

# Leadership Online

## VTK and gsLearn



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## Let's Get Started

### Managing Your Member Experience Online

After your background check process is completed and you're approved to serve as a volunteer, you'll receive an email confirmation prompting you to log into **MyGS**, your Girl Scout member community, for the first time. It can also be accessed from the **MY GS/VTK** link in the header of any page at [getyourgirlpower.org](http://getyourgirlpower.org).

MyGS allows you to manage your member experience online. The troop tab in MyGS shows you when an adult's background check will expire. Adults that supervise or travel with the girls, handle money, or are signers on the troop bank account are required to be background checked by Girl Scouts of Central Illinois every 3 years. The troop tab will also be where you go during Early Registration (April-June) each year to ensure your girls get registered early for the upcoming membership year and earn incentives.

When new girls are looking for a troop to join they will see the opportunity catalog that can be accessed through MyGS. You may add your troop to this listing by completing the Opportunity Catalog Form, found by searching opportunity catalog in the search bar at [getyourgirlpower.org](http://getyourgirlpower.org).

### Next Steps

You also received a welcome email with details on how to access our orientation video. This video gives you the basic information and resources you need to make things happen for your troop. (If you haven't received your welcome email, please check your junk email folder just to be safe or call customer care at 888-623-1237). See page 25 for more information about required training for new Troop Leaders.

# Volunteer Toolkit

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **1. How do I access the VTK?**

Once you are an approved troop volunteer and have registered or renewed your membership, visit our website and click on the My GS tab. You will enter your login credentials there to gain access. The VTK integrates with our council website, allowing you to seamlessly go back and forth between the two.

### **2. Will there be training on the VTK?**

VTK is designed to be intuitive and require no formal training; however video tutorials are available on the GSUSA Youtube channel.

### **3. Who has access to the VTK?**

Leaders and co-leaders have access to the VTK.

### **4. If I don't have internet access at my meeting place, how will I access the VTK?**

You can easily download the materials to your device or print them to take to your meeting. The VTK can be accessed on tablets or smart phones. You can save the material on these devices, or access them when using your mobile network or Wifi network.

### **5. What about volunteers who don't have internet access at home?**

The VTK is a website that can be accessed from any computer or electronic device with internet capability. Libraries are a great resource for those who don't have access to the internet at home. You can print meeting plans or download them to your personal computer or drive using remote internet access.

### **6. Why Should I login to the VTK as soon as possible?** This exciting new resource is designed to meet your needs. We encourage you to login and get familiar with the functionality and materials available to you. It will make planning your meetings and engaging parents much easier!

### **7. Why has Girl Scouts decided to go digital?**

The VTK is designed to help cut down the amount of time it takes for you to manage your troops by planning meetings (in partnership with the girls), communicating with parents, and finding support resources.

### **8. Will there be updates to the VTK?**

Each July GSUSA makes any needed updates to the VTK. The VTK will be down for a couple of days each summer while this takes place. After the updates, you will need to be registered for the upcoming membership year to access the VTK.



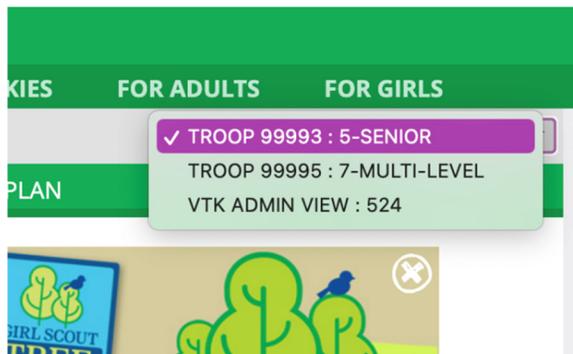
## Troop Leader/Co-Leader

The Volunteer Toolkit is your official source for delivering easy, fun troop meetings year-round! With this step-by-step guide, you can start your troop year strong and spend more time adventuring with your Girl Scouts!

*August 2023*

## WHO HAS ACCESS

**NOTE:** *If you hold multiple roles, you'll have a Volunteer Toolkit account for each—all under one login! Look for the gray drop-down box in the upper-left corner of your screen to navigate between accounts.*



## TROOP LEADERS AND CO-LEADERS

Active volunteers registered for the current Girl Scout membership year in a troop leadership role. There should be at least two volunteers with access to the same troop account in the Volunteer Toolkit.

### **TROOP FINANCE VOLUNTEERS** (see VTK Guide for Troop Finance Volunteers)

Active volunteers registered for the current Girl Scout membership year in a troop finance/administration role. This role will only have the ability to edit and submit the finance report found on the Finances tab. All other tabs will be read-only.

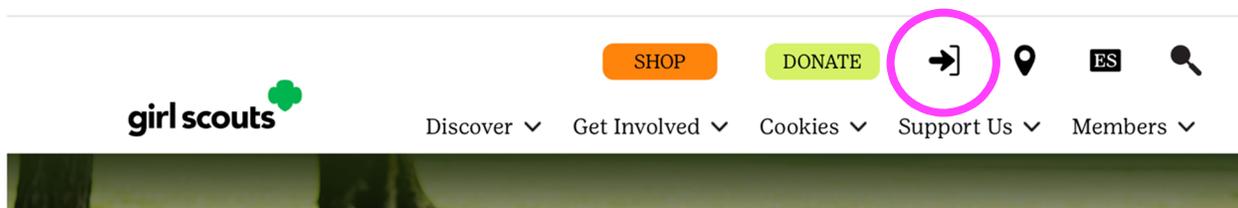
### **PARENTS/CAREGIVERS OF GIRL SCOUTS IN A TROOP**

Each primary caregiver has access to view their troop's Volunteer Toolkit account. They have read-only permission for the meeting schedule and agendas, plus additional resources. (Caregiver accounts can only be accessed if the troop leader has set up a year plan.)

