



Welcome to Girl Scouts!

A quick reference to the start-up costs and time commitment to start your Girl Scout journey!

Girl Uniform Checklist

- Tunic/Vest/Sash
- American Flag Patch
- Girl Scout Council ID Set
- Troop Numbers
- Insignia Tab
- World Trefoil Pin
- Girl Scout Membership Pin

Uniforms are required when representing Girl Scouts in public (cookie booths, parades, Girl Scout events). Families are responsible for purchasing uniform pieces for their girl. However, uniforms are optional when attending troop meetings/outings. All Girl Scout uniform and program materials are available at your council shop. Scan the QR code to find a shop near you.



Cost Breakdown

Annual Membership (Oct. 1 – Sept. 30)

- \$65 for girls and \$30 for adults

Extended Year Membership

(April 1 – Sept. 30 of the following year)

- \$91 for girls and \$42 for adults

Additional Costs

- Girl uniform costs are \$46+. Girls can decide to wear a vest or sash. Uniforms are available, but not required for adults. Questions? Contact shop@sjs.org or 713-292-0247.
- Some events are free; others range from \$10 – \$60 per member.

Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available for activities, uniforms, and membership fees. Membership financial assistance is requested at the time of registration. Financial assistance for activities, uniforms, and insignia and can be requested at gssjc.me/40o2ZqL

Money Earning Opportunities

Troops raise money for activities, dues, and uniforms through Girl Scout Cookie Program (Jan. – March) and Fall Product Program (Sept. – Nov.).



Time Commitment



- Two leaders are needed per troop to follow Girl Scouts' volunteer-to-girl ratio policies to ensure proper safety and supervision. All adults must be registered, trained and background-checked. One troop leader must be female. All volunteers must complete the Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Training.
- Troop leaders decide with parents a time, place and duration for meetings. Troops should strive to meet at least 1 – 2 times per month for at least one hour. Daisy/Brownie leaders spend an avg. of 1 – 2 hours per week planning, and as girls get older, troop leaders spend less time planning.
- Most troops take a break from meetings during holidays/summer break. Girls do not have to attend every meeting to be a Girl Scout.
- Troops might choose to go on weekend camping overnights and outings. During Girl Scout Cookie season, troops may host cookie booths at local retailers.
- For the best troop experience, parents are expected to assist leaders in some capacity. We have resources to guide this support role.

Troops with at least four Daisy or Brownie girls can receive a FREE monthly experience box filled with materials and activities for up to 12 troop meetings throughout the year! Scan the QR code to learn more.



New Leader Checklist

Your Volunteer Experience Manager (VEM) on staff will guide you through the steps to get your troop up and running once you complete your registration and background check. Here's a peek at your next steps:

- Complete 1) Adult Member Registration, 2) Background Check, 3) Volunteer Basics Training and 4) GSUSA Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Training.
- Ensure all girls and their guardians register as members, are background checked, and taken any applicable trainings.
- Explore the Volunteer Toolkit to plan your first troop meeting.
- Open a troop bank account (don't worry, we help guide you!).
- Schedule a parent meeting to discuss roles and expectations using our New Troop Leader Guide.
- Visit a local GSSJC Shop to purchase uniforms, program materials and your FREE new troop leader tote!
- Attend New Leader Cafes in your Community.



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