

girl scouts of suffolk county

Juliette Girl Scout Mentor Guide

The Juliette program is Girl Scouting customized! With your support and guidance, girls can create their Girl Scout experience by choosing from a variety of Girl Scout activities that meet their interests, needs and schedule. Juliettes can participate in everything that is open to their grade level.

About Us

Since 1968, Girl Scouts of Suffolk County has been committed to building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. With activities designed to be girl-led, cooperative, and hands-on, Girl Scouts take on new challenges and explore their strengths regardless of background or ability.

Supported by adult volunteers and mentors right here in our community, as well as millions of alums around the globe, Girl Scouts lead the way as the changer makers of tomorrow.

Stay Connected

Stay on top of all communication from GSSC by following us on social media:

- Facebook: Girl Scouts of Suffolk County
- Instagram: @girlscouts_sc
- YouTube: Girl Scouts of Suffolk County
- LinkedIn: Girl Scouts of Suffolk County

We also encourage you to share photos and videos of all the new things your Juliette is learning through Girl Scouts
Send them in at www.gssc.us/gs-photos

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About Girl Scouts

Founded by trailblazer Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low, Girl Scouts has been empowering girls since 1912. The Girl Scout Promise and Law guides girls to lead with courage, confidence, and character to make the world a better place. The Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE) is the engine that drives Girl Scouts. The Girl Scout program is designed to help girls discover their strengths, take on challenges, and develop leadership skills. Discover, Connect, and Take Action are the three keys to leadership that focus on "what" girls do. The second part of the GSLE model focuses on "how" girls participate in activities: girl-led, cooperative learning, and learning by doing. Badges and awards are the backbone of the Girl Scout program and will provide girls with the well-rounded Girl Scout experience.

Every Girl Scout has her own curiosity, dreams, and talents, so when girls come together to decide which of the thousands of Girl Scout activities to try, the sky's the limit. Whether visiting an animal shelter, camping, hosting a dance-off, or filming a movie, they're learning to take risks, trust her gut, and team up with others for good.





Girl Scout Mission

Girl Scouting builds girls of
courage, confidence, and character,
who make the world a better place.

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.

*Individuals may substitute their own word for "God" to reflect their 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.

What is a Juliette?

Juliette Girl Scouts are busy, independent, self-confident individuals, in grades K-12, who have decided to work independently. They may have once been part of a troop or their availability does not fit the traditional troop schedule. Juliettes have the unique ability to mix and match their interests with Girl Scout participation by choosing programs, leadership projects, travel opportunities, and badge work that speaks to them. Juliettes are also active members of their service unit, which is their local community group comprised of other Juliettes and troops.



What is a Juliette Mentor?

Juliette Mentors are typically the Juliette's parent, caregiver, or other trusted adult who becomes a registered adult member of Girl Scouts of Suffolk County to guide a Juliette through the Girl Scouts Leadership Experience.

Responsibilities of a Juliette Mentor

- Have active adult membership with GSSC and background check.
- Take assigned online training in our gsLearn learning management system and complete the Juliette Mentor Expectations and Code of Conduct Agreement.
- Become familiar with the Girl Scout Leadership Experience Program and the resources available including the Volunteer Toolkit and materials on the Girl Scouts of Suffolk County website.
- Find programs and opportunities through the designated service unit and council.
- Support their Juliette through the Fall Product Sales Program and The Girl Scout Cookie Campaign ensuring she follows Program requirements, expectations and safety guidelines.
- Verify their Juliette has completed badge and award requirements and purchase uniform, badges, and other necessary items.
- Handle monetary funds in accordance with council policy.

gsLearn Trainings

Juliette Mentors will find a wealth of resources on our online platform gsLearn. To start, mentors will need to log into MyGS to access their account.

Required training for Juliette Mentors is the course: GSSC The Juliette Girl Scout (Individually Registered Girl Scout) Leadership Experience

A list of suggested trainings can be found on our Training and Development webpage.



Juliette Girl Scout Leadership Experience

Each level of Girl Scouts is unique with a wide variety of activities to try. Girl Scouts can begin in kindergarten and join all the way through twelfth grade. As a Girl Scout progresses, every level builds upon the last and allows them to explore their interests in a way that is meaningful—and age-appropriate—to them.

