities and how you can participate.

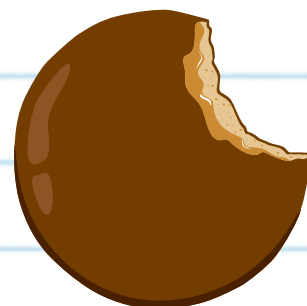
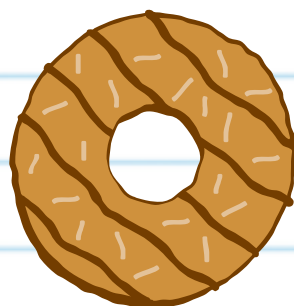
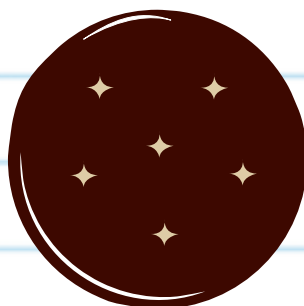
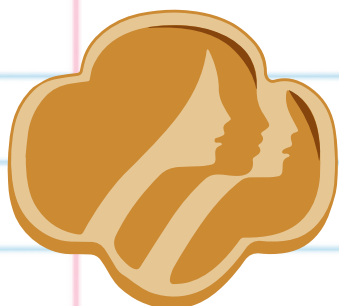


Cookie Product Program

Spring 2022

Our cookie sale happens in the spring and is a great way for girls to work on their entrepreneur and leadership skills. Be on the lookout for our November training and how you and your troop can participate.

Prior to the sale, troops can work on their 5 skills, family entrepreneur pins, and can even earn one of our new Cookie badges.



Make Your Own Experience

Patch Programs

Patch programs provide Girl Scouts an opportunity to enjoy a variety of activities while earning a fun patch. Most patch programs are available to Girl Scouts of all grade levels, and some will list different requirements to complete the patch, depending on grade level.

These programs can extend over multiple troop meetings or be done individually, and will cover a variety of subjects, such as healthy living, STEM, community service and Girl Scout History. Completing patch programs will help your troop along their Journey and may satisfy requirements for certain badges.

- Family Adventure
- Tree Promise – coming in September!
- Girl Recruiter – coming in September!
- Hurricane Preparedness – coming in March!
- Military Appreciation
- Becoming Me
- Girl Scouts are Superheros
- Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge
- Girl Scouts Give Back

Visit GSLPG.org for more patch programs!

Program a la Carte (flexible dates)

Flexible date activities are special programs for Girl Scouts provided by businesses and/or organizations. These activities must be arranged by adult volunteers. Contact information is provided for each of our a la Carte partners, as well as a brief description of the types of activities troops can do.

Who should attend? A la Carte programs should be scheduled by adult volunteers and attended by troops or groups. Some partners come to meeting locations. Tagalongs are generally not allowed, but troop leaders can ask the partner if this can be arranged. There are no drop-offs at flexible date programs.

Find launch information at GSLPG.org in September!

Virtual

Girl Scouts may not always be able to meet in person, but thanks to virtual events we can all participate in amazing Girl Scout events—online and in real time. Virtual events may be hosted by program partners or Girl Scout staff.

Who should attend? Individual girls or whole troops can register for and attend virtual events, so be sure to share information with parents! Please review the Girl Scout Internet Safety Pledge with your girls before participating.

Find information on virtual events now in the council [event calendar](#)!



Make Your Own Experience

Special Interest Groups

In Girl Scouts, you can do anything ... but sometimes you might want to dive more deeply into a special interest. GSLPG Special Interest Groups are designed to give girls an outlet to explore their interests with like-minded girls through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

Individually Registered Members (IRMs) or members of a traditional troop are all welcome to join.

Special Interest Groups are year-long, hybrid programs that run with the membership year. Time commitments vary based on group. Dues vary based on frequency of meetings and activities. See details for each group below for further information. Visit the link to view details and see eligible ages: [GSLPG.org](https://www.girlscoutsofusa.org/gslpg)

Girl Leadership Team

Trailblazers

Mariners

Horseback Riding Club

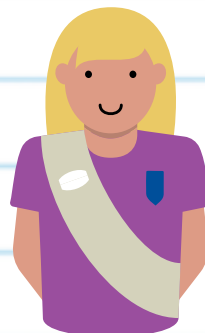
Astronomy Club

Travel Club

Book Girls

PR Agents

Watch out for registration in September to join any of these groups at [GSLPG.org](https://www.girlscoutsofusa.org/gslpg)!



Awards

Highest Awards

Every Girl Scout goes above and beyond to make a difference in her community and the greater world. The skills and experiences she gains along the way set her up for special recognition through the Gold, Silver, and Bronze Awards.

All three awards give girls the chance to do big things while supporting issues they care about. As you earn one of Girl Scouts' highest awards, you'll change your corner of the world—and beyond. The possibilities are endless.

- [Bronze Award](#) – Girl Scouts Juniors (4th & 5th graders)
- [Silver Award](#) – Girl Scouts Cadettes (6th-8th graders)
- [Gold Award](#) – Girl Scouts Seniors and Ambassadors (9th-12th graders)

Visit [GSLPG.org](https://www.gslpg.org) to learn more about these prestigious awards.

Leadership Awards

Are you a Cadette, Senior or Ambassador looking for more opportunities to showcase your leadership skills, work with younger girls and perform service? The National Leadership Awards are a great place to start!

