Community Service Team Checklist

Month by Month Checklist for Community Leaders

and Service Teams

Revised 4/2022







ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS OF COMMUNITIES

1. RECRUITMENT AND PLACEMENT

- ✓ Recruit adults for troop leadership and other volunteer positions
- ✓ Offers a variety of girl membership opportunities

2. SUPPORT = RETENTION

- ✓ Supports adult volunteers with on-going mentoring, appreciation, skill-building, communication, and networking opportunities
- ✓ Ensures quality troop program
- ✓ Promotes & coordinates council product sales
- ✓ Promotes beyond-the-troop program opportunities for girls (Community events)

3. COMMUNITY / COMMUNICATION

- ✓ Creates local community awareness and visibility
- ✓ Develops relationships, partnerships, and collaborations within the local community
- ✓ Promotes Girl Scouting through local media and community education (publicity)

4. TRACKING

- ✓ Oversees Community finances (treasurer) and troop finances (financial specialist)
- ✓ Tracks adult and girl membership registration

List Important Community Dates Here

Dates for Summit Meetings:

October Summit	February Summit
December Summit	April Summit

Other Essential "All Members" Community Dates:

Returning Leaders Meeting	Volunteer Appreciation Event
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Dates for New Leader Cafés:

#1 Welcome to Our Community,	,	,	 ,	
#2 Troop Finances 101,	,	,	 	
#3 Recruiting a Troop Committee	,	_,	 ,	
#4 Troop Meetings - Where to Begin			 ,	
#5 Online Resources: VTK and More!	,		 ,	
#6 Adventure Beyond the Meeting			•	

Dates for Community Cafés:

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Community Events:

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	Recruit and appoint service team members with June 1 thru May 31 term. Work with staff partners to ensure candidates are registered and in good standing. Share expectations for completing appropriate training and dates.
	Review position description and <i>Volunteer Agreement Code of Conduct</i> (F-905-7) with volunteer for each role to ensure each service team member understands their part in the work of the Community.
	Recruit a volunteer team to plan and conduct Girl Scout recruitment events. Consider a fall team and a spring team. Locate sites & set dates for in-person recruitment events and set dates for virtual recruitment events. Prepare volunteer signups.
	Review area demographics and identify underserved areas.
	Finalize plans for a rising kindergarten troop formation event for those families who joined with Daisy Launch. Check with your CEM for current theme and resources, as well as an alternate virtual strategy if in-person recruitment events are not suitable.
	Continue to promote on-time renewal. Check your rosters for members who have not yet renewed for MY23
	Determine what type of mentoring program you will have (team or individual) and recruit volunteers. Send volunteers to training (See <i>The Golden Link</i> for training courses offered).
	Schedule Community Summits, New Leader Cafés and Community Cafés for the year and secure appropriate meeting location sites if in-person. *Build in plenty of New Leader Cafés to ensure new leaders are supported and connected to the Community. Remember volunteers are added throughout the year.
	Make sure new leaders recruited from the Daisy Launch events and new leaders for existing troops have taken their required online training and know about optional program level classes.
	Assign new leaders to an experienced Girl Scout volunteer to support them while getting started in Girl Scouting. If you use a team mentoring approach, ensure the team has reached out to welcome them.
	Remind troop leaders that opt-out requests from having their troop opened to 12 girls for online registration, typically begin in June. Opt-outs are granted by request to Girl Scout Senior and Ambassador troops and troops with special needs or circumstances (evaluated on a case-by-case basis).

