

# Girl Scouts is for your girl— and for you, too!

From activities to camping, everyone can get in on the  
friendship, adventure, and discovery of Girl Scouts!

Girl Scouts is all about cooperation, learning by doing, and trying new things! Every Girl Scout's experience is unique, but every Girl Scout can build lifelong friendships, explore the world, help others, discover a love for nature, and develop the courage and confidence to make a positive impact.

Here are the activities we encourage everyone to include in their Girl Scout year.



## **Enjoy at least one outdoor adventure.**

Snowshoeing, horseback riding, hiking—we want every Girl Scout to get outdoors and explore nature.

## **Take part in at least one community service project.**

From visiting the elderly to making dog biscuits for an animal shelter, Girl Scouts love to make the world a better place.

## **Learn at least 4 new life skills, and earn badges, too.**

Girl Scouts have the opportunity to try out so many new skills! And they can earn special awards called badges to display on their uniform, showing what they learned.

## **Go on at least one field trip.**

Our troops visit museums, planetariums, organic farms, and more!

## **Participate in the world-famous cookie program.**

It's more than just selling cookies—Girl Scouts learn to set goals, practice money management, and develop skills to run their own business!

## **Attend a family event!**

Girl Scouts love it when their family is involved. Many Girl Scout events include fun for the whole family.

## **Explore at least one STEM activity.**

From making slime to building robots, our Girl Scouts love to try out STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) activities.

## **Learn about at least one Girl Scout tradition.**

Simple traditions such as flag ceremonies or Girl Scout holidays help Girl Scouts understand that they are part of a worldwide sisterhood.



## New to Girl Scouts? We're here for you!

### What costs are involved?

Girl Scout membership for the entire year is \$70.00 (October 1, 2026–September 30, 2027). Finances are never a barrier in Girl Scouting. Financial assistance is available to cover the cost of membership dues, troop dues, and a Girl Scout sash or tunic.

After the first year, most troop activity costs are covered by funds raised through the Girl Scout Cookie Program. To request financial assistance for your membership, just register online and request financial aid. For full financial aid, please call 888.747.6945.

### How can parents/caregivers get involved?

Many parents/caregivers volunteer with their Girl Scout troop and find that it is a great way to spend quality time with their girls. You don't need any previous Girl Scout experience—some of our very best volunteers were new to Girl Scouts! We are always looking for volunteers to step forward to help lead a troop, and girls feel a sense of pride when they can say their parent/caregiver is a Girl Scout leader. Other parents/caregivers assist the troop as field trip drivers, meeting helpers, or troop cookie coordinators. Visit [gsnwgl.org/](https://gsnwgl.org/) to learn more about volunteering with us!

### What supplies do we need to get started?

At your first troop meeting, the troop leader will share what is needed. Most girls will want a uniform to proudly display their earned badges. Suggested uniform pieces cost approximately \$60. These can be purchased through our online shop, and financial aid can cover these expenses. Other supplies, like scissors and markers, will be purchased with troop dues or donated by families. Visit [girlscoutshop.com/GSNWGL](https://girlscoutshop.com/GSNWGL) for shop information.

### Who is my daughter's troop leader? How do I get in touch with them?

Girl Scout Troop Leaders are volunteers who have been through our background check process. The leader usually holds a parent meeting prior to or during the first troop meeting. Upon registering, you will be asked to provide your phone number and email address so council staff and your troop leader can get in touch with you. If you don't hear from a troop leader within 10 days of registration, please contact the council by calling 888.747.6945 or emailing [info@gsnwgl.org](mailto:info@gsnwgl.org).

### When, where, and how often will the troop meet?

Every troop is different, but most troops meet twice a month after school or in the evening. Your troop leader will find the best time and location for the troop and touch base with you on the details.

### How do we sign up?



Visit [gsnwgl.org/join](https://gsnwgl.org/join) or call 888.747.6945 to get started! Both girls and adults can register as Girl Scout members. After you register, we will get in touch to help your family get started on your new Girl Scout Adventure. If for any reason you don't hear from us within about a week, please give us a call!

### Can we start a new troop?

Yes! Can't find a troop that works for you? Want to start something new? Parents/Caregivers are always welcome to form new troops. We have lots of resources and training to help you get started! For new K–3rd grade troops, experience boxes are provided with all the plans and supplies you need! Call or email us today at 888.747.6945 or [info@gsnwgl.org](mailto:info@gsnwgl.org).

### What happens in a Girl Scout Troop meeting?

Every troop meeting is different, because they are girl-led! Here is an example of a typical troop meeting.

**Opening:** The girls open their meeting by reciting the Girl Scout Promise and Law and participating in an ice-breaker or teambuilding game.

**Business:** Girls divide up any meeting responsibilities and vote on upcoming activities, such as what badges they will work on next month.

**Activity:** This is the main part of the meeting, where the girls work on earning a badge or sharing an experience. Examples might include working together to make first aid kits to earn the Daisy Safety Award, painting pumpkins for veteran's home residents, having a guest such as a therapy dog visit, or going for a walk in nature to earn the Eco Learner Badge.

**Clean Up:** Girl Scouts always leave a place better than they found it. The girls will learn to share responsibility and divide simple meeting chores.

**Closing:** Troops often end with a troop tradition, such as a song, story, or making a wish for the world.



Girls are ready to go, and they can't do it without you!  
Sign up to become a Girl Scout volunteer today.