

Volunteer Learning Pathway

Follow basic training expectations for all Troop Leadership to gain the tools needed to provide girls with a quality Girl Scout Leadership Experience and meet GSLE council administrative and safety standards.

Learning opportunities for volunteers come in a variety of formats. We have virtual and in-person opportunities available.

[†]Preparing for Troop Leadership Team Success Learning Path

- †New Leader Orientation (Virtual)
- †GSUSA Girl Scouts Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Course *Required by Troop Leadership Team and recertified every 2 years.
- †First Aid / CPR / AED
 *1 volunteer per troop and recertified as required by sponsoring organization.

*First Aid/CPR/AED requires certificate upload in gsLearn.



[†] Troop Leadership Team Learning Path

- +Girl Scout Leadership Experience
- [†]Family Engagement
- †Your First Troop Meeting
- †Troop Finance
- †Troop Safety
- †The Girl Scout Cookie Program



Troop Leadership Team Tips and Tools

- **Volunteer Toolkit
- **What Girl Scouts Do
- Delivering Inclusive Program
- Managing My Troops from My Account
- Girl Scouts in the Outdoors
- Grade Level Essentials
 - Daisy
 - Brownie
 - Junior

Service Unit Team Leadership Enrichment

- Large Event Planning
- ^Service Unit Campout
- SU Annual Fall Product Resources
- SU Annual Cookie Program Resources
- Developing and Growing Your Service Unit Team
- Effective Service Unit Meetings Best Practices
- Service Unit Goal Setting and Planning
- Service Unit Delegate Training



Troop Leadership Team Enrichment

- Annual Fall Product Resources
- Annual Cookie Program Resources
- Highest Awards Series:
 - Community Service vs. Take Action Project
 - Bronze
 - Silver
 - Gold
- Passport to Travel
- * Basic Troop Camping
- ^Advanced Troop Camping
- ^Archery Facilitator
- ^Small Craft Safety



Preparing for Troop Leadership Team Success

GS Louisiana East New Leader Orientation

An introduction to Girl Scouts Louisiana East. You will meet key Girl Scout staff that will help you along your journey and review the basic forms, policies and procedures of GSLE. +Required by Troop Leadership Team

GSUSA Girl Scouts Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Course

Child abuse and neglect are difficult subjects to think about, yet the prevention of abuse is a topic Girl Scouts takes very seriously. This training prepares supervising adults of Girl Scout youth to recognize, respond to, and report concerns of child abuse and neglect. Additionally, supervising adults will be empowered to prevent abuse by learning Girl Scout recommended practices, policies and procedures. Girl Scout practices, policies and procedures are proactive measures designed to prevent abusers from interacting with Girl Scouts to foster a safe space for children to thrive.

+Required by Troop Leadership Team and recertified every (2) years.

First Aid / CPR /AED Training

Girl Scouts Louisiana East requires that at least one adult volunteer be first aid/CPR certified for all meeting/events. You can take advantage of first aid/CPR training offered by organizations such as:

- American Red Cross
- National Safety Council
- EMP America
- American Heart Association
- American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI)
- Medic
- Other sponsoring organizations approved by your council

Once completed, please follow the guidelines to upload your card/certificate and record your training certification in gsLearn.

+Required by (1) troop volunteer and recertified as required by sponsoring organization.



Troop Leadership Team

The Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE)

The framework we use to grow future leaders, also known as the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, is what sets Girl Scouts apart from other organizations. In this course, you will learn how to facilitate the Girl Scout Leadership Experience with your troop in an ageappropriate way. Throughout the course, you will learn about lots of real-world examples so you can apply the framework as your troop ages through the Girl Scout program.

Family Engagement: The Key To Success

Engaging families in their Girl Scout's experience benefits troop leaders, Girl Scouts, and families too. This course illuminates the value of family engagement and provides practical strategies for how to enlist family support. It also equips you with an agenda to plan a parent/caregiver meeting to set the tone for family engagement for the year.

Your First Troop Meeting

This course provides new troop leaders with the structure and tools to plan a successful first troop meeting—and beyond—with their Girl Scout troop.

Funding the Fun - Managing Girls Scout Troop Finances

In this course, you will learn the basics of managing your troop's funds. We will highlight how troops fund meetings and activities. We will also review how troops manage and report their finances to their councils.

Troop Safety

This course equips you with the fundamentals to keep your troop safe in meetings and on field trips. You also will learn about a "go-to" guide that helps your troop stay safe no matter where your adventures take you!

