



# VOLUNTEER TOOLKIT

## LOOK WHAT'S NEW!

### More that Just Badges...

Starting this Spring, more than just badges and Journeys were available in the Volunteer Toolkit. Programs such as Paint Your World Purple were released, and we needed to update some terminology to match! Now you'll see "patch steps," "patch requirements," along with Award, Challenge, Service Project and much more! Our program team is working hard to bring more types of content to the VTK..

Patch Steps: Purple people are both inquisitive and thoughtful. They care about other people and about their community. And, most importantly, they want to work hard and use their voice to make the world a better place. Ambassadors find out that they are purple people, too!

Step 1: Ask (Really Great) Questions  
Step 2: Laugh (A Lot)  
Step 3: Use Your Voice (And Don't Lose Your Voice)  
Step 4: Work Hard (Super-Duper Hard)  
Step 5: Just Be (The Real) You

When Ambassadors earn this patch, they will learn what it means to become a purple person and learn just how much Girl Scouts and purple people have in common.

### Speaker Invitation - Email Template

We know our leaders aren't experts on everything, and the badges available span a wide range of topics. To support our volunteers in asking for help and inviting experts into their troop meetings, we've built a template they can use to invite subject experts to their troop meetings. They can customize the body of the email, but we start with some prompts to get them started. They can also attach meeting aids that might be helpful for the speaker to use or see in advance to prepare.

**SPEAKER INVITATION EMAIL**

Girl Scout Meeting Guest Reminder #9 Thu Dec 22, 2022 04:00 PM - 05:55 PM

Sent: None

**ADDRESS LIST**

Parents / Caregivers

Enter your own:

**COMPOSE EMAIL**

Subject:

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Hello, [Insert name of meeting guest].

Thank you for helping the troop with our upcoming meeting!

Here are the meeting details:

[Autogenerated, but customizable Date, Location, and Time pulled from Year Plan]

Currently, the Girl Scouts in our troop are working towards earning their:

[Insert badge/award/journey]

The purpose of this meeting is to:

[Insert what the Girl Scouts will accomplish in the activity ie. step and/or activity description]

### Updates to My Troop

We know the My Troop tab is the one stop shop to all things related to the members of your troop. We're updating the information you have access to on this tab to be even more useful.

- ▶ A member's grade has been added under their Age.
- ▶ Contact and photo preferences have been added and pull directly from their record in MyGS.
- ▶ Issues with phone numbers, emails and secondary contact information have been addressed so that information is filled consistently and accurately.

### Explore Even More, Without Resetting!

The Explore tab is your place to find detailed Meeting Plans before you add them to your Year Plan and to find out the time-saving packages of meetings we've already grouped based on providing variety or a specific program topic. Starting Summer 2022, keep coming back to the Explore tab to add to a year plan WITHOUT resetting it! We've separated the ability to delete (previously known as resetting) from the Explore tab so you can mix and match individual meetings or mix and match groups of meetings to save you time and effort.

Check out [New Badges and Journeys](#) to see the latest badges, Journeys, and awards available in the VTK.