Juliettes will work on badge activities on their own, with other Juliettes, troops in their service unit, or their mentor. Juliette Mentors can work with their Juliette to design their experience. Badges and awards focus on leadership and skill development within the four pillars of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience: STEM, Outdoors, Life Skills, and Entrepreneurship. Below are descriptions of each program level and suggested gsLearn trainings for Juliette Mentors to take to learn more.

Girl Scout Daisy *Grades K-1*

Everything Daisies do—from planting a garden to making a circle of friends—sparkles with that "first time ever" newness. Along the way, Daisies gain important social skills, learn how to be a good friend, and discover the world around them.



gsLearn Course:

- GSUSA New Leader Onboarding: What Daisy Girl Scouts Do

Girl Scout Brownie *Grades 2-3*

Brownies learn how the world works, fall in love with the great outdoors, and share their interests—from bugs to ballet—with a small group of true friends. Along the way, Brownies try and explore new things, gain important social skills, and, of course, have a blast; they're excited to discover all they can do and be.



gsLearn Course:

- GSUSA New Leader Onboarding: What Brownies Do

Girl Scout Junior *Grades 4-5*

Juniors are excited to discover more of their own world and lead the way to a bright future. Juniors learn important life skills like what to do in an emergency, hone creative problem-solving skills, exercise leadership qualities, and fine-tune social skills by going on adventures with friends!



gsLearn Courses:

- GSUSA New Leader Onboarding: What Junior Girl Scouts Do
- GSSC Introduction to the Bronze Award

Juliette Girl Scout Leadership Experience

Girl Scout Cadette *Grades 6-8*

Cadettes explore activities focused on discovery, confidence, and practical skills that will help them be their best selves in a year of going, seeing, and doing! From road trips and camping with their best friends to organizing an eco-friendly fashion show (and live-streaming it), Girl Scouts in middle school grades have adventure after wild adventure—while realizing their dreams, taking action in their community, and working toward their highest awards.



gsLearn Courses:

- GSUSA New Leader Onboarding: What Junior Girl Scouts Do
- GSSC Introduction to the Silver Award

Girl Scout Senior *Grades 9-10*

Whether you're learning how to change a tire, discovering how to get your dream job, or even packing your bags to travel the world, you're on your way to do big things. As a Senior, you'll explore activities focused on discovery, confidence, and practical skills that will help them be their best selves. You're also making a positive impact on the world.

gsLearn Courses:

- GSUSA New Leader Onboarding: What Senior Girl Scouts Do
- GSSC How to Become a Gold Award Girl Scout



Girl Scout Ambassador *Grades 11-12*

Ambassadors are innovative thinkers and optimists and have the ability to bring people together. They inspire everyone around them during these years of fun and friendship. Ambassadors explore activities focused on discovery, confidence, and practical skills that will help them be their best selves.
When you combine your passions with a long-term plan, you can be a real world-changer.

gsLearn Courses:

- GSUSA New Leader Onboarding: What Ambassador Girl Scouts Do
- GSSC How to Become a Gold Award Girl Scout



Trips & Travel

For Juliettes, travel is not restricted to a traditional troop structure. However, travel progression should follow troop policies to ensure age appropriate progression and follow GSSC Safety Guidelines and GSUSA Safety & Activity Checkpoints.

Trip Policy by Level:

- Daisy: Day trips within Nassau or Suffolk County. Overnight trips are only permitted with a parent/caregiver chaperone for each girl at events sponsored by service unit or council, as well as camping within Nassau and Suffolk County.
- Brownie: Day trips anywhere within the greater New York area (Suffolk, Nassau,New York City), Connecticut, Eastern Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. Overnight trips are only permitted with proper adult troop coverage at events sponsoredby service unit or council, as well as camping within Nassau and Suffolk County.
- Junior: Day trips, overnight trips as listed above ,and Washington DC, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts.
- Cadette: Day trips,overnight trips as listed above, as well as trips that involve extensive travel within the US.
- Senior & Ambassador: Day trips, overnighttrips as listed above, as well as trips that involve travel to other countries.

Juliette Mentors provide adult coverage for individual trips. Juliette Girl Scouts participating in council or service unit sponsored trips or travel experiences must follow all applicable host safety guidelines and be included in GSUSA adult-to-girl ratios. Juliette Mentors are not required to attend these events.