۲		Investigate new options for troop and/or Community meeting sites in the local community as needed.
Community / Communication		With Community communication specialist, determine and set up communication vehicles you will be using. Think about a survey to determine how volunteers want to get updates.
		Use social media to keep members informed and excited about Girl Scouts. Highlight trainings taken, planning meetings, day/twilight camps, and girls attending resident camp. Review the social media guidelines in communication specialist training and think about a pinned post outlining appropriate content and goals of the sharing.
ity /		Promote On-Time Membership Registration. (Early Bird ended May 31 st .)
unt		Promote program leadership trainings for troop leadership. Trained leaders are happy leaders!
Somm		Promote administrative training courses and Membership Kickoff Event to your volunteers and CST.
•		Forward any Council news (received via email from your Community Coordinator) to your CST. Share appropriate news with troop leaders via communication platform.
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Trackir		Follow up to be sure the <i>Community Annual Financial Report</i> (F-450) has been turned into the financial management coordinator via email <u>communityfinances@sigs.org</u> . Due May 31.
Reporting / Tracking		Ensure financial specialist is following up with troops that have not turned in their year-end <i>Troop/Group Annual Financial Report</i> (F-31). Make a plan to collect any outstanding reports from troops.
Repo		Develop a Community budget for the upcoming year. * Deadline: Aug. 1.
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	Rer	ninders:
CST Plann		 Schedule the Plan of Action meeting for the service team. Use the Plan of Action Meeting Guide to plan for and facilitate that meeting for the service team and Member Experience Team (VEM, CEM, PSS). Complete the pre-work on page 2 of the guide so that everyone is prepared for a successful meeting. The recruitment team should begin planning for summer and fall recruitment events. Promote administrative training for service team members.
		✓ CLT attend Chatty Hour on Facebook (if scheduled).

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Placement	Recruit a volunteer team to plan and conduct Girl Scout recruitment events. Consider a fall team and a spring team. For in-person recruitment events, locate sites & set dates. For virtual recruitment events, set dates.
	Sign up volunteers for "Meet the Teacher" events.
nent a	Plan a mini-recruitment event planning session/training for volunteers (adults & girls) helping at recruitment/sign-up events. This could take place at a returning leader kick off. *
Recruitment and	Remind troop leaders to complete opt-out requests (opening troops with fewer than 12 active members online for new girls to join).
	Continue to promote on-time renewal. Check your rosters for members who have not yet renewed for MY23
ion	Make plans for a returning leader kick-off of the new membership year for August or an Early Bird Incentive Event if you plan to have one. *
Retention	Continue to recruit and appoint service team members and ensure they register, take appropriate training, and are members in good standing.
Support = R	Assign new leaders to an experienced Girl Scout volunteer to support them in getting started in Girl Scouting or provide mentors' contacts. If you use a team mentoring approach, ensure the team has reached out to welcome them.
	Develop fall schedule for New Leader Cafés and Community Cafés for leader retention. Check the Dropbox (link provided by your Community Coordinator) or GSSJC website under <i>Online Community</i> (CLT group) for New Leader Cafés and Green Apples to present throughout the year.
	Provide local "The Magic of Mentoring" Green Apple training for newly recruited mentors. *
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cati	Discover service opportunities within your local community.
iuni	Maintain a list of friendly banks for new leaders.
Community / Communicatio	(Idea) Survey troops for girls who are willing to participate in local community flag ceremonies. Train and practice with the girls. Connect with adults in charge of town/city meetings, school meetings, etc. to announce that Girl Scouts are available for this honor.
	Develop a communication strategy. **The suggestion is for 3 touches. Plan to use a combination of vehicles which could be a combination of email blasts, social media, texting, online platforms or a website, phone calls, and snail mail.
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		Check the current Council Debt List to identify if any returning troop leadership team members
ing		are listed. Make sure new leaders have taken required training and are aware of program level trainings.
Reporting / Tracking		The roster specialist should develop roster for renewal specialist in order to review and be aware of troops who did not Early Bird, if needed. In addition, building a roster of troops by level with troop leadership team members will be a useful tool for the product sales managers, financial specialists, mentor team, and event chairs.
ort		Continue to promote registration of returning girl and adult members.
Rep		Deliver Community budget to financial management coordinator via email <u>communityfinances@sjgs.org</u> no later than Aug. 1. Community Coordinator and VEM should also receive a copy.
CST Planning	*C thi Re	portant GSSJC Dates*: heck for important national and religious dates on the calendar found on the last page of is document. minders: ✓ Promote Membership Kickoff Event August 13. ✓ Continue recruitment team planning meetings. ✓ CLT attend Chatty Hour on Facebook (if scheduled).
	* Ite	ms that are discussed during the Plan of Action meeting

