



Volunteer Development Guide

Essential Learning Opportunities for Volunteers

Follow this training guide to explore topics and gain tools to help you lead girls through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. There are a variety of opportunities to fit diverse learning styles. GsLearn is a great place to start!

gsLearn Trainings

- Troop Start-up
- Troop Trips and Travel
- Grade Level Guidance
- Program Processes
- VTK
- Financial Management
- Outdoor Skills

In-person Trainings

- New Leader Fair
- Service Unit Onboarding
- Adult Conferences
- Lodge Camp Training
- Troop Camp Training
- Outdoor Skills Trainin (i.e. archery)
- Adult/Pediatric CPR, AED, and First Aid (Blended)

Live Virtual Trainings

- New Leader Forum
- Troop Leader Q&A
- Autism Awareness
- Behavior Management
- Product Program Trainings

YouTube Channel

- SU Enrichments
- Product Program Tidbit Tutorials
- Virtual Song Book
- myGS Overview
- How To Renew Membership

Podcast
Brand new for
the 2022 - 2023
Membership Year!

Make it Happen! A Handy Troop Checklist

Overwhelmed by all the options? Here are 10 things you can do to make your troop a success!

- Host an investiture ceremony/parent meeting at the beginning of the year. Let the girls do the planning, and invite the whole family to attend!
- Start each meeting with the Girl Scout Promise and Law. Ask girls to share examples of how they have used the Promise and Law in their lives since the last meeting.
- Help the girls decide what they want to do this year in Girl Scouts. What badges, Journeys, and Awards do they want to earn? What events would they like to attend?
- Attend a council-sponsored event to try new things and meet other Girl Scouts.
- Attend a community-sponsored event to explore your community and connect with experts.
- Set a plan to earn at least three to four badges. Check out the Program Events Guide to help you do this.
- Participate in the Fall Product and/or Cookie Program to build to your troop budget to achieve the girls' goals. Don't forget about the fall sale, too!
- Get girls outdoors! Do an age appropriate outdoor experience or just simply go for a hike in a local park or meet outside.
- Recognize girls' accomplishments. Host a bridging event or a court of awards ceremony at the end of the year. Invite the whole family, and let the girls take the lead.