- [Community Service Bar](#) - If you're a community service rock star, this service bar is for you! It's girl-managed and leader-approved. Start by choosing a non-profit organization—that isn't Girl Scouts—where you'd like to volunteer and fill out this form for approval from your leader. Complete at least 20 hours of service and submit your hours log to earn your bar!
- [Service to Girl Scouting Bar](#)- If you choose to volunteer with Girl Scouts—outside of your normal troop activities—you can receive the Service to Girl Scouting Bar! Your service doesn't need to be pre-approved, just work with an adult Girl Scout volunteer or staff member to make a plan for your service. Once you've completed at least 20 hours of service, you can submit your hours log to earn your bar!
- [Torch Awards](#) - Are you a leader in your community? To earn your Torch Award, first complete a Leadership Journey, including the Take Action Project. Then serve at least one term in a leadership position at your school, town council, community center, or a similar organization of your choice. The term can be a quarter, semester, or year—as long as it adds up to at least 20 hours of service! Cadettes work towards the Silver Torch, Seniors work towards the Silver and Gold Torch, and Ambassadors work towards the Gold Torch.

Visit [GSLPG.org](https://www.gslpg.org) to learn more about these service awards.

New Badges

Check out news from GSUSA concerning new badges below!

What are the new badges and awards?



Math in Nature
badges for Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors



2022 Global Action and World Thinking Day Awards



Cookie Business
badges for each year of Girl Scouting



Digital Leadership
badges for each level

Test drive the new badges at
girlscouts.org/newbadges

You spoke, and we listened. This year, volunteers, girls, and families shared their thoughts on the process for earning

- Girl Scout badges—and we made a few important changes that you'll see in the new badges rolling out this summer.
- New badge booklets include a volunteer guide to help troop leaders plan and share badges with the troop.
- Badge booklets include pages for Girl Scouts to print and use during activities.
- The enhanced Volunteer Toolkit now includes full badge overviews, new communication tools, and activities that are easier to follow and lead.

Quick Links: Girls/Troops

IRMs

There is a place for every girl in Girl Scouts! Individually registered members, also known as IRMs, are girl members who participate in the Girl Scout program without being associated with a troop. IRMs do not attend regularly scheduled troop meetings. Instead, with guidance from support staff, guardians, or registered adult mentors, they mix and match their interests to customize their year. Girls decide what activities to participate in, what skills to learn, and which awards to complete - all at their own pace. Learn more about being an IRM here: [Individually Registered Members](#)

Travel

Girl Scouts love to travel—from the field trips they take as Brownies to the global adventures they go on as teens. If you love exploring different places and cultures, then Girl Scouts is the place for you. Learn more about travel here: [Girl Scout Travel](#)

Outdoors & Camp Properties

Enjoy the great outdoors at one of our beautiful camp properties! Girl Scouts can attend outdoor events, camp with their troops, go star gazing with their families, or spend a weekend in exploration! Each of our camps offers girls and grown-ups a fun, safe and memorable experience. Check out our properties below to learn more about the unique experiences you can be a part of at GSLPG Camp! Learn about the properties and the booking process here: [Summer Camp](#)

Religious Recognitions

Everything in Girl Scouting is based on the Girl Scout Promise and Law, which includes many of the principles and values common across religions. So while we are a secular organization, Girl Scouts has always encouraged girls to take spiritual journeys via their faiths' religious recognitions. Learn about religious recognitions here: [Faith](#)

GSLPG Response to COVID-19

All face-to-face events are subject to rescheduling contingent on COVID regulations. For more information concerning GSLPG's response to COVID-19, visit [GSLPG.org](#)

Quick Links: Volunteers

Registration Information: Training on Demand

If you cannot make one of the training dates, check out training on demand here:

[Volunteer Resources](#)

gsLearn

This program can be found via your “MyGS” account through either a laptop or mobile device but only by those registered as an adult volunteer with a current background check. GSLPG uses this platform for all of our training needs. gsLearn contains virtual training modules created by both GSLPG and GSUSA. These training pathways include several new leader modules, new information as product program changes seasonally, and how to navigate troop travel and the necessary forms; however, the program is not limited to these topics: [gsLearn](#)

VTK

The VTK (a.k.a Volunteer ToolKit) program can be located through your “MyGS” account by using either a laptop or mobile device and can be accessed by all parents and troop volunteers. This program was developed to help both new and returning leaders plan out their year. The year plan can be developed for all ages by selecting the badges the troop would like to complete and adjusting it to fit the troops specific schedule. Each badge comes with a rundown of how long it should take to each and provides all the resources you will need to earn it. The VTK also has resources for you to send mass communications to your troop, check the roster, and even mark who completed what badges: [Volunteer Resources](#)

Recognition Information

Starting in October to the end of December, Volunteers have the opportunity to be nominated for special awards on both the Service Unit and Council level to be recognized each year. The various awards and their descriptions are located on the website under the Volunteer Recognition section. Now is the perfect time to show your appreciation to that leader, volunteer, community partner, or dedicated member that shows up and continually makes a difference in the lives of our girls: [Awards & Recognitions](#)

Volunteer Appreciation Dates

Volunteer Appreciation Week: April 17-23, 2022

As a GSLPG Volunteer, this month is just for you! Join us as we spend the month of April recognizing our dedicated volunteers: [Volunteer Appreciation](#)