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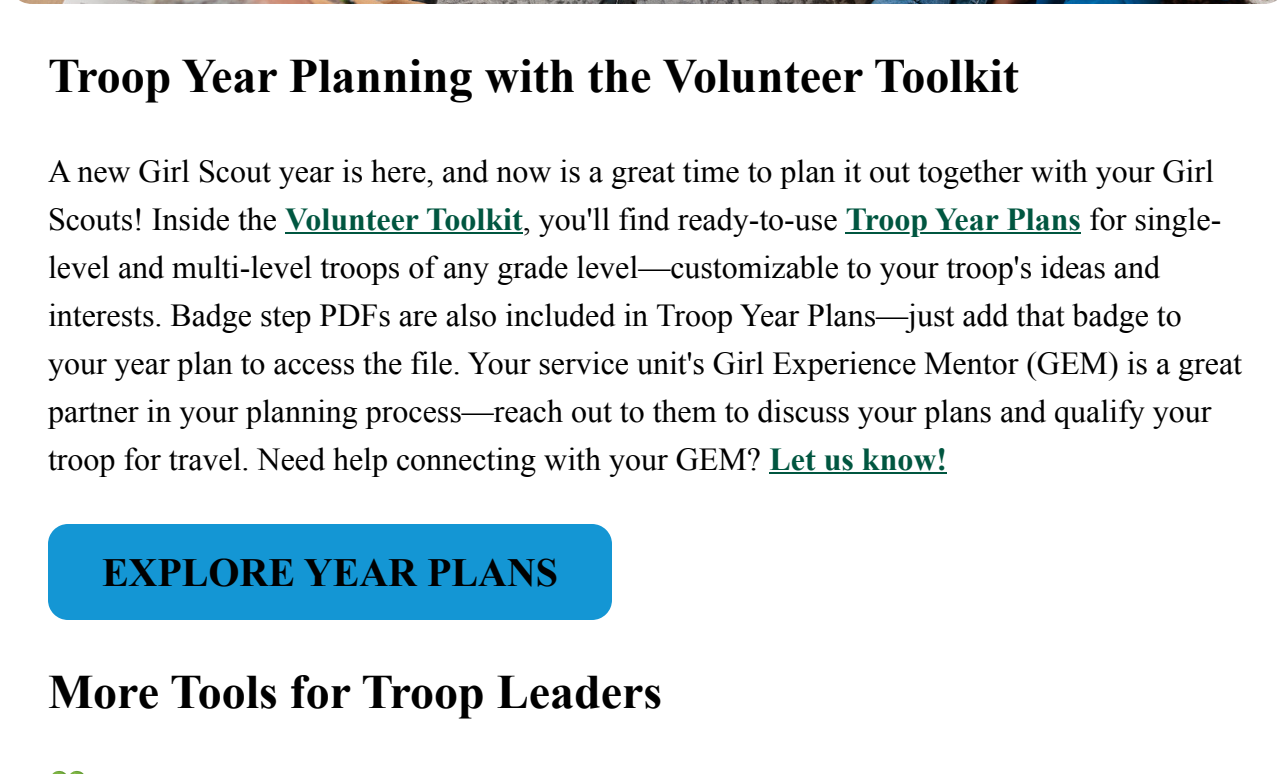
Join us at STEM Day on November 7!

STEM Day is the perfect back-to-troop day trip for all Girl Scout levels! Gather your troop and join us on November 7 for a hands-on STEM Day expo with more than 70 activities. Girl Scouts will receive a special STEM Day patch, and can complete steps toward earning the STEAM Challenge, Golden Trefoil, and more!

Capacity is limited for this popular event, so coordinate with your group and get tickets early!

DISCOVER STEM DAY

🔗 Be a part of the STEM Day magic! We're looking for adult volunteers to help in Salem on the day of the event. [Learn more and sign up.](#)



Troop Year Planning with the Volunteer Toolkit

A new Girl Scout year is here, and now is a great time to plan it out together with your Girl Scouts! Inside the [Volunteer Toolkit](#), you'll find ready-to-use [Troop Year Plans](#) for single-level and multi-level troops of any grade level—customizable to your troop's ideas and interests. Badge step PDFs are also included in Troop Year Plans—just add that badge to your year plan to access the file. Your service unit's Girl Experience Mentor (GEM) is a great partner in your planning process—reach out to them to discuss your plans and qualify your troop for travel. Need help connecting with your GEM? [Let us know!](#)

