

Steps to a Successful First Year with your Girl Scout Troop

Get Started

- Register at least 2-3 adult members who can complete a background check and serve as co-leaders for the troop.
- Complete new volunteers onboarding on gsLearn.
- Help at least 5 new girls and their families register into your troop (these adults, co-leaders, and other volunteers are your troop committee!).
- Work with your Community Development Manager to open your troop's bank account.

Build Your Support System

- Communicate with your CDM regularly. Your CDM is there to support you and your troop and make your Girl Scout experience as easy as possible.
- Grow your Girl Scout parent community by reaching out about upcoming meetings and activities.
- Lean on New Troop Mentors for advice or to ask for help.
- Meet once a month with other volunteers in your service unit for updates on council and service unit events, programming, important information, and to make new friends.

Lead Girls Confidently

- Work with your co-leaders and CDM to plan your troop's first four meetings (plan to meet every other week for about an hour).
- Use the activities and plans in the Volunteer Toolkit—they're plug and play.
- Meet with your CDM and co-leaders before your first meeting to make sure you're ready and comfortable.
- Research learning opportunities on the council website to enrich your experience.
- Keep communication open and honest with your CDM and Service Unit Manager. Check in when you need support throughout the year.