nent	Finalize plans for a troop formation event for rising kindergarteners and those families who joined with Daisy Launch. Check with your CEM for current theme and resources, as well as an alternate virtual strategy if in-person recruitment events are not suitable. Participate in "Meet the Teacher" to promote recruitment events.
cer	Distribute recruitment flyers to the local community to advertise recruitment events.
Pla	Finalize recruitment of volunteers to conduct Girl Scout recruitment/ sign-up events.
and	Conduct a recruitment training for volunteers (adults and girls) helping at recruitment/sign-up events.
ien	Conduct recruitment events and organize troops.
Recruitment and Placement	Plan and conduct parent meetings to secure leadership for returning or new girls who do not have troop leadership.
Re	Look for opportunities to represent and promote Girl Scouts within schools such as flag ceremonies and service.
	Continue to promote on-time renewal. Check your rosters for members who have not yet renewed for MY23
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Community/ Communication		 Prepare roster with contact information for all Community service team members (determine plan for distribution). Use F-35C and send to VEM and Community Coordinator. Establish a plan to support the Annual Giving Campaign with troops and volunteers in the spring. Ask Community members to send information about Girl Scout summer activities to the press corps representative to be submitted to the local press. Promote fall recruitment events. Publicize the October Community Summit and upcoming New Leader Cafés to volunteers in the Community. Fall Product Sale trainings begin – ensure all troops are informed of product sale timeline/dates.
Com		Promote the Fall Volunteer Conference at Camp Arnold – check for dates – typically held in Nov. The event will be available for registration late summer.
		Promote GSSJC 100 th Birthday celebration on December 3 rd at our Treelake camps (Conroe area). Include information on the 100 th year patch and charms.
cking		Confirm re-registration of returning girl and adult members and register newly recruited volunteers.
Reporting / Tracking		The roster specialist should continue to perform a roster review. In addition, building a roster of troops by level with troop leadership team members will be a useful tool for the product sales managers, financial specialists, mentor team, and event chairs.
Report		Deliver the Community budget to the financial management coordinator, if not already done.
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ning		heck for important national and religious dates on the calendar found on the last page of is document.
CST Planning		 Finalize plans for fall recruitment. Promote administrative training for service team members. Hold service team meeting. Plan for October Summit using the planning guide (planning guide available mid to late August). Promote the Fall Product Sale to troops and individually registered girls. CLT attend Chatty Hour on Facebook (if scheduled).
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Essential Functions of a Community: SEPTEMBER

ement		Plan and conduct parent meetings to secure leadership for girls who do not have a troop.
Place		Finalize plans for waitlist IRG meetings. (See guide in <i>Online Community – Recruitment</i> for both in-person and virtual meeting plans.)
5	Co	ontinue to:
ent an		Distribute recruitment flyers and promotional materials to the local community to advertise recruitment events.
l m		Conduct recruitment events.
Recruitment and Placement		Look for opportunities to represent and promote Girl Scouts within schools such as flag ceremonies and service.
		Continue to promote on-time renewal. Check your rosters for members who have not yet renewed for MY23
		Ensure all adult volunteers in the Community (new and returning) have taken the appropriate training for their positions. Encourage volunteers to renew their roles and update their membership profiles in their MYGS/My Account portal on the GSSJC website.
on		Meet with service team for October Summit planning.
enti		Finalize schedule for fall New Leader Cafés and Community Cafés for leader retention.
Support = Retention		If planning a Community campout weekend for the next membership year, submit the <i>Community/Region Camp Reservation</i> (F-126). Deadline: Oct. 1 st for camping March through August 2023. Always check form for date changes.
Suppo		Assign newly recruited leaders to a mentor (an experienced volunteer) to support them in getting started in Scouting. If you use a team mentoring approach, ensure the team has reached out to welcome them.
		Host New Leader Cafés along with presenting the <i>Community 3Cs</i> (F-15) to any new leaders who did not attend initial New Leader Cafés to insure they are off to a good start. Repeat New Leader Cafés until all new leaders have attended or connected with mentor if unable to attend.

