Volunteer Toolkit Tips
2020 New Badges and Journeys

The Girl Scout Volunteer Toolkit (VTK) is a great tool to access the newest Girl Scout Program content. GSUSA has rolled out several new Badge and Journey tracks for your girls to choose from. Some of the new badge and Journey requirements are only accessible through the VTK. This short tip sheet will give an overview of the newest content available, for complete VTK instructions view the VTK Troop Leader Guide.

What are Journey Tracks?

What are the New Badges?

What are the New Awards?

How to Access New Content?

GSUSA is continually developing new programs and updating the VTK. We encourage you to not print this resource but rather access it digitally. We will keep it up-to-date with material changes as needed.

2020-2021 What’s New?

- **Life Skills – Civics badges** for Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador
- **Entrepreneurship – Entrepreneur badges** for Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador
- **STEM Badges – Automotive Engineering** for Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors
- **STEM Badges – Career Exploration** for Brownies, Juniors, and Cadettes
- **Awards** – 2021 World Thinking Day and 2021 Global Action Award

1. What are Journey Tracks?

Each Journey track is pre-populated with up to 15 meetings (6 for Multi-Level). A Journey is not complete until girls have completed the requirements for both the Journey and a Take Action Project. Each Journey track comes pre-populated with supplemental badges that complement the Journey. If girls have already earned or are not interested in one or more of the supplemental badges, they can be replaced with other available badges. Refer to the How to Choose and Customize Your Year Plan Tip Sheet to learn how.
Several new badges have been added to the VTK. Check out GSNorCal’s [Badge Charts](#) and GSUSA’s [Badge Explorer](#) to learn more about the badges that are available and to help your girls choose the badges they would like to work on.

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**NOTE:** New badges and Journeys are often added to the VTK. Check the VTK to view all that is available.

Check out the [Badge Explorer](#) to preview the requirements for all badges and Journeys.
3. What are the New Awards?

2021 Global Action Award: Climate Action
The Girl Scout Global Action Award calls for girls to address the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals by discovering, connecting, and taking action in their communities and the world. This year's award goal focuses on climate action.

The Global Action award is an official national award, so Girl Scouts® can wear it on their vest or sash.

2021 World Thinking Day Award
Every year, Girl Scouts® and Girl Guides around the world celebrate February 22 as a day of international friendship called World Thinking Day. The 2021 theme for World Thinking Day is “Peacebuilding.” To earn this award, girls will explore the theme's meaning and plan and carry out a Take Action project that makes a difference.

4. How to Access New Content

LOG IN TO VTK
1. From www.gsnorcal.org, click the “MyGS” link at the top.
2. Log in using the username and password you created when you set up your Girl Scout member account.
3. Once logged in, click “My Account” in the upper right-hand corner of your screen.
4. Select “Volunteer Toolkit” from left side menu.

Need help? Contact member services: info@gsnorcal.org or 800-447-4475.
**CHOOSE A TRACK**

- Select a track from the “EXPLORE” tab.
- You can choose Pre-selected Tracks by clicking “VIEW POPULAR TRACKS.” Here you can preview all pre-selected year plans.
- Or you can choose to “EXPLORE MEETING PLANS.” Here you can search and preview all badges and Journeys before adding them to your custom year plan.
- See the Customizing Your Year Plan Tip Sheet for more information.
- Look for this NEW icon to see new badge and Journey Tracks available.

**ADD/REPLACE CONTENT**

To access the new badges, Journeys, and awards, you will first need to make sure you have a track selected. Then go to the “YEAR PLAN” tab, and select “ADD BADGE/JOURNEY” or “EXPLORE MEETING PLANS” if you haven’t selected a year plan.

Use the search box to search for a specific badge, Journey or award OR click “Use Filters” to choose your program level(s) from the Meeting Library.

1. Choose the program level or levels
2. Select “Badges/Petals,” “Award Earning,” or “Journey” as the type of meeting.
3. Choose your categories – Look for NEW
4. Click on “VIEW LIST.”
5. Preview badge requirements by clicking on the badge image and/or if in the “EXPLORE” tab, click the “PREVIEW” button to see a meeting overview.

TIP: You can select multiple meetings. Be sure to add all meetings for a badge/Journey/Award (ex. Add Bugs 1, 2, and 3) to meet the badge requirements. Note: For Journey options, you must select ALL badge meetings required for the Journey and ALL 3 Take Action meetings.

**PURCHASE PRINTED or DIGITAL COPIES**

There are two options.

1. You can purchase a printed booklets of badge requirements at some of our local GSNorCal stores or through our online stores.
   - Prices range from $2.50 and $5.00
2. You can purchase a digital copy of the badge requirements through our online store and download it after purchase.
   - Prices range from $0.99 and $1.99