

TROOP FINANCE of central illinois VOLUNTEER TOOLKIT USER GUIDE



Troop Finance Volunteer

The Volunteer Toolkit is your troop leader's official source for delivering easy, fun troop meetings year-round! With this step-by-step guide, you can start your troop year strong and stay up to date on all things Girl Scouts for your troop!

This guide is for the Troop Finance Volunteer. You have access to the finance portion of the Volunteer Toolkit.

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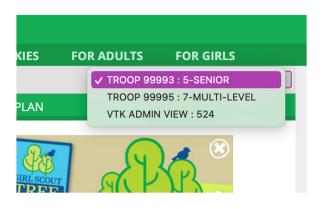
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TROOP FINANCE VOLUNTEER ACCESS

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.



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 Chrome or Firefox, with a cleared cache, and visit <u>getyourgirlpower.org</u>.

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 dropdown menu at the top with tabs beneath.

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



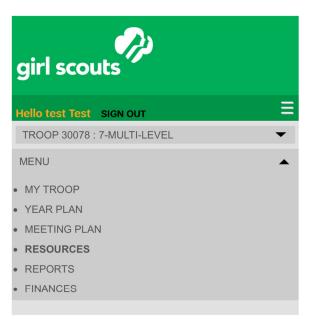




Print allows you to print a copy of your current screen.

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."



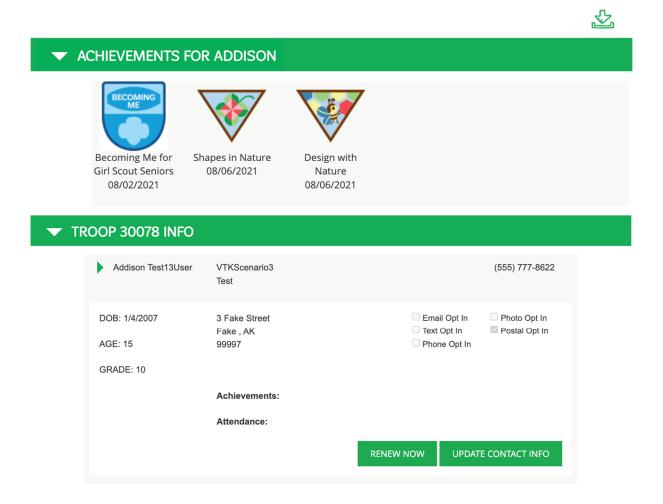
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My Troop

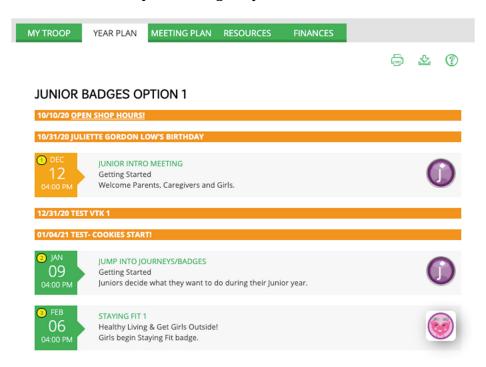
Here you will find information for your Girl Scout(s) and their achievements. Click the green arrow next to each name to expand and see each Girl Scout's personal information, including a snapshot of achievements and attendance.

From this tab, you can also see the images of any achievements your Girl Scout has earned, download and print a report with her achievement and attendance information, and renew membership.



Year Plan

From this tab, you can see the schedule of meetings your troop leader has set up along with the badges, Journeys, and awards your Girl Scout(s) will work on during their troop year. You'll be able to click on each meeting to see more information in the Meeting Plan tab. Meetings and badges are only part of a go-getting Girl Scout's troop year! You'll also see things like field trips, service projects, events, or cookie booth sales on your year plan as well, based on what your troop leader adds. Any activity that isn't a regular meeting will appear in blue and show up chronologically.



From this tab, you can also **preview requirements** of a badge, Journey, or award by clicking on its image, and **view previous year plans** and important milestones from your local area.