### **PARENTS/CAREGIVERS OF INDIVIDUALLY REGISTERED GIRLS, OR JULIETTES**

Each primary caregiver of a currently registered Girl Scout who is not part of a troop will get troop-leaderlike access with their Girl Scout(s). Access is granted through the council based on confirmation of individually registered status.

# WHERE TO FIND THE VOLUNTEER TOOLKIT



The Volunteer Toolkit can be used from any computer, tablet, or smartphone with internet access. For best results, use a Toolkit-friendly browser, such as Google Chrome, with a cleared cache, and visit [getyourgirlpower.org](http://getyourgirlpower.org).

In the upper-right corner of your screen, click the arrow & bracket icon to login to MyGS using the credentials provided when you registered. Once logged in, from the My Account page, select “Volunteer Toolkit” from the left menu.

## BASIC NAVIGATION

The Volunteer Toolkit is divided into tabs that each have unique tools to help you plan your troop year and manage each meeting with ease. If you’re on a computer, you’ll see the green tabs across the top of your browser window. Mobile users will see a gray drop-down menu at the top with tabs beneath.

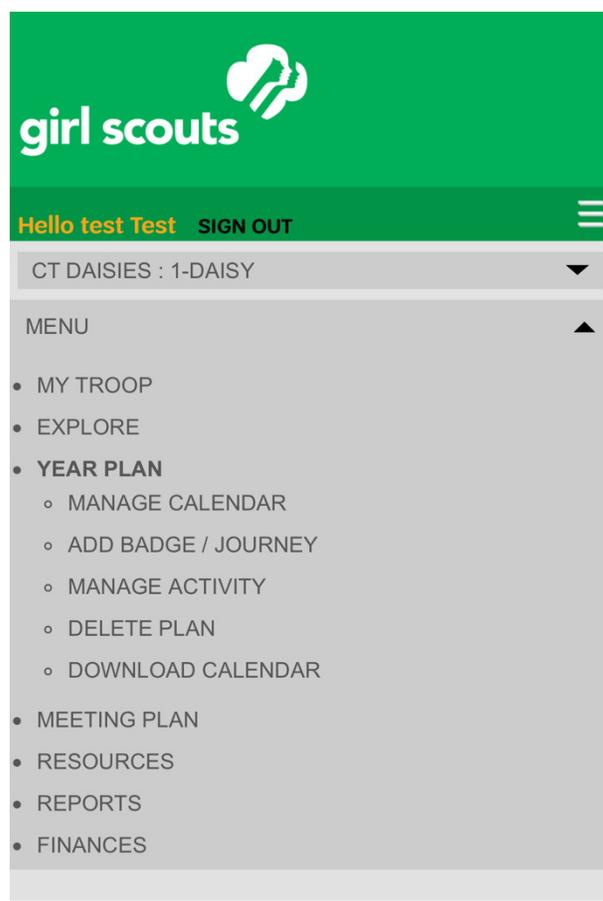


You’ll notice three icons on almost every page of the Volunteer Toolkit:

**Print** allows you to print a copy of your current screen.

**Download** allows you to download calendar appointments (from the Year Plan tab), pages, and resources.

Seek additional **help** by clicking the green question mark icon or by clicking “Take a Guided Tour.”



## BASIC NAVIGATION (Continued)

### My Troop

Here you will find a complete troop member roster along with family contact information and achievements. Click the green arrow next to each name to expand and see additional information, including a snapshot of achievements and attendance.

From this tab, you can also email caregivers, download, and print a roster with troop member achievement and attendance information, renew memberships, and customize the page with a troop photo.

▼ TROOP 30078 INFO

▶ Addison Test13User	VTKScenario3 Test	(555) 777-8622
DOB: 1/4/2007	3 Fake Street Fake , AK 99997	<input type="checkbox"/> Email Opt In <input type="checkbox"/> Text Opt In <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Opt In
AGE: 15		<input type="checkbox"/> Photo Opt In <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Postal Opt In
GRADE: 10		
<b>Achievements:</b>		
<b>Attendance:</b>		
		<a href="#">RENEW NOW</a> <a href="#">UPDATE CONTACT INFO</a>

**Parents/Caregiver users and individually registered girl users** will only see their own Girl Scout's information along with a dashboard of their achievements.

▼ ACHIEVEMENTS FOR DEMO

		
Becoming Me for Girl Scout Seniors 08/02/2021	Shapes in Nature 08/06/2021	Design with Nature 08/06/2021

## Explore

You'll find exciting options for your troop this year under the Explore tab, including prebuilt tracks based on your troop's Girl Scout program level. You can also browse individual badges and meeting types to build a plan from scratch. Once you've made a choice, your year plan will be automatically populated. Selecting a year plan is required before other features become available, but you can come back to the Explore tab anytime to add more along the way.

From this tab, you can also preview prebuilt tracks of badge and Journey activities, preview individual badge or award requirements, and download or print an overview of each preselected track so you can easily review options with your Girl Scouts at your first meeting!

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**Parent/Caregiver users and finance users** will not see the Explore tab.

**Individually registered girl/Juliette users** will have full access to this tab, similar to a troop leader.

## Year Plan

From this tab, you can schedule meetings, add or swap out badges or awards, and fine-tune your Girl Scout year. For a walk-through of all the tools at your fingertips, click "Take a Guided Tour" on the Year Plan tab. If you ever want to start all over, use the Delete button to remove all meetings, attendance and achievements. \*

From this tab, you can also set meeting dates and locations, add more custom and council activities, preview requirements, and view previous years and important milestones from your local area.

**Parent/Caregiver users and finance users** will see a read-only version of the year plan their troop leader has built in the Volunteer Toolkit.

**\*Deleting your Year Plan means it cannot be undone or recovered.**

## Meeting Plan

Here you'll find the tools to make each badge, award, meeting, and activity a success. We've provided meeting prep information, materials lists, and even suggested scripts for many activities.

