



# Welcome to Girl Scouts!

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

## Girl Uniform Cost

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 QR Code to find a shop near you.



## Core Uniform Checklist



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



## Cost Breakdown

### Annual Memberships (Oct. 1, 2025 – Sept. 30, 2026)

- \$45 for girls and \$30 for adults
- Girl uniform costs are \$40 and up. Each girl gets to decide if they want to wear a vest or sash. Uniforms are available, but not required for adults. For information contact [shop@sjgs.org](mailto:shop@sjgs.org) or 713-292-0247.
- Some events are free, and others range from approximately \$10 – \$70 per member.

## Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available for program activities, uniforms, and membership fees. Membership financial assistance is requested at the time of registration. Financial assistance for activities, uniforms, and insignia is requested via the QR code.



## Money Earning Opportunities

### Girl Scout Cookie and Fall Product Programs

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

Approved Girl Scout money earning activities are also available that do not occur during those programs (contact Council for more information). Troops are not allowed to accept monetary donations outside of Volunteer Involvement Grants from a troop member's employer (limits apply).



## Time Commitment



- Two troop leaders are needed. Follow our volunteer to girl ratios for proper safety and supervision (see Safety Activity Checkpoints for details). All adults need to be a registered, background checked, and have completed required training to attend a troop meeting/outing. At least one needs to be a female troop leader. Others can be any registered, background checked adult volunteer in the troop who has completed the required Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention training.
- Troop leaders decide with parents a time, place, and duration for meetings. We recommend troops meet at least once or twice per month for at least an hour. Daisy/Brownie troop leaders spend on average 1-2 hours a week planning troop meetings/ outings. As girls get older, troop leaders will spend less time planning meetings and take on support roles as girls start to take over their Girl Scout experience.
- Most troops take a break from meetings during holidays and summer. It is not a requirement for girls to attend every meeting/event to be a Girl Scout.
- Troops might decide to go on weekend camping overnights or outings. During cookie season, troops might meet more often to hold cookie booths.
- For the best troop experience, parents are expected to assist leaders in some capacity. Please reference the Make A Difference adult volunteer flyer for role specific details on how you can get involved!

**Troops with Daisy and Brownie girls can get a FREE monthly supply box subscription with materials and planned activities for up to 12 troop meetings throughout the troop year! Must have at least four girls in that level to qualify. Scan QR code to learn more.**



## New Leader Checklist

Your Volunteer Experience Manager (VEM) on staff will guide you through the steps to get your new troop up and running once you complete your registration and background check. Here's a sneak peak of what's to come:

- Complete adult member registration, background check and Volunteer Basics & GSUSA Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Training
- Ensure all participating girls and their guardians are registered members (background checked and applicable training for adults)
- Explore the Volunteer Toolkit and begin planning your first troop meeting
- Open a troop bank account
- Schedule a parent meeting to discuss roles & expectations (See New Troop Leader Guide)
- Visit your local GSSJC Shop to purchase uniforms, program materials, and pick up your New Troop Leader Swag Bag!
- Attend New Leader Cafes in your Community



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