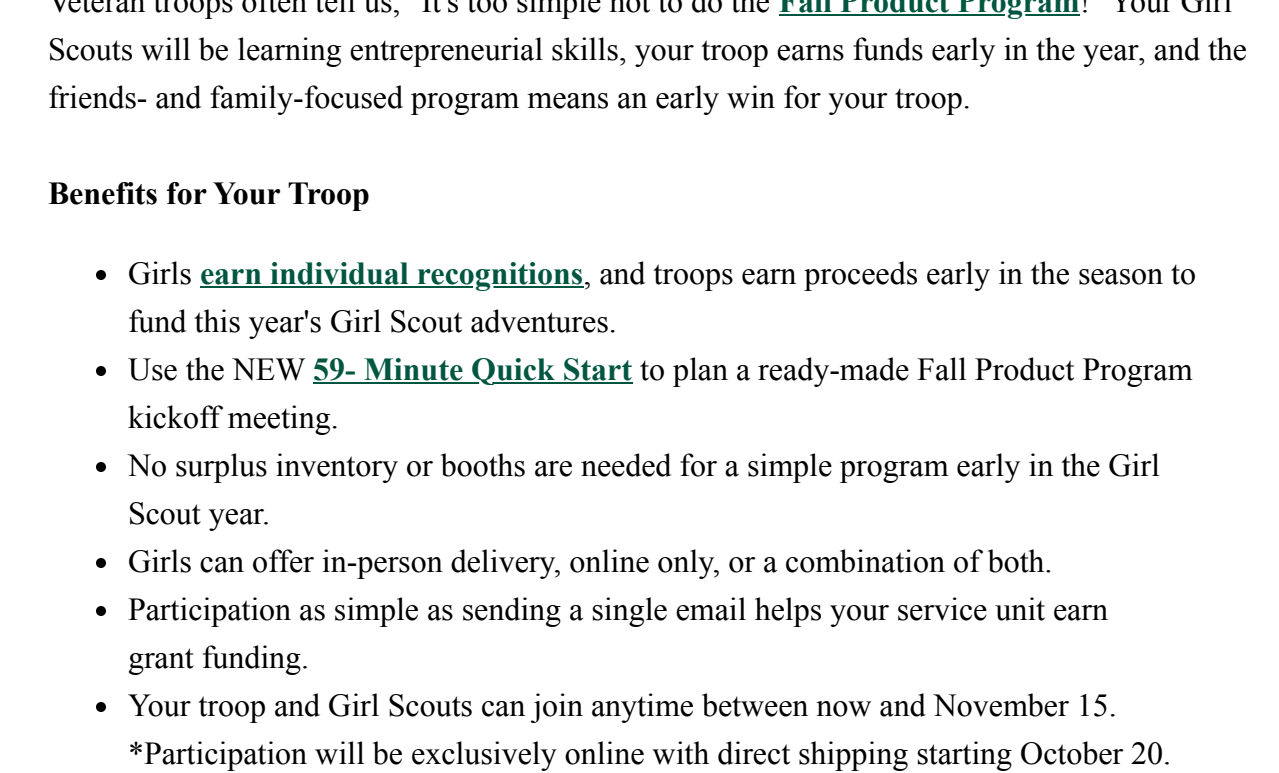
EXPLORE YEAR PLANS

More Tools for Troop Leaders

- ♥ [Girl Scout Award and Badge Explorer](#)
- 🏆 [Badge Charts for each grade level](#) (featuring expanded program themes!)
- 🔗 [Tried-and-true tips for your first parent meeting](#)
- 🔗 [How to Renew Your Membership](#)
- ✅ [Troop Information Update Form](#)
- 📄 [Request a Certificate of Insurance \(COI\)](#) if required by your meeting place

DISCOVER

Important updates and reminders for Girl Scout troop leaders.



Join the Fall Product Program any time!

Veteran troops often tell us, "It's too simple not to do the [Fall Product Program!](#)" Your Girl Scouts will be learning entrepreneurial skills, your troop earns funds early in the year, and the friends- and family-focused program means an early win for your troop.

Benefits for Your Troop

- Girls [earn individual recognitions](#), and troops earn proceeds early in the season to fund this year's Girl Scout adventures.
- Use the NEW [59-Minute Quick Start](#) to plan a ready-made Fall Product Program kickoff meeting.
- No surplus inventory or booths are needed for a simple program early in the Girl Scout year.
- Girls can offer in-person delivery, online only, or a combination of both.
- Participation as simple as sending a single email helps your service unit earn grant funding.
- Your troop and Girl Scouts can join anytime between now and November 15.
*Participation will be exclusively online with direct shipping starting October 20.

Get Started Now

1. View the [Troop Eligibility Checklist](#) and make sure your troop is ready to participate!
2. Once you are on track to being eligible, your Troop Product Manager can begin the [664 GSOSW MY2027 Fall Product Program TPM 101 training](#) in gsLearn at their convenience.

