



Glow Your Troop!

Complete the Opt-In, Update & Grow Your Troop form starting August 1, 2023.

Here's how your troop can qualify to earn the rewards!

- Earn the exclusive glow-in-the-dark patch for youth members and two troop volunteers by completing three easy tasks: 1) Before December 31, 2023, [complete the form](#) to update your troop information and details. 2) Increase your maximum troop size by at least one youth space. 3) Before February 29, 2024, add at least one new youth and one new adult volunteer each to your roster.
- Glow Your Troop Activity Packet! [Opt in](#) to being visible in our online troop catalog by December 31, 2023 to also receive the exclusive Glow Your Troop Activity Packet!

What's new this year?

- The exclusive Glow Your Troop patch glows in the dark!

Tips for Growing Your Troop

Opt-In and have your troop displayed in the troop catalog so that families at your school or community can find your troop. Make sure to add open spaces for youth to join. Also, make sure to include or select lots of descriptions that apply to your troop. This helps to set expectations and attract families with similar interests. If you would like adults to volunteer and caregivers to help with the troop, make sure to select that in your description. Finally, when new members join your troop, be sure to reach out to them to welcome them to your troop!

Find helpful articles in our gsHelpCenter!

- [Grow Your Troop](#) - includes suggestions for growing your troop as well as flyers and social media images you can use
- [Invite Friends to your Troop](#) - how to send a direct link to your troop in the catalog



Frequently Asked Questions

How Do I Participate?

Submit the [Opt-In, Update & Grow Your Troop form](#) starting on August 1, 2023.

Choose Opt-In, update your troop information and increase your troop size by at least one youth space by December 31, 2023 to receive the Glow Your Troop Activity Packet.

Add at least one new youth member and one new adult volunteer each between August 1, 2023 and February 29, 2024, to receive the exclusive Glow Your Troop patch for all youth and up to two adult volunteers.

How do I help prospective new members decide if they are a good fit for us?

When filling out the [Opt-In, Update & Grow Your Troop form](#), be sure to include details about your troop in your description! Sharing what your troop likes to do helps set expectations and attracts people with similar interests, so everyone in the troop has the best experience possible. You can write your own troop description from scratch or mix and select all the descriptors provided in the form.

What if my troop requires adults to volunteer?

You can select that descriptor in the form! All adult volunteers must complete registration and a fingerprint background check prior to participating with the troop and working with youth.

How will we receive our incentive items?

We'll begin distributing the incentive items based on qualification timeline.

If my troop Opted In last year can we still qualify for this year's incentives?

If you completed the form in the past, you can qualify by submitting this year's [Opt-In, Update & Grow Your Troop form](#) and adding an additional youth space between August 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023 to receive the Glow Your Troop Activity Packet. You will need to add at least one new youth member and one new adult volunteer each to your troop by February 29, 2024 to receive the Glow Your Troop patch.

I chose not to Opt-In, can I still qualify for the patches?

Yes. On the [Opt-In, Update & Grow Your Troop form](#), choose "update my troop information only", and complete the form by December 31, 2023. You can still earn the patches if you add at least one new youth and one new volunteer each by February 29, 2024

I chose not to Opt-In, how do I add members to my troop?

You can [send an email link through MyGS](#) to the members you would like to add to your troop or they can call customer care and state that they have your permission to join your troop.

We're a new troop just getting started for this year (MY24), can we still participate?

Yes! Complete the [Opt-In, Update & Grow Your Troop form](#) between August 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023 and add at least one additional youth space in addition to the pre-set 12, then your troop can earn the Glow Your Troop Activity Packet. If you add at least one new youth and one new volunteer each by February 29, 2024, you'll earn the patch as well.