



## **Girl Scout Juliette Handbook**

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Welcome to Girl Scouts!

We are glad you are here! This Girl Scout Juliette Handbook provides an overview of our program specifically for individually registered members. Please contact us if we can be of assistance in helping you get started. Again, welcome to the Girl Scout Family!

### **About the Juliette Program**

The Juliette Program is Girl Scouting customized by you. You can create your Girl Scout experience by choosing from a variety of Girl Scout activities that meet your interests and needs. As a Girl Scout Juliette you can participate in everything that is open to your grade level. There are so many reasons why becoming a Girl Scout Juliette is for you; there isn't a troop available in your area, your troop no longer meets, or you have become too busy with extracurricular activities or sports to fit troop meetings into your schedule. This allows you to start or continue your Girl Scout experience on an individual basis, in any way that works for you. Think of all the possibilities!

## **Ways to Participate as an Individual Girl Scout (otherwise known as a Juliette)**

With guidance from parents/guardians, girls choose how they want to experience Girl Scouts. A Juliette is not a part of a troop but participates in all other Girl Scout activities for her grade level.

**Earn Badges and Patches:** Juliettes can earn Badges, Journeys, Awards, and fun patches using program books and/or the VTK.

**Camp:** Explore the outdoors, participate in a weekend camp program, or build skills at day or resident camps during the summer.

**Events:** Attend Council Sponsored or Service Unit day and/or weekend events in your area.

**Series:** Attend short-term group events where the same girls participate for the entire program. These are typically multi-week. Girls build on the skills learned at each session.

**Travel:** Plan, prepare for, and participate in regional, national, and international trips.

## **Juliette Mentors**

The cost to become a Juliette mentor is only the annual \$25 membership fee. This fee covers two things. First, it ensures that you are covered by Girl Scout's insurance at Girl Scout events. Second, it allows you access to the Volunteer Toolkit (VTK). This tool gives instructions on how to earn many badges. Becoming a Juliette mentor helps you act as a leader to your Juliette Girl Scout, and although it is not required, it is strongly recommended.

## **Responsibilities of the Parent/Guardian**

- Pre-register Juliette for activities as required

- Sign parent/guardian permission slips to attend camps, events, or other activities
- Ensure any necessary forms (health and permission form, etc.) are submitted in a timely manner to the appropriate person
- Provide transportation, arriving and picking your girl up on time for all Girl Scout activities

### **Responsibilities of the Girl Scout Mentor**

- Pay the annual GSUSA membership fee
- Explore the Girl Scout Leadership Experience materials - the Leadership Journeys and The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting.
- Assist your girl in purchasing the books and materials required to complete the Badges and Journeys or utilize the VTK.
- Verify that your girl has completed the requirements for awards and badges and help her purchase them from the GSSN or Girl Scouts shop. Shipping is available.
- Decide with your girl when to take time for Girl Scouts and related activities.
- Help your girl decide to participate in Fall Product and Cookie Programs and ensure she follows Program requirements and safety guidelines. By doing so, you will help her learn the "5 Skills" and earn funding support to help her pay for the Girl Scout annual membership fee, events, trips, camp, and GSSN shop items such as the Girl's Guides to Girl Scouting, earned badges, and uniforms.
- Be sure to read emails, join the GSSN Juliettes Facebook group, and visit the Activities Calendar on [gssn.org](http://gssn.org) frequently to find activities your Juliette can participate in.

## **What do Girl Scouts do?**

### **Girl Scout Leadership Experience**

- The Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE) is the engine that drives Girl Scouts. Girls discover themselves and their values, connect with others in their community, and take action to make the world a better place. Discover, connect and take action are the three keys to leadership that focus on ‘what’ girls do. The second part of the GSLE model focuses on the importance of ‘how’ girls participate in activities: girl-led, cooperative learning, and learning by doing. It is all about what girls do, how they do it, and what they get. The National Program Portfolio delivers the GSLE through two fun and engaging resources: the National Leadership Journeys and The Girl’s Guide to Girl Scouting.

### **Journeys**

- Journeys are the core leadership program for Girl Scout program centers on our mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. We know that this part can be overwhelming and the program may look different than it did if you were a Girl Scout as a girl. Journeys and badges are the backbone of the program and will provide girls with a well-rounded Girl Scout experience. The Girl Scout Journey program lays the foundation for the girls to build leadership skills while learning about themselves and their world. Each Journey is made up of Discovering, Connecting and Taking Action (or the three “Keys of Leadership”). Through the “Discover” portion of the Journey, girls learn about broader topics, such as water or how to tell a story. Then, during the Connect portion, girls see how what they learned during

“Discover” connects to their world. Finally, through “Taking Action” girls plan and implement a Take Action project that addresses a need in their community.