If your troop is not eligible or opts out, motivated Girl Scouts can use our [FAQ](#) to learn about participating independently as a Juliette while staying a member of your troop.

Learn more about the Fall Product Program—including this year's selection of nuts and candies—and discover how your troop can participate at [girlscoutsw.org/fall](#).

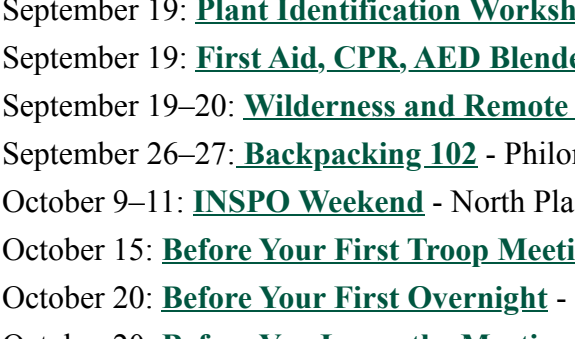
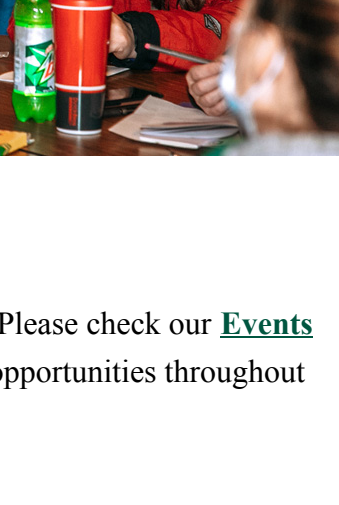
EXPLORE THE PROGRAM

⚠ Important: [Some program credits expire on September 15](#). Encourage your Girl Scouts to use their program credit balances! We sent reminder emails to caregivers of Girl Scouts with an expiring balance above \$2 on September 10.

Updated Resources for the New Membership Year

The 2026–2027 Girl Scout membership year begins on October 1, and three important resources for Girl Scout volunteers have been updated. Be sure to reference these documents as you plan your Girl Scout year!

- [Volunteer Essentials \(VE\)](#)
- [Safety Activity Checkpoints \(SACs\)](#)
- [Volunteer Policies and Procedures \(P&Ps\)](#)



GSOSW Year at a Glance

The Year at a Glance is a one-page, printable resource that makes it easy to keep track of milestone dates and events throughout the Girl Scout year.

DOWNLOAD NOW

CONNECT

Connect with volunteers and our council through meetings, events, and leadership opportunities.

