

Spring News for Troop Volunteers

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Thank you for helping us reach and serve over 4,130 Girl Scouts so far this year! We know that without you, the majority of girls would not have Girl Scout experiences. We're grateful for you and value your contributions beyond measure!

Membership Dues

As a friendly reminder, the national membership dues have increased for memberships reflecting the 2025-2026 year. This includes extended year and annual membership dues. The Girl Scout membership year runs from October 1 through September 30 of the following year.

For extended membership year, which runs from April 1 through September 30, dues are \$63 for girls and \$42 for adults. Extended year membership dues allow new members to join now to participate in the remainder of the current membership year, while also locking in membership for the upcoming year, allowing for a seamless transition!

Basic annual membership dues for the 2026 membership year will cost \$45 for girls and \$30 for adults.

Annual dues for the current 2025 year remain at \$25 until September 30, 2025.

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Free Membership Patch



All Girl Scouts, new and renewing, will receive a FREE annual membership patch with purchase of a 2026 membership!

Lifetime Membership

Lifetime membership investments continue to grow! Now's the time to invest in a membership that locks you in for the future! Details below:

\$200	Young Alum (30 or younger)
\$200	10 Year+ Volunteer
\$400	18 years or older

Spring Renewal Campaign May 1 - June 30

2025 Renewal Rewards

girl scouts of black diamond	Level 1: \$10 Discount on Annual Membership Costs*	Level 2: \$20 Discount on Annual Membership Costs*
Troop Renewal Requirements	Total of 50-74% youth participation in current Girl Scout Cookie Program	Total of 75% or higher youth participation in current Girl Scout Cookie Program
Individual Youth Member Renewal Requirements	Must sell between 50-209 boxes of cookies in current Girl Scout Cookie Program	Must sell 210+ boxes of cookies in current Girl Scout Cookie Program
Individual Adult Member Renewal Requirements	Currently serving as a leader to a troop that meets one requirement listed above	Currently serving as a leader to a troop that meets one requirement listed above

@gsbdc | *Discounts apply to the 2025-2026 Membership Year. Updated March 2025.

Spring renewal is a great way to maintain momentum and enthusiasm among your Girl Scout troop. Early planning helps to create a great start to the next year, without the hustle of pulling together memberships for your entire troop as families are managing back to school priorities. The financial benefit of renewing in the spring keeps more money in the pockets of troops! Troops and individual girls who have participated in this year's Cookie Sale Program may be eligible for membership fee discounts!

Troops can register all current girls and up to two leaders with a discount code that will be emailed to leaders by April 30. Discount codes are good through June 30 and can be shared with troop families who are paying for their Girl Scout's renewal.

See the 2025 Renewal Rewards table to calculate your savings!

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Complete your End of Year Troop Report by June 30

The information reported by your troop will provide insight that will assist GSBDC staff and volunteers in ensuring that troops have the information and access of resources needed to successfully facilitate the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, while also meeting the troop financial reporting requirements.

Troop Catalog Updates

As a Girl Scout troop leader, you help the girls in your troop shine brightly every day. With the Opportunity Catalog, new girls can shine too – through a tool that gives them the power to choose a troop that fits their schedule. The Opportunity Catalog is an online listing of troop openings for girls and adult volunteer opportunities. Families of girls who want to join a troop and adults who wish to volunteer can search for “opportunities” in a town near them. By June 30, we request that leaders update their troop catalog with all the necessary information, including the number of spots available in their troops. Leaders can update their troop information in the Opportunity Catalog by contacting customer care via phone or email.

Below is a list of updates needs:

Troop Number

Meeting Location/Address

Meeting Day(s)

Meeting Time

Total Number of Girls Troop can Accept (including current/returning and new girls)

Troop Grade Levels



Join us on Rallyhood

Want to receive more information related to the content within this newsletter? Join us on Rallyhood! If you haven't already, finish setting up your account and download the Rallyhood app on Google Play or the App Store.

If you feel as though you're not included in a relevant Hub or Rally, contact us at customercare@bdgsc.org or 304-345-7722.

