

Volunteer Kick-Off 2023
Saturday, August 5, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Piedmont Technical College, Laurens, SC Campus
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Time	Title	Description
9:00-9:30 a.m.	Arrival	Networking, light breakfast snacks & coffee, Girlz Gear pop-up
9:30-10:00 a.m.	Welcome	Welcome, Promise & Law, Pledge of Allegiance, Agenda overview
10:15-11:00 a.m.	New Leader Cohort (1-2 years)	Recruitment: How to build your Troop Squad of family and community supporters to help inspire your girls
	Intermediate Cohort (2-5 years)	Growth: How to grow your own leadership skills as you bridge from being a new leader and become a veteran ready to inspire others
	Veteran Leader Cohort (5+ years)	Mentorship: How to inspire adult volunteers and guide them to become successful leaders
11:10-11:55 a.m.	Simplify STEM	Leading STEM badgework without know-how or resources.
	Troop Finances	Ins & Outs of managing and reporting on troop finances.
	Older Girl Programming	How to engage and retain girls as they enter middle and high school.
	Product Program Overview	With new leaders in mind, this session will take a look at products, timelines, and approaches for both Fall Product and Cookie programs.
	Governance	Learn about the difference between governance and operations, along with detailed information on governance and strategy at council and national level.
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Lunch	Catered lunch, menu will be shared in a registration confirmation email
1:00-2:00 p.m.	Networking	Girlz Gear pop-up and Socializing Stations

2:00-2:45 p.m.	Understanding the SU	Join this session to explore why the Service Unit is crucial and how it should function.
	Troop Travel Planning	Get excited about taking your troop on a day trip or even an international trip. Join us to look at the guidelines and how to plan and prepare for travel.
	Highest Awards & the Trifecta	Learn best practices for encouraging and guiding girls through the highest awards processes, including developing Take Action Projects.
	DBJ Badgework & Transitions	Join in on this session to get some ideas for approaching Daisy, Brownie, and Junior badgework as well as how to help your girls (and yourself!) transition from one level to the next.
	Outdoor	Feel confident taking your girls outdoors after attending this session. We'll go over the nitty gritty of Safety Activity Checkpoints and help clear up required and optional trainings.
2:55-3:25 p.m.	Leading with a DEI Lens	Best practices for approaching identity, equity, and fairness in a troop setting.
	Troop Travel Planning	Get excited about taking your troop on a day trip or even an international trip. Join us to look at the guidelines and how to plan and prepare for travel.
	Keeping it Girl Led	Do you struggle to find ways to let girls take the reins, especially the younger ones? Join us for this session to get some tips on how to keep your planning and activities girl-led.
	CSA Badgework & Transitions	Join in on this session to get some ideas for approaching Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador badgework as well as how to help your girls (and yourself!) transition from one level to the next.
	Outdoor	Feel confident taking your girls outdoors after attending this session. We'll go over the nitty gritty of Safety Activity Checkpoints and help clear up required and optional training.
3:35-3:45 p.m.	Closing	Announcements, Friendship Circle, Program Guides
3:45-4:00 p.m.	Departure	Girlz Gear pop-up