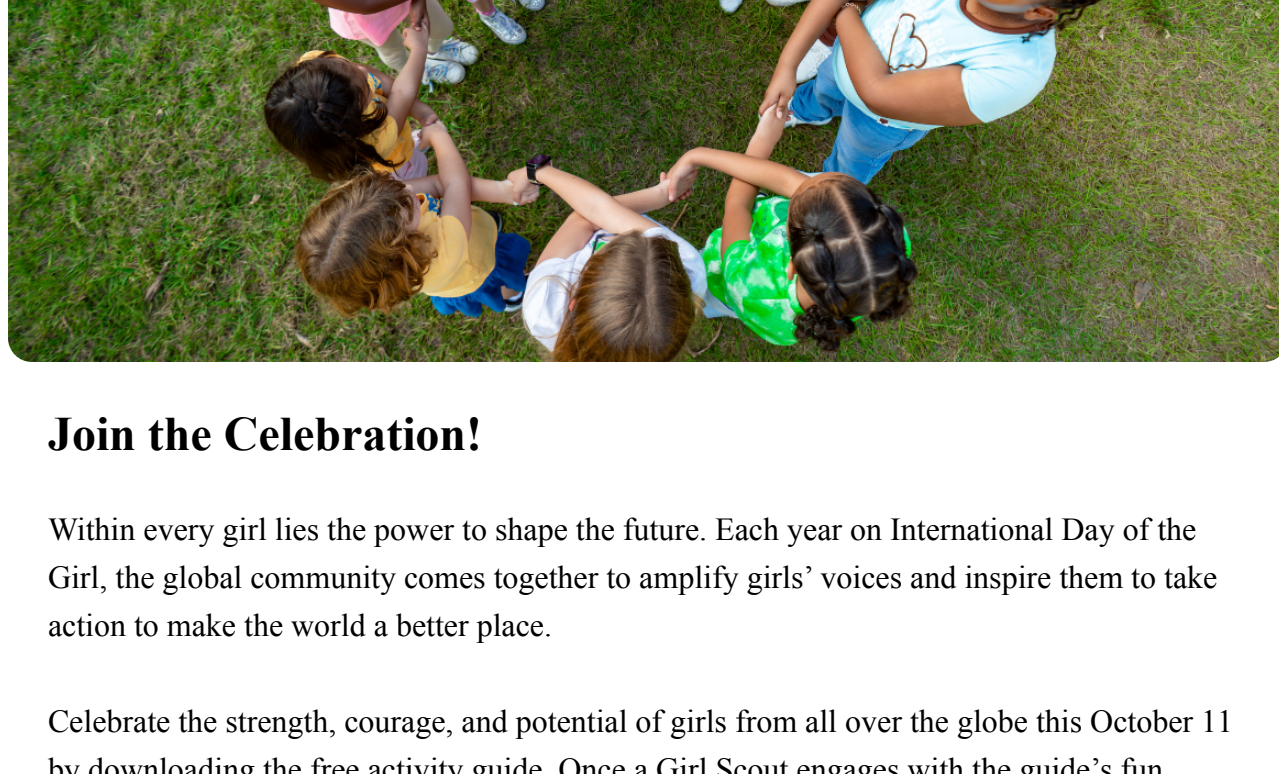


Upcoming Training for Volunteers

Below are just a few upcoming training dates for adult volunteers! Please check our [Events page](#) for additional dates and locations. We may add new training opportunities throughout the month.

- September 16: [Before Your First Overnight](#) - Bend, OR
- September 19: [STEM Leader Workshop](#) - Portland, OR
- September 19: [Plant Identification Workshop](#) - North Plains, OR
- September 19: [First Aid, CPR, AED Blended Training](#) - Portland, OR
- September 19–20: [Wilderness and Remote First Aid Training](#) - North Plains, OR
- September 26–27: [Backpacking 102](#) - Philomath, OR
- October 9–11: [INSPO Weekend](#) - North Plains, OR
- October 15: [Before Your First Troop Meeting](#) - Virtual
- October 20: [Before Your First Overnight](#) - Salem, OR
- October 20: [Before You Leave the Meeting Place](#) - Virtual
- October 24–25: [Before You Camp Like a Girl Scout](#) - Philomath, OR

SEE MORE



Deadline Extended: Nominate a Volunteer for a National Award

Did a volunteer create a stellar day camp experience? Did a service unit camporee exceed your expectations? Has a staff member gone above and beyond to get you the resources you need?

We've extended the deadline to nominate volunteers and staff for National Awards. Help us recognize the people who are making an impact for Girl Scouts across the council! You can reference this [flowchart](#) to help you decide which award to select. A [Letter of Endorsement Template](#) can help you get started, and you can also submit video or audio endorsements.

Curious about what types of service award recipients have been recognized for in the past? [View some examples from our council.](#)

Get your nominations in by September 21!

SUBMIT A NOMINATION

TAKE ACTION

Tips and tools for successful troop leadership, and program opportunities for your troop to explore.