Don't miss the limited edition patch!
Scan the QR Code for more info!



GS Learn Training Updates - Due by September 30

When GSUSA and/or Black Diamond make updates to program and safety training, some volunteer and staff positions may be required to complete the most up to date trainings. Our insurance requires us to mandate certain safety training to maintain our coverage eligibility. As we approach reappointment season, our volunteer support and customer care teams may mark your account ineligible if trainings haven't been completed. In that case, volunteers will receive a letter with the necessary updates and a grace period for completion. If you've received a written notification and haven't completed your training updates, we encourage you to do so ASAP.

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Grow Your Troop or Help Start Another

Get Ready with Girl Scouts

- ★ Kick off her summer with fun adventures and new friendships.
- ★ Join today and receive three monthly activity books plus a gift!
- ★ Start building school-ready skills together now.



Get Ready with Girl Scouts Promotion

Take advantage of our Extended Year Membership by June 30, and girls starting kindergarten and first grade in 2025 will receive three fun, skill-building activity books for the whole family plus a free gift! This promotion is only available with the purchase of an extended year membership. These three exciting Get Ready with Girl Scouts activity books are filled with fun games, crafts and stories that get her ready for school. Sign up today and keep the fun going through September 30, 2026. That's 18 months of membership! For a limited time, girls can join for \$63.

Create connections.

We've got the rest.



Girl Scout Daisy and Brownie Experience Boxes

The Girl Scout Experience Box program is now available to start new Daisy and Brownie troops, and to grow current troops by at least four new Daisy or four new Brownie Girl Scouts! Boxes are designed for 16 meetings throughout the year and include the program materials to do just about all of it! This program follows the First Year Plan troop meeting and badge model, supplying troops with eight kits total, some covering multiple meetings.

The Experience Box program is completely free in the current and upcoming membership years! Petals and Badges sold separately.

Customer Care Call Center and Case Management

When volunteers need support, our Customer Care team is here to support you! Our Customer Care agents are trained to help you, our volunteers, problem solve when you need answers to questions and solutions to problems. To open a support case, please contact the team by calling 304-345-7722 or emailing customercare@bdgsc.org.

Regional Support Staff for Troops and Service Units

Service Unit and troop volunteers operate under the guidance and support of our regional staff, the Membership Delivery Managers. The role of the MDM is to extend and retain girl and adult membership, assure quality implementation of the Girl Scout program delivery model within the troop and service unit levels, and to maintain community relations in their geographic areas, especially as it relates to school systems and administrations. Check out our service map and their contact information on our [website](#).



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Important Newsletter Dates

April

- 4/1 Memberships for the next membership year can now be processed
- 4/1 -9/30 Extended Memberships available
- 4/1-6/30 Free Summer Daisy Program available with purchase of Extended Membership
- 4/16 First Cookie Program ACH payment
- 4/30 Final Cookie Program ACH payment
- 4/30 Membership discount codes emailed to all troop leaders

May

- 5/1 Membership renewal campaign begins

June

- 6/30 EOY troop report due
- 6/30 Spring renewal campaign ends | Last date to use coupon codes for membership discount

Upcoming Girl Program Activities and Events

April

- 4/11-4/12 Counselor in Training I | Milton, WV
- 4/12-4/13 Program Aide Training | Milton, WV
- 4/15 Gold Award Training and Coaching | Milton, WV
- 4/27 Ohio DNR Tree Promise Event | Willow Grove State Forest, OH

June

- 6/7-6/8 My Guy and Me Camping Weekend | Triadelphia, WV
- 6/21 Power Her Promise Gold Award Celebration | Charleston, WV
- 6/22-24 Girl Fest Partial Week | Oakhill, WV
- 6/22-6/27 Girl Fest Full Week | Oakhill, WV
- 6/25 Black Diamond Day @ ACE Adventure | Oakhill, WV

Upcoming Volunteer Trainings

May

- 5/2-5/4 OWLS | Outdoor Weekend Learning Spectacular | Milton, WV