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Important GSSJC Dates*:

Sept ____ Fall Product order taking begins

*Check for important national and religious dates on the calendar found on the last page of this document.

Reminders:

- ✓ Plan for October Community Summit using the planning guide received from Community Coordinator via email in early September.
- ✓ Consider holding a returning leader's meeting to train for recruitment and mentoring.
- ✓ Continue recruitment events.
- ✓ Hold service team meeting.
- ✓ CLT attend Chatty Hour on Facebook.

CST Planning Notes:

CST Planning

Essential Functions of a Community: OCTOBER

J	Evaluate initial recruitment efforts and conduct recruitment events in areas that were underserved or had little response to initial efforts.
Placement	Launch your waitlist IRG meetings for families waiting for troops to join or begin. Include IRG girls who wish to attend. (See guide in <i>Online Community – Recruitment</i> for both in-person and virtual meeting plans.)
	Continue forming troops and placing girls on the waitlist or who have signed in at recruitment events.
ent	Plan and conduct parent meetings to secure leadership for troops without leadership teams.
Recruitment and	Recruit a spring recruitment team to plan & conduct Girl Scout recruitment events for the spring (recruitment team lead). For in-person recruitment events, locate sites & set dates for recruitment events. For virtual recruitment events, set dates.
R	Continue to look for opportunities to represent and promote Girl Scouts within schools such as flag ceremonies and service.
Retention	Continue hosting New Leader Cafés along with presenting the <i>Community 3Cs</i> (F-15) to any new leaders who did not attend initial New Leader Cafés to insure they are off to a good start. Repeat New Leader Cafés until all new leaders have attended or connected with mentor if unable to attend.
	Hold leader investiture and rededication ceremony at Community Summit.
Support =	Celebrate Juliette Gordon Low's Birthday.
ldnç	Follow-up with leaders who were not in attendance at October Summit.
0,	Follow-up with lapsed members
ion	Publicize the October Community Summit and all Cafés to Community members.
cat	Remind all troops to have a cookie manager in place prior to training.
mmunication	Forward any Council news (received via email from your Community Coordinator) with your CST. Share appropriate news with troop leaders via communication platforms.
	Review communication platforms and delete members who have not renewed, and ensure new volunteers are added.
Community / Co	Promote the Fall Volunteer Conference held in Nov. at Camp Agnes Arnold – check for dates. Great opportunity for returning or newly recruited troop leadership to receive enrichment training in all topics (outdoors, program, traditions, etc.).
Com	Promote GSSJC 100 th Birthday celebration on December 3 rd at our Treelake camps (Conroe area). Include information on the 100 th year patch and charms.

		Have returning volunteers update their Adult Volunteer Record (F-122) and fill out records for	
		new volunteers.	
		Verify submission of <i>Registration of Bank Account and ACH Debit/Credit Acknowledgement</i> (F-36) from new troops or returning troops who have made changes to their accounts.	
sking		Check to see that all new adult volunteers for the troop leadership teams have received an appointment letter.	
Reporting / Tracking		Ensure all adult volunteers in the Community (new and returning) have taken the appropriate training for their positions and are aware of optional program level training.	
ing		Identify and contact girl members who have not reregistered for the new membership year.	
ort			
Rep		Begin work on the President's Award application (F-76), if applicable. Deadline: Dec. 15.	
		The roster specialist should continue to perform a roster review and provide roster to renewal specialist who will communicate with troops and volunteers who have not reregistered. Continue updating a roster of troops by level with troop leadership team members which will be a useful tool for the product sales managers, financial specialists, mentor team, and event chairs.	
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CST	Re	 minders: ✓ Hold Community Summit. ✓ Hold service team meeting. ✓ CLT attend Chatty Hour on Facebook. 	