From this tab, you can also quickly print meeting resources, customize meeting plans, email families, track attendance, and check off completed badges and awards.

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## **Resources**

Under this tab, you'll find answers to your pressing questions—like where to put pins or badges on a uniform, which special awards your Girl Scouts can earn, or how to lead well-loved Girl Scout traditions—along with national and local resources by topic.

From this tab you can also gain access to the Girl Scout shop from each program level, download reference documents for all the awards a Girl Scout can earn, and explore tips for troop leaders and other roles. All user types can see this tab and interact with it in the same way.

## **Finances**

From this tab, you can easily share your troop's year-end finance report and other necessary information to wrap up the troop year. You can also add receipts or other attachments to your form and send them directly to your council. You'll be sent a confirmation email with a copy of the report as well.

**Parent/Caregiver users** will see a read-only version of the report once it is submitted.

**Finance users** will be able to edit and submit this tab for their troop.

**Individually registered girl/Juliette users** will not see this tab.

## **FIRST-YEAR TROOP LEADER EXPERIENCE**

New leaders: need help getting started? We've got you. The First-Year Troop Experience supports new leaders with additional guidance to get you acquainted with the Volunteer Toolkit. After logging in and navigating into the Volunteer Toolkit, you'll be prompted to answer the question, "Is this your first year as a Girl Scout troop leader?" If you answer "yes," you will follow a guided path with recommended steps to simplify your onboarding process.

If you're not a first-year Girl Scout troop leader but would like to see the guided path, click "Take a Guided Tour" on any of the Volunteer Toolkit tabs to see the same guidance that a new leader would.

## **SET UP YOUR YEAR PLAN**

The first time you log into the Volunteer Toolkit, you'll be taken to the Explore tab. From here, you can visit the My Troop, Resources, or Finances tabs, but to activate the Year Plan and Meeting Plan tabs you need to first make a selection under the Explore tab.

If you aren't seeing the correct grade level for your troop, please contact **Customer Care** at **888-623-1237** or [customercare@girlscouts-gsci.org](mailto:customercare@girlscouts-gsci.org).

MY TROOP EXPLORE YEAR PLAN MEETING PLAN RESOURCES FINANCES



## Lifetime Membership

There's never been a better time to become a lifetime member or give the gift of Girl Scouts to someone special.

Young Alum - \$200    10 Year+ Volunteers - \$200    Adults - \$400

[Learn More](#)

 TAKE A GUIDED TOUR

Select a level to get started.

Daisy
Brownie
Junior
Cadette
Senior
Ambassador
Multi-level

### Multi-level Explorer 2021-2022

To set the troops calendar year, select the badges and awards your girls want to earn or try a pre-selected track. The Year Plan fills based on your selection. Easily make changes at any time.



**Explore Meeting Plans**

Search and filter to preview individual meeting plans to customize a plan all your own.

[EXPLORE MEETING PLANS](#)



**Pre-selected Tracks**

Not sure what to pick? These tracks get your troop Year Plan started and let you add choices as well.

[VIEW POPULAR TRACKS](#)

Want to explore more before setting up a plan? Check out the [Award and Badge Explorer](#) to mix and match badge and Journey choices. Include your Girl Scouts and let them give input as you plan your year.

Before setting up your year plan, you can also check out the Award and Badge Explorer from the bottom of the tab to mix and match potential award options in a PDF, and to share or make decisions with your troop members. Once they've decided, you can always come back to build out the schedule for those badges and awards.

### Explore Meeting Plans

Build a year plan that's completely customized to your troop's interests! You can mix and match meeting plans that work toward the badges, Journeys, and activities that excite your Girl Scouts. You can also search through all badges and Journeys, regardless of your troop's program level. Use the available filters, or search for specific meetings and simply select the ones you'd like to use in your year plan. Each year you can use the "New for [Insert Year]" filter to find all the new programming released in the Summer. Once you're finished, click "Add to Year Plan" at the bottom to move forward in the system.

**Brownie**

	<p>DESIGN WITH NATURE 1</p> <p>Brownies calculate the age of natural objects and learn about tessellations and bees.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">PREVIEW</a>
	<p>DESIGN WITH NATURE 2</p> <p>Brownies build a bird feeder, make bird food, and go bird-watching.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">PREVIEW</a>
	<p>BECOMING ME FOR GIRL SCOUT BROWNIES 1</p> <p>Brownies start the Becoming Me program by finding their voice and envisioning their future selves.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">PREVIEW</a>
	<p>BECOMING ME FOR GIRL SCOUT BROWNIES 2</p> <p>Brownies finish the Becoming Me program series by reflecting on the program themes and the things that shape who they are and what they will become.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">PREVIEW</a>

	<p>DESIGN WITH NATURE 1</p> <p>Brownies calculate the age of natural objects and learn about tessellations and bees.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">PREVIEW</a>
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Badge Overview			▲
Meeting Overview			▲
Meeting Plan			▲
Materials List			▲
Meeting Planner			▼
1	Arrival and Opening Ceremony	00:15	
2	Select an activity	00:20	

## Preselected Tracks

Not sure which badges and awards are right for your troop? You can also choose from a preset collection of meetings with the preselected tracks option instead. Click “View Popular Tracks” to preview each combination of awards and download them, if needed. Once you’ve decided, click “Select Track,” and your year plan will be created. You’ll automatically be taken to the Year Plan tab. You can bundle Preselected Tracks too by returning to the Explore tab and adding another one to your plan.

## Junior Explorer 2021-2022

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**Explore Meeting Plans**  
Search and filter to preview individual meeting plans to customize a plan all your own.

**EXPLORE MEETING PLANS**



**Pre-selected Tracks**  
Not sure what to pick? These tracks get your troop Year Plan started and let you add choices as well.