Required Trip Training

For camping trips, the Juliette Mentors are required to take the following trainings:

- Non-Council Property Camping: GSSC Introduction to Troop Camping-Level 1 Certification (online via gsLearn)
- Camp Edey Camping: GSSC Introduction to Troop Camping-Level 1 Certification (online via gsLearn) AND GSSC Introduction to Troop Camping-Level 2 Certification (in person practical session)

Trip Approval Process

Juliette Mentors must complete a Juliette Day & Extended Trip Approval Request Form ONLY when planning an overnight trip or participating in a local parade. These trips will be reviewed and approved by council.

Resources for Juliettes

Juliette Mentors can find all of the information they need to assist their Juliette in creating their Girl Scout Year on our website under the Members webpage and the Activities webpage.



Members Section:

Badges & Awards
Browse badges and awards and obtain a snapshot of requirements.

Highest Awards
View information for Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards.

Leadership Awards
Learn how to earn different leadership and service awards as well as scholarships.

Plan Your Girl Scout Year
Browse through Troop Leader Year Plans, songs and traditions, and other resources.

Training & Development
View a list of online and in-person training opportunities to keep Juliette Mentors inspired and educated throughout their leadership journey.



Activities Section:

Event Calendar
Search and register for council events, programs, workshops, and trainings for girls and adults.

Program Guide
Council run programs will be featured here as a guide with information on how to register for events.

Patch Programs
These patch programs are unique to GSSC and feature partnerships with local organizations or another troop.

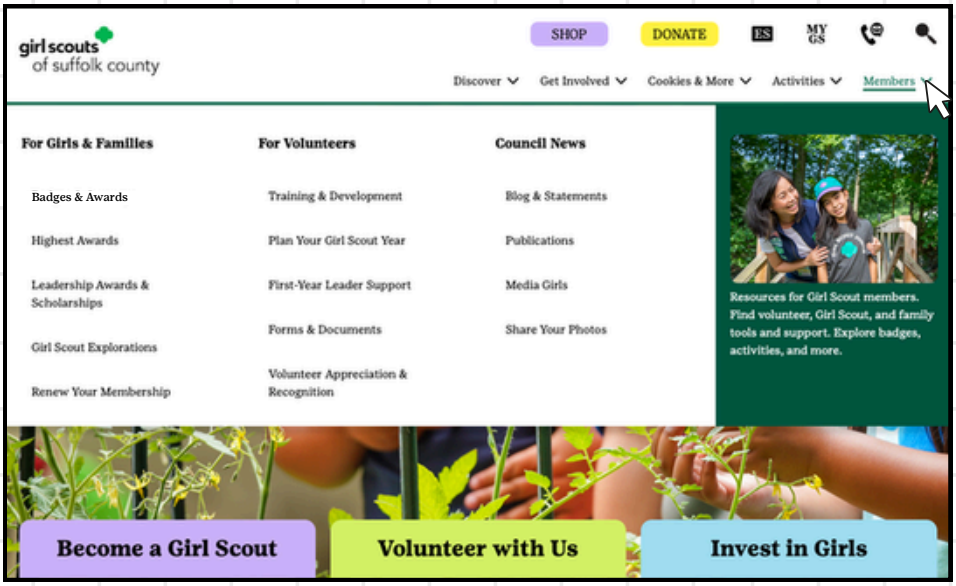
Camp and Outdoors
Learn all about troop camping and activities at our camp properties.

Special Events
Stay connected to learn more about our special events throughout the year.