Recruitment and Placement Continue executing waitlist IRG meetings for girls who have not been placed in a troop and IRGs. (See guide in Online Community – Recruitment for both in-person and virtual meeting plans.) Evaluate initial recruitment efforts and conduct recruitment events in areas that were underserved or had little response to initial efforts. \Box Evaluate progress towards membership goal. (Aim for > 90% of goal by December 31). □ Participate in evaluation of troop opportunity development with CEM and plan for spring recruitment. □ Continue hosting New Leader Cafés along with presenting the *Community 3Cs* (F-15) to any new leaders who did not attend initial New Leader Cafés to insure they are off to a good start. Repeat New Leader Cafés until all new leaders have attended or connected with mentors if unable to attend. Support = Retention □ Mentors - contact new leaders to ensure troops are meeting and that they have a trained cookie manager for their troop. □ Explain national and council recognitions and collect nominations. (See F-183 Volunteer Recognition Awards) □ Provide troop service project ideas that are appropriate for the holiday season. Have troops complete the Community Service or Take Action Girl Project Report (F-269) and submit to Community service project organizer or to council as noted on the form. Service teams to review Plans of Action. Evaluate what has been accomplished towards the plan and what still needs to be done. □ Follow up with lapsed members Community / Communication Publicize the December Community Summit and all Cafés to Community members. Publicize any upcoming Community events and activities. □ Communicate Cookie Training and important dates. □ Forward any Council news (received via email from your Community Coordinator) with your CST. Share appropriate news with troop leaders via communication platforms. □ Promote GSSJC 100th Birthday celebration on December 3rd at our Treelake camps (Conroe area). Include information on the 100th year patch and charms.

Essential Functions of a Community: NOVEMBER

Reporting / Tracking	 Review records to ensure all girls have been placed and volunteers have been through the council approval process. Cookie Sale trainings begin (Community & troop cookie managers). Begin work on the <i>President's Award</i> application (F-76), if applicable. Deadline: Dec. 15. The roster specialist should continue to perform roster reviews. 	
CST Planning	Important GSSJC Dates*: Nov Fall Volunteer Conference *Check for important national and religious dates on the calendar found on the last page of this document. Reminders: CLT attend Chatty Hour on Facebook. Plan for December Summit using planning guide from Community Coordinator arriving via email in early November. Hold service team meeting. 	

Recruitment and Placement	Continue executing waitlist IRG meetings for girls who have not been placed in a troop and IRGs. (See guide in <i>Online Community – Recruitment</i> for both in-person and virtual meeting plans.) Announce progress towards membership goal. (Aim for >90% of goal by December 31). Plan spring recruitment with CEM, including Girl Talks, events, and volunteer sign up. *
Support = Retention	Conduct Community Summit and ensure all members are invited to attend. <i>President's Award</i> application (F-76) due Dec. 15. Assign nominations and supporting letters to be written for nominations for national and council recognitions (i.e., Family Award, Community Award, Appreciation Pin, etc.). Deadline: Feb. 15. (See F-183 <i>Volunteer Recognition Awards.</i>) Explain World Thinking Day (Feb. 22) to new volunteers. Consider planning a World Thinking Day event for Community. Recognize leaders for trainings taken. Service teams to review Plans of Action.
Community / Communication	 Publicize the December Community Summit and all Cafés to Community members. Communicate Cookie Training and important dates. Ask Community members to send information about Girl Scout service projects or activities to the press corps representative to be submitted to the local press. Remind troops to complete the F-269 form. Publicize any upcoming Community events and activities. Forward any Council news (received via email from your Community Coordinator) with your CST. Share appropriate news with troop leaders via communication platforms.