The Girl Scout Cookie Program

In this course, you will learn the basics of the Girl Scout Cookie program. You'll discover how and why Girl Scouts sell cookies, who the bakers are that make the cookies, and how to utilize your cookie proceeds with your troop. A review of all the exciting program options you can explore with your troop as you build their entrepreneurial skills is also included. Cookie selling safety and important ways to bring families and caregivers along in your troop's cookie business adventure are also part of the course.



Troop Leadership Team Tips and Tools

GSUSA Volunteer Toolkit - Troop Leader View

The Volunteer Toolkit is your official source for delivering easy, fun troop meetings year-round! With this step-by-step guide, you can start your troop year strong and spend more time adventuring with your Girl Scouts!

What Girl Scouts Do

In this course, you will learn about what girl scouts do and how they do it at each grade level so you can plan your troop's year. This course is presented through the lens of an experienced troop leader whose troop completed all grade levels of the Girl Scout program. You will have the opportunity to explore the troop's interactive journal and learn about the things they did on their Girl Scout journey. Please note, you are only required to explore the grade levels you will be leading, although you are welcome to explore more if you'd like.

GSUSA Delivering Inclusive Program

Welcome to Delivering Inclusive Program. In this course, you will practice using inclusive and equitable language to support the identities of all Girl Scouts and foster a cohesive troop environment. The course takes approximately 20 minutes to complete.

GSUSA Managing My Troops from My Account

This course demonstrates how troop leaders can manage troop and troop member information from My Account. It also demonstrates how leaders can complete registration activities for troop members. It will take approximately 30-45 minutes to complete this course. During the course, learners earn a badge after they complete each section. This course is complete when all 12 badges are earned.

GSUSA Girl Scouts in the Outdoors

Getting outside is for a girl's overall well-being and growth and it can be an amazing part of the Girl Scout experience. This module will introduce troop leaders what they can do to begin sharing the outdoors with their troop.

GSUSA Daisy Grade Level Essentials

Welcome to Daisy Girl Scouts! Whether you are new to Daisies or want to know how to better run a Daisy troop, this grade level essentials course covers key topics related to running a successful and engaging Daisy Troop. This course will take approximately 25 minutes to complete.

GSUSA Brownie Grade Level Essentials

Whether you are new to Brownies or want to know how to better run a Brownie troop, this grade level training will cover key topics related to running a successful and engaging Brownie Troop. This course takes approximately 25 minutes to complete.

GSUSA Junior Grade Level Essentials

Whether you are new to Juniors or want to know how to better run a Junior troop, this grade level training will cover key topics related to running a successful and engaging Junior Troop. This course takes approximately 25 minutes to complete.



Troop Leadership Team Enrichment

Annual Fall Product Resources & Annual Cookie Program Resources

In these courses, you will have quick access to both Troop Leader and Caregiver Fall Product and Cookie Resources including recorded training videos, PowerPoint decks, council specific resources, vendor resources, incentives, troop and family guides and more.

Highest Awards Series:

GS Louisiana East Highest Awards - Community Service vs. Take Action Project

This course provides insight and examples when determining whether a project is considered Community Service or Take Action.

GS Louisiana East Highest Awards - Bronze

This course will provide you with an overview, requirements and resources for earning the Girl Scout Bronze Award.

GS Louisiana East Highest Awards - Silver

This course will provide you with an overview, requirements and resources for earning the Girl Scout Silver Award.

GS Louisiana East Highest Awards - Gold

This course will provide you with an overview, requirements and resources for earning the Girl Scout Gold Award.

GS Louisiana East Passport to Travel (In-person)

Required for: One registered and screened adult volunteer per troop taking a troop/group. The Passport to Troop Travel course must be completed every (5) years. There are a variety of ways that Girl Scouts can participate in travel. They can plan a trip with their troop, they can travel with a group of Girl Scouts that have come together specifically to travel, or they can participate in Destinations, national or international trips set up by GSUSA for individual girls. Whatever avenue they choose to explore it is the Adult Volunteer/Travel Consultant's job to guide them through the process. This course will prepare you for this position.

GS Louisiana East Basic Camp Training (In-person)

Basic Camp Training is an in-person overnight session, at a council camp. Must be renewed every 5 years. To renew, you can choose to retake this training, or you can choose to take Advanced Camp Training.

GS Louisiana East Advanced Camp Training (In-person)

This course is only for those who have already completed the Basic Camp Training Course within the past 5 years.

GS Louisiana East Archery Facilitator (In-person)

Archery Facilitator Training

GS Louisiana East Small Craft Safety Training; In-Person Learning (In-person)

In-Person Learning with GSLE Council Staff and/or Council Trainer