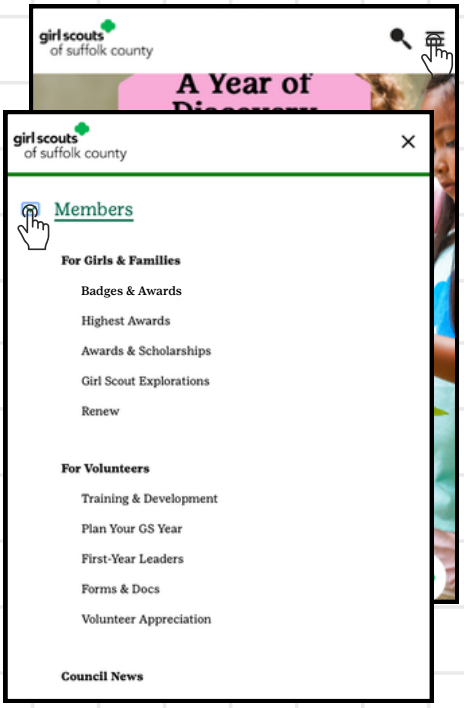
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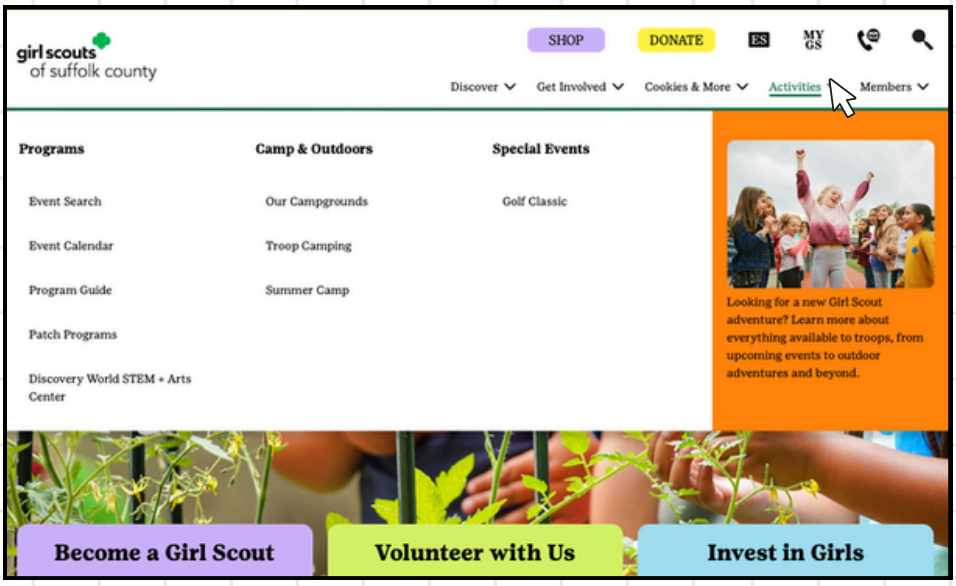


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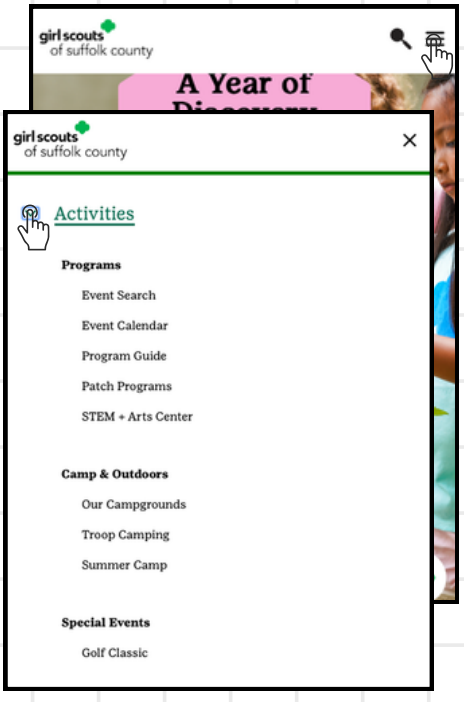


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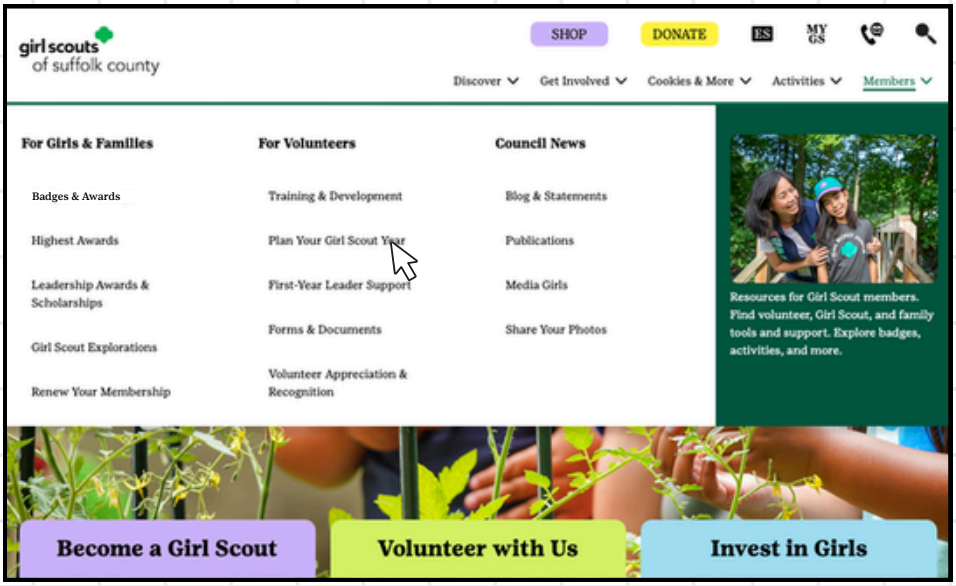


