

Your source for Girl Scout volunteer tips, guidance, and more!



Like a Leader

GSGI's Monthly Volunteer Newsletter



Welcome to **Like a Leader**, a monthly newsletter from Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa's Volunteer Experience team. Each month you will see relevant resources, tips, and focus areas to help you succeed at being the best Girl Scout volunteer!

As we start a new Girl Scout year, it's the perfect time to reflect on past training and any new training available. Check out a few trainings we are particularly excited about below.

First Aid/CPR/AED Training – is up and live on our [event calendar](#). If you are in need of a First Aid position filled in your troop, make sure one of your troop volunteers becomes certified or recertified!

Youth Mental Health Training First aid – this is a new training, and we are ecstatic to bring this highly anticipated training to our volunteers. This course is geared towards helping volunteers identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health in young people. This training is being debuted at this year's [Volunteer Retreat](#) – we have a few spots left – be sure to sign up today!

Online in GSLearn you can find more training that can be done from the comfort of

your home. Some GSGI trainings include **Troop Leader Academy: Foundations** and **Troop Leader Academy: Elevate** . GSUSA also has a plethora of training including **Inclusivity and Safety in Your Troop, Girl Scouts in the Outdoors, Troop Grade Level Training, Navigating Conflict with Confidence** and more!

By completing GSGI's two Troop Elevate courses, First Aid/CPR/AED and GSUSA's Girl Scouts in the Outdoors you can earn GSGI's Trained to Lead patch and the charms associated with the training! There is a new charm this year, for the Youth Mental Health Training First Aid!



Resource Spotlight

Utilizing the Volunteer Toolkit (VTK) can be such a big help when planning your Girl Scout year. You can use these robust resources to plan the whole year. whether you choose **Exploring Meeting plans** or **Pre-selected Tracks**, each meeting will be outlined in a meeting overview, plan, and list. It will also help you manage communication with your troop parents – how awesome is that!?

Exploring Meeting plans in the VTK allows you to customize a plan on your own based on the unique interests of Girl Scouts in your troop. Utilize the search bar to search for a badge or journey by name or utilize the filters. Another great resource when discovering which badges or journeys the troop is interested in is the [Award and Badge Explorer](#)--it will help you mix and match to identify the perfect badge!

With the **Pre-selected Tracks** in the VTK, you can identify what your troop would like to explore and be guided through all the meetings needed to finish that badge! For example, if your troop is interested in the outdoors, you can filter and select, preview the badge or journey, and get specific plans that walk you through all of the meetings and guidelines for the badge.

Tip of the Month

Our Girl Experience team has been working hard planning some exciting Girl Scout programs. Make sure to check out the [event calendar](#) to see what programs are happening in your area!

Have you heard about this year's [Incredible Women in Science](#) event? Check out

the details below and sign up today!

Location: Jester Park Nature Center, 12130 NW 128th St, Granger, IA 50109

Levels: Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior, Ambassador

Cost: \$10/Girl Scout

Join Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa (GSGI) for our annual Incredible Women in Science program - a celebration of inspiring women in the field of science! Girl Scouts will have the opportunity to meet accomplished female scientists and engage in hands-on activities that showcase the wonders of science.

Make Sure Your Girl Scouts are Renewed for the 2024 Girl Scout Year!

October 1 marks the new Girl Scout year, and we are excited for all the new adventures that await our Troops!

Any Girl Scouts who is not renewed by October 1 is considered to have a "lapsed membership". So why is it so important to have renewals completed *before* October 1? Insurance – yes even in Girl Scouts there is insurance. Part of the membership fee of \$25 is utilized for insurance at Girl Scout activities. If you have a troop meeting or field trip any Girl Scout member is covered under that insurance should something happen.

Ready to check your Troop Roster to ensure that everyone is renewed by October 1? Log into MyGS and click on My Troop to make sure everyone is renewed.



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