Essential Functions of a Community: DECEMBER

Reporting / Tracking		Ensure Community cookie manager has up-to-date roster for cookie sales from the roster specialist. Remind troop leaders to ensure all girls selling cookies are registered and use the name, as reflected for membership registered, in ABC SMART COOKIES. Ensure all parents who will help with cookie booths are registered and have been background checked per GSSJC Way of Work #2.
CST Planning	Important GSSJC Dates*: Dec. 3 GSSJC 100 th Birthday celebration *Check for important national and religious dates on the calendar found on the last page of	

Essential Functions of a Community: JANUARY

Recruitment and Placement	 Work with the CEM to recommend recruitment team lead and placement liaison for appointment by the C-W coordinator. Refer to the <i>Community Handbook</i> for process and form. Recommendations due Feb. 1. Continue executing waitlist IRG meetings for girls who have not been placed in a troop and IRGs. Finalize plans and conduct spring recruitment events along with CEM including Girl Talks, events, and volunteer sign ups. Plan troop development opportunity (TOD) meeting date with CEM for April. * Review progress towards membership goal.
	Promote cookie sale program.
	Promote resident camp.
Retention	Finalize nominations and supporting letters for national and council adult recognitions to Volunteer Experience by Feb. 15. (See F-183 <i>Volunteer Recognition Awards</i> .)
eter	Review plans for mentoring and New Leader Cafés for spring recruitment.
	Encourage Café team to plan Green Apple Training on "Bridging Basics."
Support =	Meet with service teams to review Plan of Action. Evaluate what has been accomplished towards the plan and what still needs to be done.
Sul	Plan Community Summit for February using planning guide arriving via email in late December from Community Coordinator.
	Consider celebrating World Thinking Day with ceremony.
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ation	Publicize the February Community Summit and all Cafés to Community members.
munica	Ask Community members to send information about Girl Scout service projects or activities to the press corps representative to be submitted to the local press. Remind troops to complete the F-269 form.
/ Com	Forward any Council news (received via email from your Community Coordinator) with your CST. Share appropriate news with troop leaders via communication platforms.
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Reporting / Tracking	 Track Take Action projects and service projects done over the holidays. Use informatio future articles. Troops need to complete the F-269 to report projects to council. Identify opportunities for spring service projects in the local community. The roster specialist should continue to perform roster reviews. Ensure all parents who will help with cookie booths are registered and have been backer checked per GSSJC Way of Work #2. 	
CST Planning	Important GSSJC Dates*: Jan Administrative Summit *Check for important national and religious dates on the calendar found on the last page of this document. Reminders: ✓ CLT attend Chatty Hour on Eacebook	

Essential Functions of a Community: FEBRUARY

Recruitment and Placement	Work with the CEM to recommend recruitment team lead and placement liaison for appointment by the C-W coordinator. Refer to the <i>Community Handbook</i> for process and form. Due Feb. 1. Conduct spring recruitment events. Plan Troop Development Opportunity (TOD) meeting date with CEM for April. * Execute waitlist IRG meetings for girls who have not been placed in a troop and IRGs. Prepare for Mar. 1 appointment for the school liaison team lead and renewal specialist.
Support = Retention	Conduct February Community Summit. Promote cookie sale and ensure all troops stay informed about important dates and updates. Promote Resident and Day Camps. Celebrate World Thinking Day. Encourage café team to plan Green Apple Training on " <i>Bridging Basics</i> ." Referral Committee distributes <i>Community Recommendation Prospect Cards</i> (F-552) to recommend CLT for upcoming year (if applicable). Implement the Community selection process to select four delegates to attend the Annual Meeting, April 15 or 22, 2023.
Community / Communication	Discuss Girl Scout Sunday/Sabbath. Request inserts for Girl Scout Sunday/Sabbath and make them available at the Community Summit and service team meeting. Promote Girl Scout week. Support cookie sale deliveries in the area by enlisting volunteers to help on delivery day. Distribute <i>Community Interest Indicator Cards</i> at all leaders' meetings for Community service team positions. Cards are available in the <i>Documents</i> section of the CLT Online Community. Forward any Council news (received via email from your Community Coordinator) with your CST. Share appropriate news with troop leaders via communication platforms.