**BADGES** Girls explore their interests and build skills on a variety of topics.

<p>Great for Your First Year <b>NEW</b></p>  <p><b>3 BADGES</b> <b>17 MEETINGS</b></p> <p><b>PREVIEW</b></p>	<p>Engineer Your World <b>NEW</b></p>  <p><b>7 BADGES</b> <b>17 MEETINGS</b></p> <p><b>PREVIEW</b></p>	<p>Becoming Me <b>NEW</b></p>  <p><b>3 BADGES, 1 PATCH</b> <b>8 MEETINGS</b></p> <p><b>PREVIEW</b></p>
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*Preselected Tracks 1*

**New for 2022-2023:** You can come back to the Explore tab throughout the year to add more meetings, or even combine pre-selected tracks without resetting your whole plan! The delete button has been moved to the year plan, and you have even more access to Explore and build a plan as unique as your Troop!

## SET UP YOUR CALENDAR

You're almost ready to unlock everything the Volunteer Toolkit has to offer—your last step is setting up calendar dates for your meetings. Once you're on the Year Plan tab, click "Manage Calendar," select a start date for your meeting cadence to begin, and choose the frequency of your meetings and a general start time. Dates and times can be changed meeting by meeting after this step; simply select any combination to get started.



titles with numbers at the end are part of a series, and you’ll want to add all of these to meet the requirements for the award. Meetings already in your plan will be clearly marked. Once you’ve made your selections, click “Add to Year Plan.”

X

### ADD A PETAL, BADGE OR JOURNEY

#### Search to Add a Petal, Badge or Journey Meeting

Or Use Filters ▼

**1. Select your Girl Scout Level(s)**

Daisy
  Brownie
  Junior
  Cadette

Senior
  Ambassador
  Multi-level

**2. Select the type of meeting plan you want**

Journey
  Journey: Cadettes - Ambassadors
  Journey: Daisies - Juniors
  Award Earning

Badges Petals
  Closing/Bridging
  Intro/Family Meeting

## Edit Meeting Dates and Times

Click the calendar date to the left of each meeting date to change the date or time of that specific meeting. You can also choose to cancel one or more meetings, or to combine meetings. To combine meetings, select the two meetings you’d like to combine, then select the new date on which you would like that meeting to occur. After you’ve made changes, click “Save” and your year plan will be updated. If you go back to “Manage Calendar,” you’ll see a green gear icon to the right of each meeting date. This takes you back to the original view of the Meeting Date and Location widget, where you can reset the entire cadence of your meetings, if needed.

## Adding Other Types of Activities

Meetings and badges are only part of a go-getting Girl Scout’s troop year! You can add things like field trips, service projects, or cookie booth sales to your year plan as well. The Volunteer Toolkit connects to your council website and gsEvents so you can browse and add local council events, too. Any activity you add will appear in blue and show up chronologically. At the top of the year plan, click “Add Activity.”

## Custom Activity

Add your activity name, date, time, location, and details to your year plan. Remember: caregivers will see this information too, so be sure that event details are clear, and any special instructions are included here.

### MANAGE ACTIVITIES X

CUSTOM ACTIVITY    COUNCIL ACTIVITY    MANAGE ACTIVITIES

Going to the Zoo    08/07/202    04:30    PM    06:00    PM

Blank Park Zoo    3208 SW 34th St

20.00    Behind the scenes tour.]

[ADD ACTIVITY](#)

## Council Activity

Search or filter through council events and add them to your year plan. **This feature does not register you or your group for the event; it only adds the event to your year plan.**

### MANAGE ACTIVITIES X

Select Activity and Register for event

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#### Gimme S'more Mud Run

Date: Sat Sep 25, 2021 08:00 AM - Sat Sep 25, 2021 08:00 AM  
Location: Camp Sacajawea, Boone 638 L Ave., Boone, IA 50036  
[Map](#)

It's time to toughen up, Marshmallows! The Gimme S'more Mud Run is back for 2021 - Join us on September 25, 2021 at Camp Sacajawea in Boone, Iowa. [Registration is now open!](#)

You'll have a muddy good time as you trudge through the mud pits and through the woods. Our family runners (ages 8 and up, please!) take on three miles of terrain filled with obstacles. Our littlest muddy buddies (ages 4 and up) can get in on the fun, with our modified 1-mile course with pint-sized obstacles built just for them.

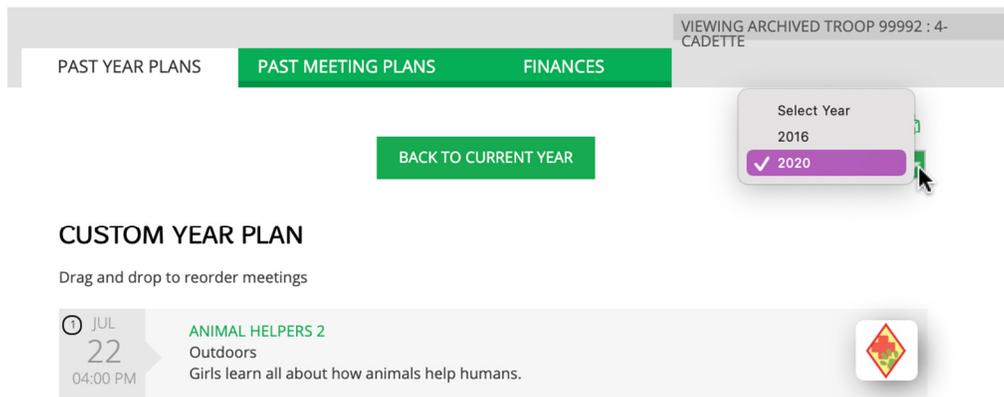
If you are also a member of Girl Scouts (girl or adult), you'll save an additional \$15 off the prices below:

3 Mile Course - \$50 per person (\$35 for Girl Scout member)

## VIEW PAST YEAR PLANS

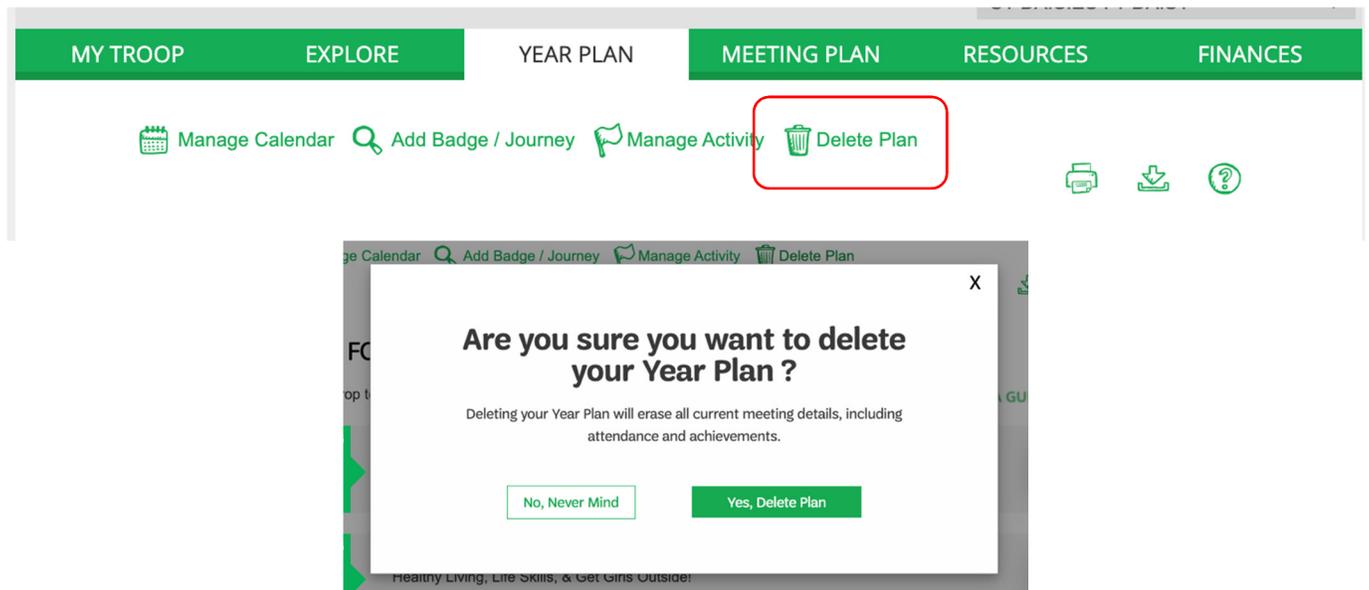
Each summer, the Volunteer Toolkit resets and archives your year plan. At that point, you'll no longer be able to make changes to any of your meetings. However, you'll still be able to view the plan through the green "Past Years" link at the top of your Year Plan tab. Note that achievement and attendance records do not archive; **please download a copy of this information** for your

records. Caregivers can also download a copy of their own Girl Scout's achievements from the My Troop tab.



## DELETING THE YEAR PLAN

If you ever need to wipe the slate clean and start fresh, you can use the Delete button at the top of the year plan to do just that! Be careful though, deleting your plan will remove all meetings including the attendance and achievements you've tracked on them. It cannot be undone and is not recoverable, so use it carefully!



## MILESTONES

You might see orange bars across your Year Plan tab in chronological order with your other meetings and activities. These are important dates, events, or updates your local Girl Scout staff want you to know about. These may also include links to additional information that relates to the date and title of the milestone.

## 10/10/20 OPEN SHOP HOURS!

1 OCT  
28  
04:00 PM

### STEM CAREER EXPLORATION 1

STEM, Badges for 2020-2021

Brownies make a personal collage and play a game to explore STEM careers.



2 DEC  
02  
04:00 PM

### AUTOMOTIVE DESIGN 2

STEM, Badges for 2020-2021

Brownies sketch and sculpt a vehicle and earn the Automotive Design badge.



## 01/04/21 TEST- COOKIES START!

## TOOLS FOR PLANNING YOUR MEETING

The Meeting Plan tab has a robust collection of tools and information to help you plan an engaging meeting every time. If at any time you want to replace or delete a meeting, just use the appropriate links at the top of the meeting plan.

VIEW YEAR PLAN

REPLACE THIS MEETING | DELETE MEETING

### MEETING : 2023 GLOBAL ACTION AWARD 1

LOCATION: Central Lee Elementary School 123 Old Hwy 218, Donnellson, IA 52625



**Award Steps:** 2023 Global Action Award focuses on Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production. By exploring this goal, Girl Scouts think twice about the waste we create and how it impacts us and our planet. The goal is to improve the quality of life of all people everywhere on the planet. They'll also find out about their responsibilities for being a global citizen!

1. Explore the Global Goals and Global Action Award.
2. Explore what it means to be a global citizen.
3. Create a global citizen challenge.
4. Explore what responsible consumption means.
5. Create a responsible consumption challenge.

When Girl Scouts earn this award, they'll understand what it means to be a global citizen. They'll also explore how the things we use and the waste we create impacts our planet. They'll create two separate challenges: one for being a global citizen and one for SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

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PRINT

What would you like to print?

- Badge/Award Overview
- Meeting Overview
- Meeting Plan
- Material List

CANCEL PRINT

**PRINT:** Quickly print a copy of the entire meeting and its resources.

**MEETING LOCATION:** Click here to add your meeting location, or if you've already added one, you'll see it linked here. Click the link to access URLs, or get directions to physical locations.

**STEPS:** Quickly see the high-level view of what it takes to earn a specific badge or award. You'll see how these steps connect later in the activities, where you'll see subtext showing which activity fulfills which step.

