

Program Boxes Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is a program box?

Program boxes are Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) kits that let girls explore, investigate, and discover new concepts.

Program boxes are divided into two categories: Girls Go Tech (GGT), which is focused on Engineering and Technology, and Green By Nature (GBN), which is focused on the environment.

What Girl Scout levels can use a program box?

Program Boxes are great for Girl Scouts of all ages!

Each program box has a grade range that it was designed for. Check out the following links to see which boxes are well suited for girls from Daisies to Ambassadors.

[Program Descriptions](#) on our website.

What is in the boxes?

All program boxes include a detailed curriculum and almost all of the materials needed, which are packed for the number of girls you indicated at the time of your reservation. Materials range from pencils and scissors to Chinese Take Out Containers and soldering irons.

Some materials that are not provided include: water, ovens, cameras, computers, and printers .

Is there a patch associated with the boxes?

Yes, each module has its own patch. Patches may be purchased online or in your local GSNorCal store.

How do I reserve a program box?

If you are ready to reserve, connect to our [Reservation Site](#). Reservations must be made at least 8 days in advance. Make sure to select the office you would like to pick up the box from, and the date you would like to pick up, in order to view current availability in your area.

How much do the boxes cost?

Boxes cost between \$5-10 per girl, depending on the box. If you are serving a large group of girls (25 or more), contact us about special group rates.

Is the deposit refundable?

There is a refundable \$100 deposit per module that is charged at the time of booking. The deposit will be returned to you when the boxes are returned to your local office and inventoried. The deposit is to ensure that all non-consumables such as binoculars, scissors, glue guns, and other equipment are returned.

If a non-consumable is missing, we will take the cost out of your deposit. Please allow 5 business days for inventorying and an additional 7 – 10 business days for your refund. Deposits are returned to the credit card used at the time of purchase.

Where do I pick up the boxes?

After your reservation has been accepted, you may pick up the box(es) at the GSNorCal office you select on the date your reservation starts. Boxes must be picked up during regular store hours except by previous arrangement. Check [here](#) for offices and hours.

How long can I keep the boxes?

All reservations are for 12 weeks.

Is there additional training for the modules?

Girls Go Tech (Grades 4-12) boxes have online training videos. Video training links are below:

[Design Time](#)

[Engineers to the Rescue](#)

[Make it Green](#)

[Power It Up](#)

[Thrillbuilders](#)

We also typically offer workshops at Discoveree and Fall Fest. Look for us there!

How do I fit these boxes in with what I am currently doing?

These boxes are great to work with large groups or weekend events as well as small troop meetings. Most boxes also add to Journey and badge work.

- Older girls can teach the activities to younger girls
- Camporees
- Volunteer Run Day Camps
- Service Unit Events

Still have questions?

Please email Arri DeJesus, Program Specialist,

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Thank you for supporting girls in STEM!