Reporting / Tracking		Ensure all girls selling cookies are registered. Finalize all award applications. Deadline: Feb. 15. The roster specialist should continue to perform roster reviews. Ensure all parents who will help with cookie booths are registered and have been background checked per GSSJC Way of Work #2.
CST Planning	Important GSSJC Dates*: Feb. 15 Deadline for submitting nominations for national and council awards Feb. 22 World Thinking Day *Check for important national and religious dates on the calendar found on the last page of this document.	

Essential Functions of a Community: MARCH

Recruitment and Placement	 Prepare for Daisy Launch and extended membership as information becomes available. Conduct spring recruitment events. Review TOD webinar to prepare for troop opportunity development (TOD) meeting with CEM for April. Execute waitlist IRG meetings for girls who have not been placed in a troop and IRGs. (See guide in <i>Online Community – Recruitment</i> for both in-person and virtual meeting plans.) Promote Recruitment and Placement trainings.
Support = Retention	 Plan for April Community Summit. Plan how to encourage participation in Early Bird registration with renewal specialist. Plan leader appreciation/recognition activities for possible end of year recognition event. Order membership numerals, years of service pins, "Fearless Leader" patches, and continuing leader rockers to have in April/May for adult recognition. Help troops with extra cookies transfer product to troops in need of cookies. Plan for court of awards (Community bridging) ceremony. Continue to implement the Community selection process to select four delegates to attend the Annual Meeting in April – make sure delegates receive their delegate packets. Ensure referral committee is meeting and working towards CLT nominations, if applicable.
Community / Communication	 Plan how to encourage participation in the Annual Giving Campaign. Plan communication campaign to encourage participation in Early Bird registration with renewal specialist. Explain bridging and consider planning Community bridging event. Forward any Council news (received via email from your Community Coordinator) with your CST. Share appropriate news with troop leaders via communication platforms. Promote lifetime memberships to graduating Girl Scout troops and adult volunteers.

Reporting / Tracking	 Notify VEM of your Community's delegates to the Annual Meeting, April 15 or 22, 2023. Ensure all girls selling cookies are registered. Have roster specialist provide roster.
CST Planning	Important GSSJC Dates*: March 12 Girl Scout Birthday March 12-18 Girl Scout Week March 12 Girl Scout Sabbath *Check for important national and religious dates on the calendar found on the last page of this document.
CST P	 Reminders: Plan April Community Summit meeting using planning guide received from the Community Coordinator in early March. Celebrate Girl Scout Birthday. Hold service team meeting. Promote spring administrative training for service team members. CLT attend Chatty Hour on Facebook.