**PLANNING MATERIALS**

- 2023 Global Action Award Overview
- Meeting Overview
- Meeting Plan
- Materials List
- Virtual Meeting Planning

**MEETING PLANNER**

1	Arrival and Opening Ceremony	00:15	
2	Select an activity	00:30	
	<input type="radio"/> Play the Go Goals! Game Fulfills Step 1		
	<input type="radio"/> Make a Global Goals Paper Chain Fulfills Step 1		
	<input type="radio"/> Imagine Your Superpower Fulfills Step 1		

**PLANNING MATERIALS:** A combination of overview and step-by-step resources show you from start to finish what your girls will learn while earning this badge or award (Overview), details specific to planning this meeting. (Meeting Overview), what you'll do and say (Meeting Plan), the meeting aids plus the materials you'll need (Material List) and virtual meeting resources. (Virtual Meeting Planning)

**MANAGE COMMUNICATIONS:** Send templated emails to caregivers to remind them of meetings and keep them up to date on what's happening. Use the Speaker Invitation to bring guests to your meeting and prepare them ahead of time with relevant information for the badge or award you're working on. You can attach meeting aids or other documents from your council website at the bottom of the email before sending.

**ATTENDANCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS:** Here you can use the checkboxes to mark who attended each meeting and if they earned a badge or award. You can see the full list of what each girl earned on the My Troop tab, with the option to download the report.

**MEETING PLAN/NER:** Here you'll find instructions and details for each activity, material lists, estimated time to complete, and recommended sequencing. Download or print the entire plan with just one click of the printer icon.

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3	Select an activity	00:30	
4	Create a Global Citizenship Challenge Fulfills Step 3	00:30	
5	Closing Ceremony	00:10	
6	Follow Up with Families	00:10	
		2:05	

Add to Meeting

**MEETING PLANNER (Cont.):** Find opening and closing activities to round out a meeting, along with activity choices for each step. There are a lot of ways to customize your meeting planner.

- Drag and drop activities to reorder.
- Use the drop-down on an activity to change the amount of time allotted for that activity.
- Delete an activity by clicking the "X" to the right of the activity.
  - **Heads up:** if you accidentally delete a required activity for earning an award, you won't be able to add that activity back without first deleting the meeting.
- Click "Add to Meeting" to add your own activities.

MEETING AIDS (8)

Sort By  
FileType

- Global Goals Icon Grid and One-Sentence Global Goal Descriptions  
activity material
- Mind Map Sample  
activity material
- Notes on Nutrition  
activity material
- How An Urban Farm In Philadelphia Is Transforming Lives  
activity material
- UNICEF: World's Largest Lesson Live  
activity material
- #WhatDoYouCareAbout: Stories for a Sustainable Future  
activity material
- Nations United: Rebuilding a Better World  
activity material
- Malala Introduces the World's Largest Lesson  
activity material
- Add Meeting Aids

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Digital Games  
activity material
- Adapt Badges and Journeys  
volunteer resource
- Add Additional Resources

MEETING NOTES

- Add A Note

**MEETING AIDS:** Once expanded using the green drop-down arrow, you'll see documents, videos, and links are the leg up you need to complete the activities in each meeting! Some are geared toward the adult supporting the meeting, and some are for girls completing the activities. You can find more information on how to use these resources in the activity plan.

Click "Add Meeting Aids" to add your own meeting aids.

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:** Take your meeting to the next level! These videos, documents, or suggested events go beyond the required steps for a badge or award, and they can help your troop take a deeper dive into the topics they're most excited about. You'll also find links to the Girl Scout shop to purchase booklets and awards. These materials connect to the Manage Communications email templates, so you can share them with families.

Click "Add Additional Resources" to save your own links here using a URL.

**MEETING NOTES:** Add a note at the end of a meeting plan with any important reminders or details that you only want troop leaders to see.

## RESOURCES

Under this tab, you'll find answers to your pressing Girl Scout questions—like where to put pins or badges on a uniform, which special awards Girl Scouts can earn, or how to lead well-loved Girl Scout traditions—along with national and local resources by topic.

From this tab you can also gain access to the Girl Scout Shop from each program level, download reference documents for all the awards a Girl Scout can earn, and explore tips for troop leaders and other roles. All user types can see this tab and interact with it in the same way.

MY TROOP   YEAR PLAN   MEETING PLAN   RESOURCES   FINANCES

### Resources

FROM YOUR COUNCIL 8/13/18 V.M.

Daisy   Brownie   **Junior**   Cadette   Senior   Ambassador   Multi-level

**Junior**

- Shop Now!
- Badge & Award Chart
- Uniform Placement
- Badge Explorer
- Badge & Journey Meeting Pl...

**TROOP LEADERSHIP**

Knowing Your Role & Work...  
Tips for Troop Leaders - Live!

**FAMILY HUB**

Growth & Support for Your ...  
Family Tips & Volunteer Op...  
Keep Parents & Caregivers I...  
Raising Awesome Girls

**SAFETY**

Internet Safety Pledge

## Finances

Troop leaders and Finance volunteers have access to submit a year-end report of their finances. Default fields collecting your income and expenses are paired with custom questions unique to each council that help you wrap up your year. Shown below, once you submit your finance form, a snapshot can be viewed by all primary caregivers in your troop when they login to the Volunteer Toolkit.

MEMBERSHIP YEAR: 2020 - 2021 Finance form Edit

### Annual Troop Finance Report 2020 - 2021

Troop ct daisies

Insert instructions here for your volunteers. [Even links!](#) [Calculator](#)

**INCOME**

Your updates are automatically saved but not submitted to the Council.  
If there is no value for an item, leave the field at 0.00

INCOME LAST UPDATE

Cookie Sales	\$	0.00
Fall Product Program	\$	0.00
Other Income	\$	0.00
Troop Dues	\$	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>0.00</b>

[Add a note on Troop INCOME \(optional\)](#)

Figure 1: Troop Leader Edit View

MEMBERSHIP YEAR: 2020 - 2021 Finance form

### Annual Troop Finance Report 2020 - 2021

Troop ct juniors

**INCOME**

Cookie Sales	\$	10.00
Fall Product Program	\$	20.00
Other Income	\$	5.00
Troop Dues	\$	1.00

Figure 2: Parent View Once Submitted

# GS Learn

## An online learning tool

gsLearn is an e-learning platform where you - Girl Scout Volunteers - can receive required and optional training for volunteer positions.