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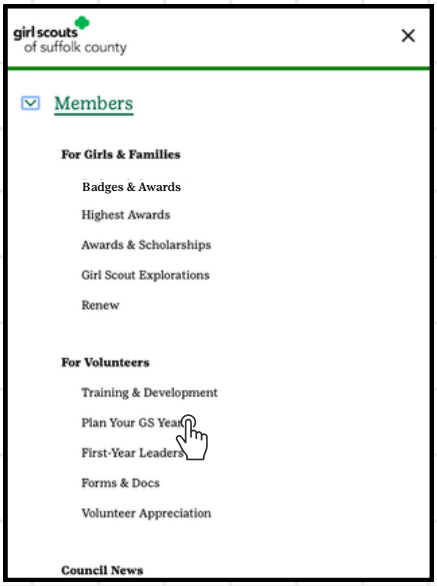
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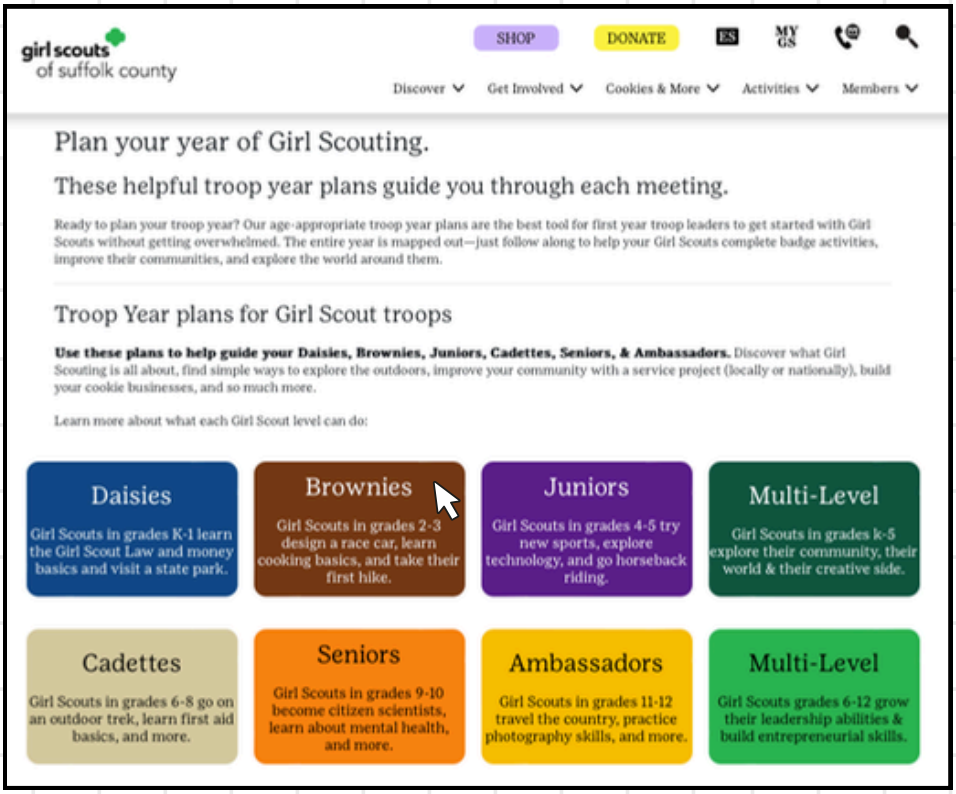
While we encourage a “choose your own adventure” planning approach, there are easy to follow Troop Leader Year Plans on our website that Juliettes can follow.

