

All About Girl Scouts

Thank you for attending our Parent Information Night. This is a quick snap shot of the topics discussed.

Girl Scout Levels: Girl Scouts is broken into Program level depending on the girl's grade. This allows for age appropriate curriculum and the program is designed for skill progression. We recommend troops being one grade so they can bridge to the next age level as a complete troop. We do have some mixed level troops.

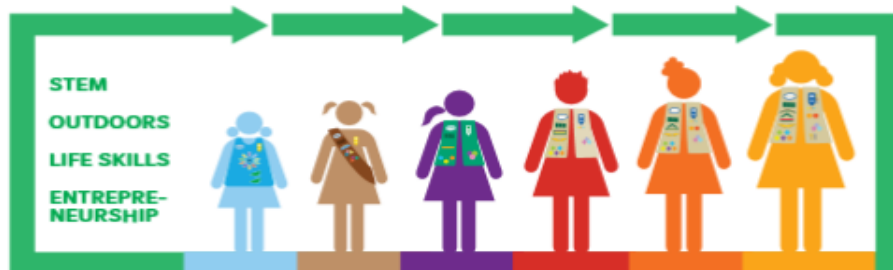


Girl Scouts is proven to help girls thrive in five key ways as they:

- Develop a strong sense of self.
- Display positive values.
- Seek challenges and learn from setbacks.
- Form and maintain healthy relationships.
- Identify and solve problems in the community.

d	Girl Scout Daisy Grades K-1
b	Girl Scout Brownie Grades 2-3
j	Girl Scout Junior Grades 4-5
c	Girl Scout Cadette Grades 6-8
s	Girl Scout Senior Grades 9-10
a	Girl Scout Ambassador Grades 11-12

What Do Girl Scouts Do?



Start A Troop!: The first step to form a troop is to complete this online form:
<https://www.gsnorcal.org/en/join-us/start-a-troop.html>

You will be contacted by Girl Scout staff to offer you support.

Existing Troops: There are some troops taking on new girls. We have to form new troops each Fall for entering kindergarten girls since it's our youngest level.

Sometimes existing troops will take on new girls from 1st-12th grade. To see availability check out this read only catalog

https://girlscouts.secure.force.com/girl/GirlCatalog_TroopGroupRoleSearch

If you see a troop you would like to join please go to www.gsnorcal.org/join and enter the troop number while registering. The available troops are frequently updated and please remember the leaders are volunteers as well.

Troops: We are a volunteer led organization. Troops are led by parents of girls. Troops can be formed at schools, preschool families, church, sports groups or communities.

Troops Need:

- Two registered & Screened Adults. (The more parents the better)
- One adult at every meeting must have completed online training. We encourage that all parents have a role in the troop and help.
- Troops are open until they have 12 girl members (There is no maximum)
- Meeting place and meeting time depends on the troop. Troop leaders get to decide on when, where and how often troops meet. We recommend have a troop meeting once a month and offer one additional activity.
- Be ready to Have Fun!

Cost:

- Membership Dues & Council Service for girls: \$40
- Troops sometimes collect Membership Dues which we recommend at: \$20.
- Events and Activities Depend on the Troops
- Uniforms are optional but cost about \$50 with the insignia.

Troops open a bank account and complete an annual financial form for transparency.

*Financial Aid is available

What Does A Troop Meeting Look Like?

- 1-1.5 Hours
- You do not need to reinvent the wheel. We offer lots of age appropriate materials.
- The Volunteer Toolkit is an online resource that can be accessed by computer or mobile device that has sample lesson plans to earn the girl's petals, badges and Journey's.
- Books can also be purchased using troop funds.

National Program Portfolio



Journeys



Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting

GIRL SCOUT Promise

On my honor, I will try:
To serve God and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

*Member may substitute for the word God in accordance with their own spiritual beliefs

GIRL SCOUT Law

I will do my best to be honest and fair, friendly and helpful, considerate and caring, courageous and strong, and responsible for what I say and do, and to respect myself and others, respect authority, use resources wisely, make the world a better place, and be a sister to every Girl Scout.

Girl Scout Cookies

Selling cookies is not mandatory but is a great money earner for the troop and provides the girl with financial literacy.

Girl Scouts offers two sales for troops:

Fall Sales: Nuts and Magazines

Cookie Sale: 8 varieties of Cookies

*Troops may not do any money earning unless they participate in the sales.

<https://www.gsnorcal.org/en/cookies/about-girl-scout-cookies.html>

What does it take to be a Troop Leader?

- Anyone with or without prior Girl Scout experience can lead a successful troop.
- Online Trainings that you can take at your own pace (1.5 hours)
- Register Online and Complete an online background check (Must do a background check for our organization)
- Support available by phone or in person meeting. Monthly in person meetings depending on your city.
- Local volunteer support

Join Us!:

Membership: Girls in Kindergarten-12th grade (and their Adults) can register at any time during the year for the current Girl Scout year. The Girl Scout year is active from: 10/1/2018-9/30/2019 - Girls: \$40, Adults \$25.

To register go to www.gsnorcal.org/join (If you need help or have any questions please contact Member Services at 1-800-447-4475 ext. 2093 or info@girlscoutsnorcal.org)

Are you ready to start your own troop? Fill out the online form to start your troop. <https://www.gsnorcal.org/en/join-us/start-a-troop.html>

Events: We offer lots of events through the local Service Unit. These are shared with leaders via local communication group. We also offer Council events that any member can attend. Check out those events here <https://www.gsnorcal.org/en/about-girl-scouts/our-program.html>

Please Contact me with any questions or if you need any help: Cecilia Thomson

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