-  Receive online and in-person training
-  Track your accomplishments
-  Learn at your own pace
-  Access additional resources
-  Repeat trainings as needed

If you are a registered member with a background check and a valid email, you can access gsLearn via **instructions on the next page.**

## Tips

Sign into gsLearn through our website: [getyourgirlpower.org](https://getyourgirlpower.org)

Click on the MyGS button to sign into the portal and click on gsLearn on the lefthand side.

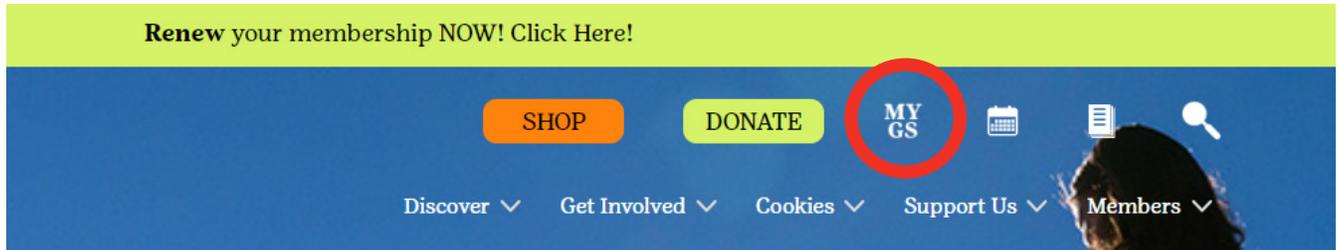
Have any questions, contact **Customer Care at 888-623-1237**

Find trainings in gsLearn on:

- Helping to start your troop
- Learn what Girl Scouting is
- Required training for the Fall Product and Cookie Programs
- GSCI trainings
- Find trainings on Virtual Meetings
- And More!

# Getting to gsLearn

1. Go to [getyourgirlpower.org](http://getyourgirlpower.org)
2. Click on the MYGS button in the top right corner of the screen.



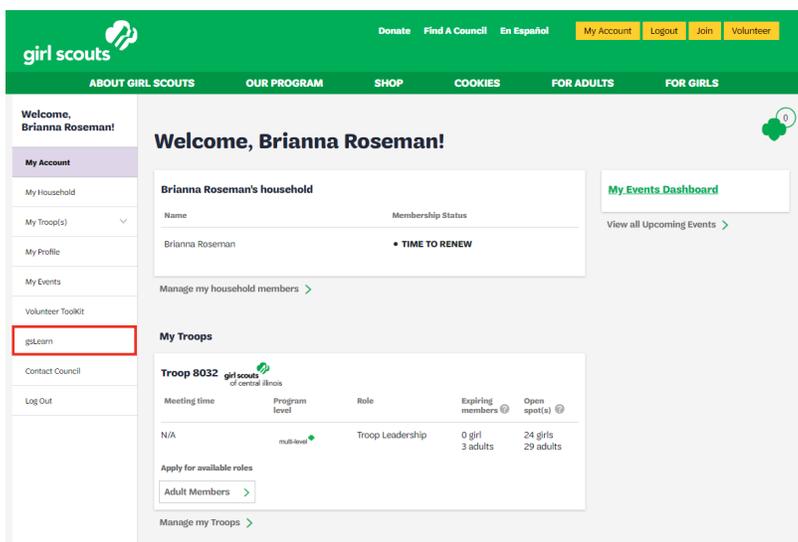
3. Sign in with your username and password.

Your username is the email you used when registering as a member of Girl Scouts. If you forgot your username - **don't create a new account!**

Contact customer care at

**[customercare@girlscouts-gsci.org](mailto:customercare@girlscouts-gsci.org) or 888-623-1237**

4. Once you're logged in, click on the My Account button in the top right - this will take you to your account dashboard, and should look like the screen below.