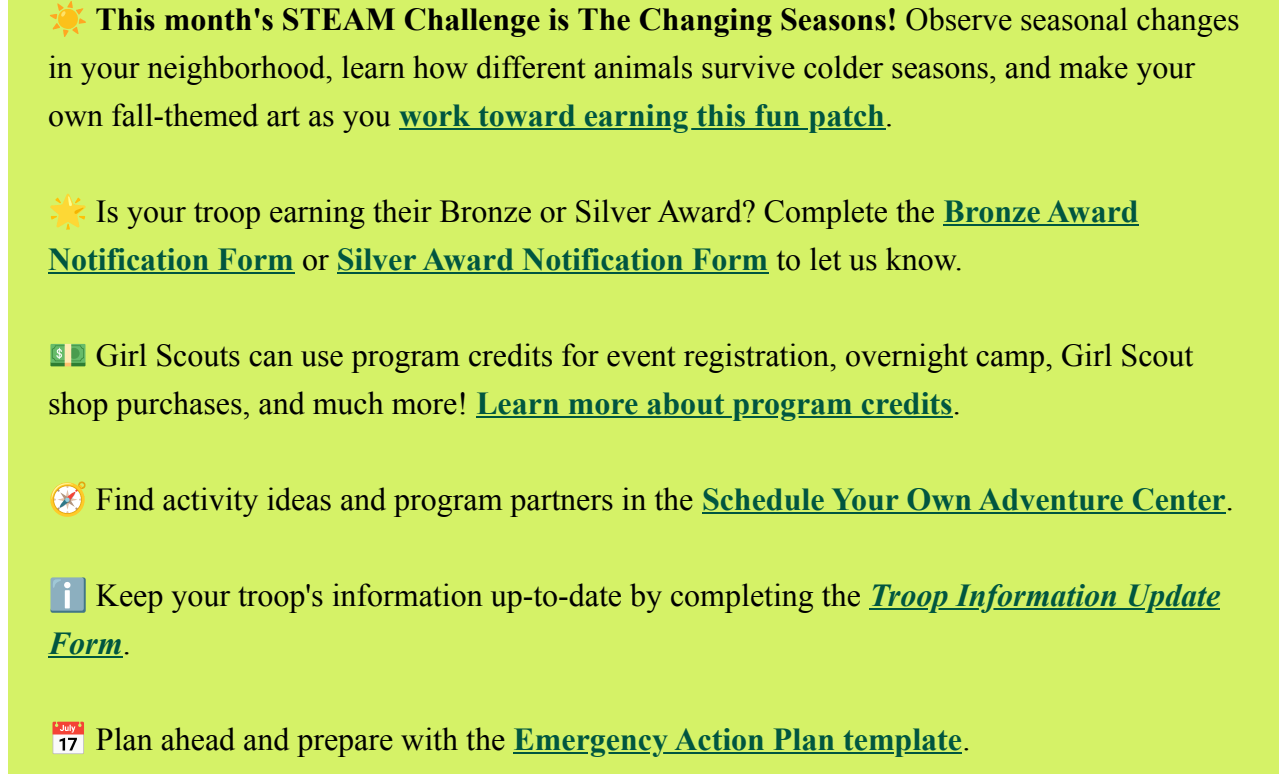


Join the Celebration!

Within every girl lies the power to shape the future. Each year on International Day of the Girl, the global community comes together to amplify girls' voices and inspire them to take action to make the world a better place.

Celebrate the strength, courage, and potential of girls from all over the globe this October 11 by downloading the free activity guide. Once a Girl Scout engages with the guide's fun activities, they'll unlock the special patch to proudly display.

DOWNLOAD GUIDE



PROMOTE THE VOTE with League of Women Voters!

Join the League of Women Voters of Oregon in promoting participation in the upcoming election with a [fun poster contest just for Girl Scouts!](#) The League of Women Voters is a Girl Scout national partner in promoting civic engagement. Connect with a local chapter on the [Schedule Your Own Adventure Center](#) and earn the [Democracy and Citizen badges](#) or the [GSOSW Civic Leadership Challenge patch!](#)

The poster contest is open only to Girl Scouts, with different categories based on age. Submissions are due by October 9, and winning posters and artists will be honored at STEM Day on November 7. Get creative and help promote the vote!

GET OUT THE VOTE

👩 High school Girl Scouts interested in growing their leadership skills are invited to serve as a Girl Board Member with the GSOSW Board of Directors! [Applications are due by October 12.](#)

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month



During Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15 through October 15, we celebrate the countless contributions that Hispanic people and Latinos have made and continue to make in the United States. We honor the cultural richness of all people in the U.S. whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. Celebrate with your troop or your family by earning the ¡Yo soy una Girl Scout! patch. Activities are available in English and Spanish.

EXPLORE THE PATCH

🔗 [Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend](#) is here! [Visit a local state park with your troop and earn a patch.](#) For even more adventure, check out the [GSOSW State Parks Passport](#).

☀ This month's STEAM Challenge is [The Changing Seasons!](#) Observe seasonal changes in your neighborhood, learn how different animals survive colder seasons, and make your own fall-themed art as you [work toward earning this fun patch.](#)

☀ Is your troop earning their Bronze or Silver Award? Complete the [Bronze Award Notification Form](#) or [Silver Award Notification Form](#) to let us know.

📄 Girl Scouts can use program credits for event registration, overnight camp, Girl Scout shop purchases, and much more! [Learn more about program credits.](#)

🔗 Find activity ideas and program partners in the [Schedule Your Own Adventure Center](#).

📄 Keep your troop's information up-to-date by completing the [Troop Information Update Form](#).

🔗 Plan ahead and prepare with the [Emergency Action Plan template](#).

Troop Tuesday: Share with us!

Celebrate your Girl Scouts and inspire others by sharing your story! To be considered, email up to four of your best photos, a one-to-three-sentence description, and your troop number with the subject line "Troop Tuesday" to [communications@girlscoutsw.org](#).

We look forward to seeing what you share!

SHARE YOUR TROOP'S STORY

We're hiring!

Work with Girl Scouts of Oregon and SW Washington! Apply or share these opportunities with your community. Our current open positions include:

- [Program Activities Leader \(Gresham, OR\)](#)