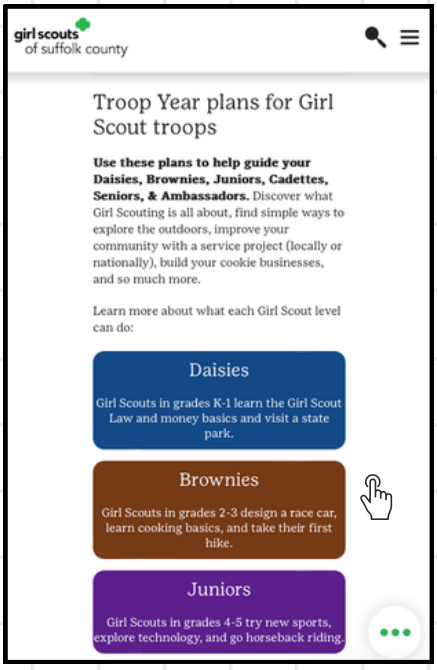
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Product Programs & Fundraising

Juliettes participating in product sales programs learn these five business skills: Goal Setting, Decision Making, Money Management, People Skills, and Business Ethics while earning proceeds that can be used by request for her Girl Scout experience.

- The Fall Product Program (Munchies & More) allows Juliettes to earn funds early in the membership year.
- The Girl Scout Cookie Program is the largest girl-led business where a Juliette can participate by taking customer pre-orders, using the digital online platform and through booth sales.
- Juliette Mentors, Parents/Caregivers are contacted directly by council to coordinate selling materials and to get started in the program.
- Juliettes may participate in council approved additional fundraisers at the Junior level and up. Eligibility requirements and guidelines can be found on the Additional Fundraising Application.











Juliette Finances

Juliette funds are maintained by council and accessible by request by the Juliette Mentor.

Income for Juliette Funds can come from the following:

- Profits from council product sales programs
- Profits from approved additional fundraising activities for Junior Girl Scouts and up
- Unsolicited donations or sponsorships

Expenses for Juliette Funds can be any of the following:

- Memberships for both Juliette and Juliette Mentor
- Registration fees for a Girl Scout program/event/camp
- Retail merchandise, uniforms, badges, and awards at the Girl Scout shop
- Girl Scout approved travel
- Purchases for a badge activity, community service, or highest awards projects

Juliette funds will go directly to council for deposit. This should be in form of a check made out to Girl Scouts of Suffolk County with the Juliette's name and reason for deposit in the memo. The check should be mailed or dropped off to the attention of the Director of Mission Delivery. Donations and sponsorships must be submitted to council along with the Sponsorship Form.

Funds can be requested via the Independent Reimbursement Form and will be distributed as a check. Receipts or invoices must be submitted with all requests. Funds are non-transferable, cannot be cashed out, and must be spent within each Girl Scout Year or earmarked for activities for the following Girl Scout year.





Girl Scout Glossary

- Girl Scout Week - The week containing March 12, the Girl Scout birthday, the anniversary of the first Girl Scout troop meeting in 1912. It starts with Girl Scout Sunday, the Sunday proceeding March 12 and ends with Girl Scout Sabbath, the Saturday following March 12.
- Investiture - A special ceremony in which new members make their Girl Scout Promise and receive their membership pin.
- Juliette Gordon Low - The founder of the Girl Scout Movement, also known as Daisy.
- Membership Year - October 1st through September 30th.
- Patches - A Girl Scout patch, or "fun patch" is a supplementary, often commemorative, insignia earned or purchased for participating in special events, community service, or fun activities. Fun patches are displayed on the back of a vest, sash, or tunic.
- Rededication Ceremony - A reaffirmation of a Girl Scout's belief in the Girl Scout Promise and Law.
- Resident Camp - Sessions where girls stay overnight at a Camp Edey and are generally there for at least five days (and four nights). The program is operated and staffed by council, and the campers are supervised by camp counselors under the direction of our Camp Director.
- Service Unit - A name given to a specific geographic area and the Girl Scouts within it - all leaders, troops/groups, and girls including Juliettes.
- SWAPS - Special Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere. A small, handmade token of friendship that Girl Scouts exchange with one another at events, camps, and meetings.
- World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) - An assocaition of Girl Scout and Girl Guide national organizations around the world. WAGGGS serves approximately eight million Girl Scouts and Girl Guides in 144 countries.
- World Pin - The pin worn by Girl Scouts that represents a Girl Scout's connection to the global sisterhood of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). It is worn by members of all ages to symbolize international friendship and shared values.
- World Thinking Day - February 22, Girl Guides and Girl Scouts all over the world use this day to think of each other, exchange greetings and learn about other countries.



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