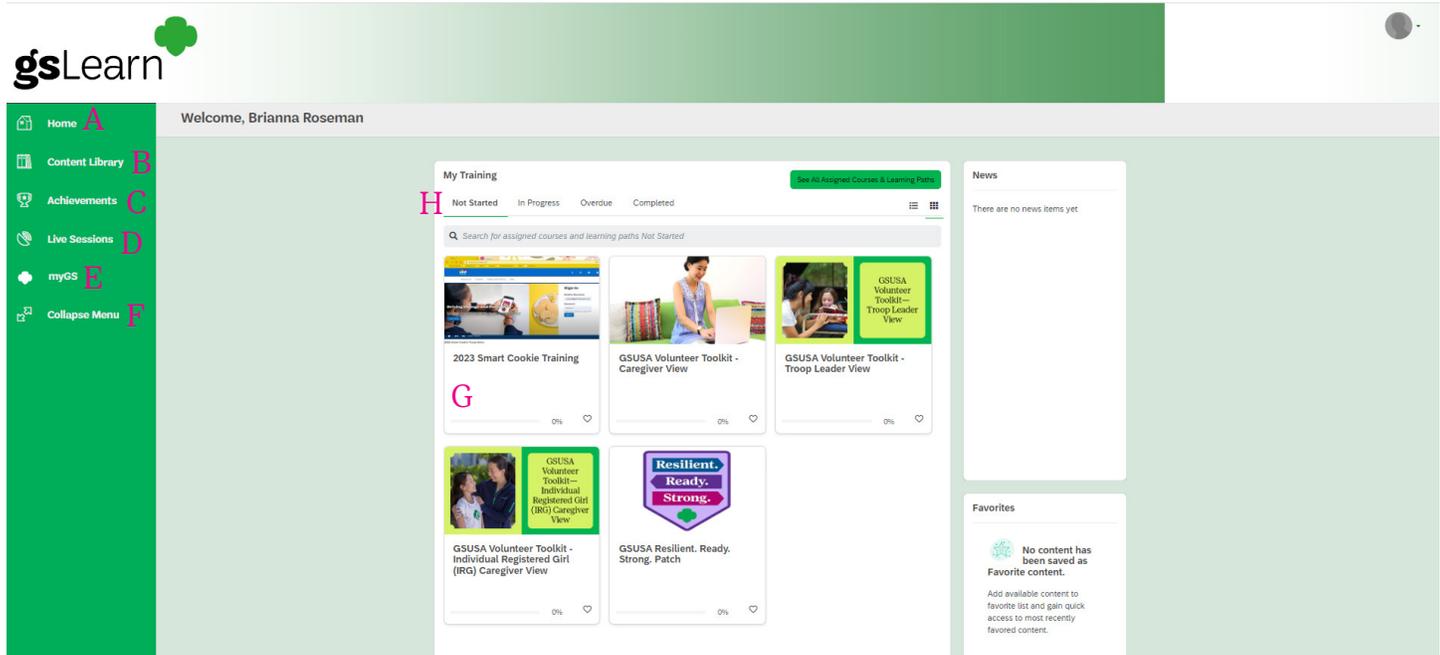


5. On the left-hand side of your account dashboard, you will see a menu of pages you can navigate to. Click on the gsLearn option (circled in red).

6. Now you're in!

# Learner Dashboard

See below for a breakdown of everything on the Learner Dashboard.



A. You can use the home button to get back to this screen.

B. The content library will show you all the courses available for you to take.

C. As you complete courses, the achievements you earn will show up in this area.

D. If you register for a live session or just want to see what's currently live, you can go here.

E. This button will take you back to the MYGS portal (where you can see your troop roster and your household information)

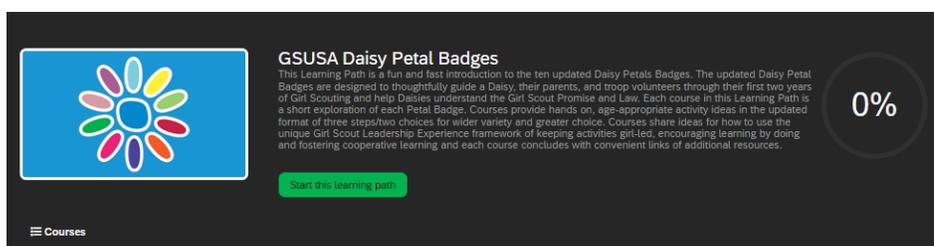
F. If you don't want to see this menu anymore, you can collapse it here.

G. Your active courses will appear on your home page, and you can click into them from here.

H. Use this menu to filter the courses you want to see on your homepage. (i.e. active ones, completed, etc.)

## Starting a Course

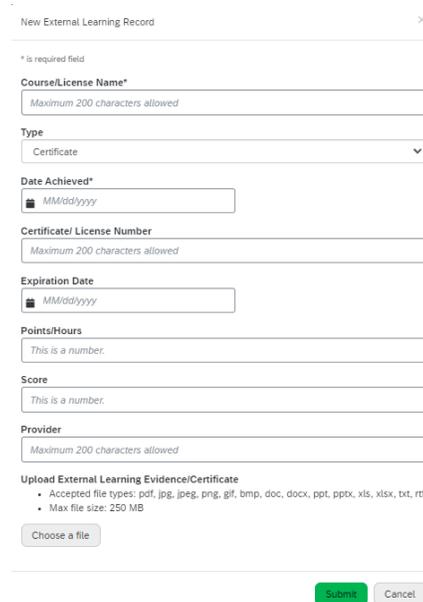
You can click on a course in your learner dashboard, or you can find a course in the content library. Once you find a course you want to take, click on the title then click 'Start this Course' or 'Start this learning path'. gsLearn will take you through all the steps from there.



# External Trainings

If you have taken courses outside of gsLearn, like your First Aid/CPR training, and you would like to upload them, follow the instructions below.

1. Click on Achievements
2. Click External Learning
3. Click Add a New External Learning Record
4. Complete the pop-up screen to the right
5. Click save



The screenshot shows a form titled "New External Learning Record" with the following fields and options:

- Course/License Name\***: Text input field with a note "Maximum 200 characters allowed".
- Type**: Dropdown menu with "Certificate" selected.
- Date Achieved\***: Date picker field with a note "MM/dd/yyyy".
- Certificate/ License Number**: Text input field with a note "Maximum 200 characters allowed".
- Expiration Date**: Date picker field with a note "MM/dd/yyyy".
- Points/Hours**: Text input field with a note "This is a number".
- Score**: Text input field with a note "This is a number".
- Provider**: Text input field with a note "Maximum 200 characters allowed".
- Upload External Learning Evidence/Certificate**: Section with a list of accepted file types (pdf, jpg, jpeg, png, gif, bmp, doc, docx, ppt, pptx, xls,xlsx, txt, rtf) and a note "Max file size: 250 MB". Below this is a "Choose a file" button.

At the bottom right of the form are "Submit" and "Cancel" buttons.

# Recommended Trainings

If you are interested in taking the recommended trainings after your Basic Leader Training with our support team, you can head on over to your content library and look up the courses listed below. These courses can help to understand what Girl Scouts and being a leader is all about and how to navigate your service unit.



GSUSA Successful Leader Learning Series



GSUSA Service Unit Training - Developing and Growing the SU Team



GSUSA Service Unit Training - Effective Meetings



GSUSA Service Unit Training - Goal Setting and Planning



GSUSA Service Unit Training - Leading Effective Digital Meetings