



Your Awesome Year as a Girl Scout Volunteer

Eighth-grade Cadettes are happiest when they're on the go and in the middle of the action. Whether they're doing their part to help their global community or testing their skills as a special agent, they can't wait to dig in and get involved. This guide will help you as your Girl Scouts explore activities focused on discovery, confidence, and practical skills that will help them be their best selves. When you use this plan to map out your 90-minute meetings and activities, you'll see just how simple it can be to make a huge difference in your Girl Scouts' lives. Get ready for a year of adventure and excitement as you help them grow.

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Two meetings plus outing: • Girl-led planning • Family kickoff • Girl Scouts Love State Parks weekend	Resilient Ready. Strong.Two meetings:• Budget Manager (part one)• Resilient. Ready. Strong. (patch)	Two meetings: • Trees (parts one and two)	• My Cookie Venture (part one)
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
Two meetings:	Two meetings:	Two meetings:	Two meetings:
 My Cookie Venture (part two) Special Agent (part one) 	 World Thinking Day planning World Thinking Day event 	 Global Action Award (part one) Special Agent (part two) 	 Budget Manager (part two) Global Action Award (part two)
COOKIE TIME The cookie program helps troops pay for things like field trips,		My council cookie sale dates:	

The cookie program helps troops pay for things like field trips, badges, supplies, and celebrations. Cookie sales can even help fund destinations and travel. Reach out to your council to learn more about how to participate and when your local cookie season starts. You may need to adjust the recommended order of earning the cookie badges in your year plan.

MAY **SUMMER** Choose a way to get started... • Option 1: Access free online instructions to lead each of these meetings through the free Volunteer Toolkit (myGS.girlscouts.org). Simply log in, choose "Explore," then "Pre-Selected Tracks." Once you're there, you'll find "GO. SEE. DO.". Select that and Two activities: One meeting plus celebration: you're set! • Bridge to Senior planning Archery • Option 2: Shop our printed activities at • End-of-year celebration • Three-night travel and bridging ceremony girlscoutshop.com/troop-year-plans.

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- When you have the opportunity to get outside, go or a small trip, or simply meet in a new space, do it! Shaking things up once in a while keeps things exciting.
- Check with your council to see if they're offering events or activities that your troop could attend. These events make your life easier and allow your troop to connect with other Girl Scouts from their area.
- Discover more possibilities for your troop at Girl Scout Badge Explorer (girlscouts.org/ badgeexplorer).

Tips and Resources

- Stay up to date with then latest in Girl Scout activities (girlscouts.org/newactivities).
- Find fun videos, how-to's, and more at Girl Scout Activity Zone (girlscouts.org/ activityzone).
- Help your Girl Scouts explore the world around them! Troops can use cookie funds to plan trips—from overnight adventures to international travel. Individual Girl Scouts can apply for Girl Scout Destinations™, and travel the world with new Girl Scout friends! <u>Trips, Travel, and</u> <u>Destinations</u>
- Shop year plan printed resources at <u>girlscoutshop</u>. <u>com/troop-year-plans</u>.



Girl Scouts Choose

If one of the recommended badges is not the right fit, or if you want to give your Girl Scouts the chance to shape their own experience, have them vote to choose a different badge within the same focus area. Check out our <u>Award and</u> <u>Badge Explorer</u> for other badge favorites, our latest release of <u>new programs</u>, or visit the <u>Girl Scout Activity Zone</u>.