Milestones

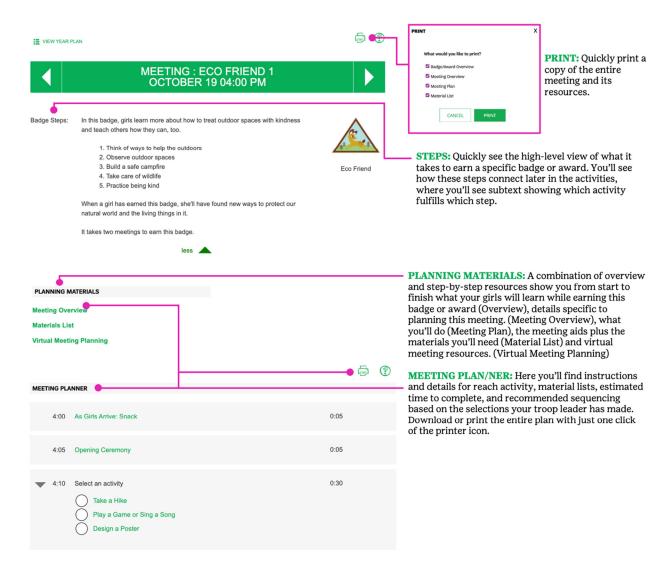
You might see orange bars across your Year Plan tab in chronological order with your other meetings and activities. These are important dates, events, or updates your local Girl Scout staff want you to know about. These may also include links to additional information that relates to the date and title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

View Past Year Plans

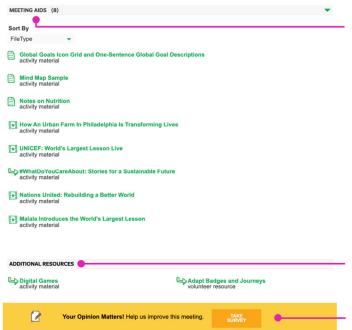
Each July, the Volunteer Toolkit resets and archives your year plan. However, you'll still be able to view the plan through the green "Past Years" link at the top of your Year Plan tab. Note that achievement and attendance records do not archive; **please download a copy of this information for your records.**

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 find the location for a specific meeting (whether it be virtual or in person).



MEETING PLAN (CONT.)



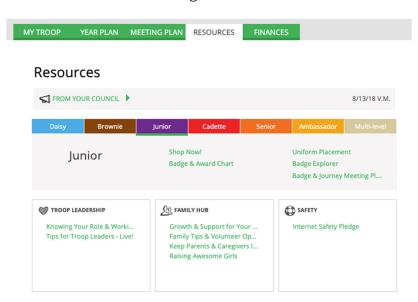
MEETING AIDS: Once expanded using the green drop-down arrow, you'll see documents, videos, and links are the leg up you need to complete the activities in each meeting! Some are geared toward the adult supporting the meeting, and some are for girls completing the activities. You can find more information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

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.

SURVEY: Have feedback? We'd love to hear it! Share your thoughts after the meeting.

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.

Finance

As the troop finance volunteer, you have full access to the Finance Tab so you can easily submit your troop's year-end finance report and other necessary information to wrap up the troop year. Each council will publish their form for you to see at different times in the fall or spring. When you submit your form, you can also add receipts or other attachments and send them directly to your council. You'll be sent a confirmation email with a copy of the report as well. Once you or your troop leader has submitted their end-of-year finance report, all caregivers in your troop can see your troop's financial summary.

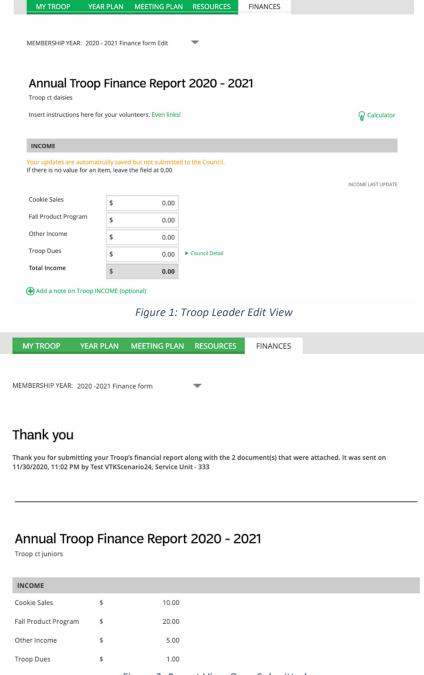


Figure 2: Parent View Once Submitted