Essential Functions of a Community: APRIL

Placement	Hold TOD planning meeting with CEM. Review TOD webinar to prepare.
	Prepare for Daisy Launch and extended membership campaign.
	Conduct spring recruitment events, including local Kindergarten sign up days.
Pla	Execute waitlist IRG meetings for girls who have not been placed in a troop and IRGs.
	Follow up to ensure the recruitment team lead and placement liaison receive their appointment letter by the end of the month so they will have access to tools and resources.
Recruitment and	Recruit a fall recruitment team to plan & conduct Girl Scout recruitment events for the new membership year (recruitment team lead). For in-person recruitment events, locate sites & set dates. For virtual recruitment events, set dates.
keci	Recruit school liaisons (school liaison team lead)
Ľ.	Promote Recruitment and Placement trainings.
	Hold Community Summit.
_	Encourage participation in Early Bird Registration with renewal specialist.
Retention	Plan leader appreciation/recognition activities for possible end of year recognition event. Recognize Leaders at Summit; recognize adults for training they've taken.
Ret	Ensure delegates have received their delegate packet.
Ш	Encourage leaders to take enrichment training offered during summer months.
por	Celebrate Volunteer Appreciation Day (April 22).
Support	Mentors should make plans/set dates for end of the year conferences with leaders.
0)	Discuss summer program opportunities and promote summer day/twilight camps.
	Promote program leadership training to volunteers moving to the next program level.
u	Promote opportunity to recognize outgoing CLTs and graduating troops with a commemorative "brick" at one of the camps.
nication	Provide details for Community bridging event and court of awards ceremony or provide information to troops on conducting these activities for their troops.
Community / Commur	Ask Community members to send information about Girl Scout service projects, Take Action projects or activities to the press corps representative to be submitted to the local press. Remind troop leadership to complete the F-269 for service and Take Action projects.
//0	Promote Lifetime Memberships with graduating Girl Scout troops and adult volunteers.
Inity	Promote participation in the Leader Year End Survey (online).
ommu	Forward any Council news (received via email from your Community Coordinator) with your CST. Share appropriate news with troop leaders via communication platforms.
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0		Have all volunteers update Adult Volunteer Service Record (F-122).
acking		Have leaders and volunteers fill out the Volunteer Self-Assessment Form to be reviewed with mentors and volunteer supervisors.
Reporting / Tracking		Remind troop leaders that year-end financial reports are due May 31. Consider having a fun Community mini-event for leaders as an incentive to submit their financial statements on-time as "admission" to the event.
Report		Promote the online re-registration of girls and adults by the end of the Early Bird Registration campaign.
CST Planning	Important GSSJC Dates*: April 1 Early Bird Registration Begins (check with VEM for any date changes) April 15 or 22 Adult Recognition Event April 15 or 22 Annual Meeting at Agnes Arnold April 22 Girl Scout Volunteer Appreciation Day *Check for important national and religious dates on the calendar found on the last page of this document. Reminders:	

lent	Attend Kindergarten roundup/orientation at area schools to promote Girl Scouts.					
Recruitment and Placement	Execute Daisy Launch and extended membership campaign.					
	Continue to recruit a fall recruitment team to plan & conduct Girl Scout recruitment events for the new membership year (recruitment team lead). For in-person recruitment events, locate sites & set dates. For virtual recruitment events, set dates. *					
nt a	Recruit school liaisons (school liaison team lead)					
me	Promote Recruitment and Placement training.					
Recruit	Review position description and <i>Volunteer Agreement and Code of Conduct</i> (F-905-7) with volunteer for each role to ensure each service team member understands their part in the work of the Community.					
	Identify any troop leadership team which might not be planning to continue in that role; plan and conduct parent meetings to secure leadership for girls whose leaders are not returning.					
Retention	Follow-up with troops not participating in Early Bird Registration. Roster specialist to provide roster for renewal specialist.					
ten	Meet with service teams to review Plan of Action. Evaluate the year.					
	Conduct Community leader appreciation/recognition event – distribute recognitions.					
rt =	Hold Community bridging event.					
Support =	If planning a Community campout weekend for the next membership year, submit the <i>Community/Region Camp Reservation</i> (F-126). Deadline: March 1 st for camping September through February 2024. Always check form for date changes.					
	Send thank you cards to volunteers and leaders for their support of Girl Scouts.					
	Promote program leadership training.					
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Community / Communication	Press corps representative to submit article to local press regarding volunteers who have received special recognition and/or girls who earned their Girl Scout Bronze, Silver or Gold Awards, their Take Action projects and/or graduating Girl Scout Ambassadors.					
Comm	Provide suitable thank you and/or other recognition for the local communities who have sponsored troops or other Community meetings with a place to meet.					
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	Contac	t all leaders in the Community to determine status of returning troops.
	on how	unity financial specialist follow-up with leaders who are disbanding to provide information to close out troop bank accounts and transfer money to the Community bank account stribution when girls are placed.
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		ete and submit the <i>Community Annual Financial Report</i> (F-450) by May 31 to the al management coordinator via email <u>communityfinances@sjgs.org</u> .
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Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Statement

Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council fosters belonging and respect for *all* girls. We empower *all* girls, volunteers and staff to fulfill their potential and make the world a better place. Our Girl Scout Promise drives us to provide diverse, equitable and inclusive experiences where *all* girls, volunteers and staff are confident they belong. We stand firm in these commitments and united by these ideals.

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