- There are several different Journeys that girls can complete within three areas of leadership:
- Environmental Leadership
  - It’s Your Planet - Love It!
- Outdoor Journey
- STEM Leadership
  - Think Like an Engineer
  - Think Like a Programmer
  - Think Like a Citizen Scientist
- Personal Identity Leadership
  - It’s Your Story - Tell It!
  - It’s Your World - Change It!
- Girls can earn their Journey Summit Award Pin by completing three Leadership Journeys at their grade level.

### **Badges - The Girl’s Guide to Girl Scouting**

- In addition to the Journeys leadership curriculum, The Girl’s Guide to Girl Scouting and each Skill-Building Badge Set complement the Journeys at each grade level. Through fun

activities, girls can earn a variety of badges to build their skills and gain confidence they'll use to change the world. Badges are also available in the VTK for all levels.

### **Volunteer Toolkit**

- The Volunteer Toolkit (VTK) is a digital resource that supports Juliettes and their Juliette Mentors in making the process of planning and executing badge work more efficient. Some of the new badges and Journeys are only available in the VTK. Using the VTK is a great online organizational, planning and curriculum tool. In order to get access to the VTK you must purchase a Juliette Mentor membership.

### **Product Programs**

How do Juliettes earn money?

- To finance activities, Girl Scouts rely on a combination of family partnership and Product Program proceeds. As a Girl Scout Juliette progresses through the grade levels, her goal should be to become self-sufficient using the Product Program proceeds she earns.

### **Girl Scout Product Programs**

- Girl Scouts learn these five skills: Goal Setting, Decision Making, Money Management, People Skills, and Business Ethics when participating in Product Programs. GSSN has important policies and procedures to keep girls safe in these product programs. All families participating must follow these policies. You will receive information on Product Programs as they approach.

### **Fall Product Program**

- Earn funds early in the year! Girls earn proceeds and rewards for magazines, and nut/candy sales through sales to friends and family.

### **Girl Scout Cookie Program**

- The largest girl-led business in the world.

### **Additional Money Earning:**

If you participate in the Fall Product Program and the Girl Scout Cookie Program, you will be able to host additional money earning activities once they are pre-approved by GSSN.

### **How are Juliette Funds Managed?**

- Girls participating in Girl Scouts as Juliettes earn Juliette Funds instead of Troop proceeds. These Juliette funds are managed by GSSN and not the individual girl, guardian, or Juliette Mentor. A Juliette may use the online Juliette Fund Request form to request funding from programs, membership fees, camp registration, earned badges, uniforms, and badge instruction materials including Journeys and the Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting.

### **Who do I contact with questions?**

Please email [girlscoutshelp@gssn.org](mailto:girlscoutshelp@gssn.org) with any questions you may have.

### **Does my Girl Scout need a uniform?**

- We are proud of our identity and the sense of belonging that comes from wearing a Girl Scout uniform. Girls display badges, pins, and other earned awards on official tunics,

vests or sashes (required when participating in ceremonies or officially representing the Girl Scout movement).

### **Where do I purchase Girl Scout Merchandise?**

- Girl Scouts of Sierra Nevada has a retail store in Reno, NV. You can also purchase from the online shop at [gssn.org](http://gssn.org) under the shop tab in the top right corner.

### **How do I stay informed about activities?**

- Follow the GSSN Juliettes Facebook group  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/gssnjuliettes>
- Attend Service Unit meetings (contact [girlscoutshelp@gssn.org](mailto:girlscoutshelp@gssn.org) to find out when your Service Unit meets)
- Regularly visit [gssn.org](http://gssn.org) and find activities under the activities tab
- Watch your email for announcements

### **Girl Scout Highest Awards**

- The Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards are the highest awards Girl Scouts can achieve in Girl Scouting. Projects focus on taking action and making the world a better place. Characteristics of a take action project include addressing a need; addressing the root cause of an issue; and creating a lasting impact that can be measured and includes provisions to ensure sustainability. The time it takes to earn the awards will depend on the nature of the project, the size of the team, and the support of the community. Quality projects should be emphasized over quantity of hours.



- Find out more about Girl Scouts' Highest Awards at [gssn.org](http://gssn.org) and search Highest Awards for resources, guidelines, applications, reports and FAQ's or contact [girlscoutshelp@gssn.org](mailto:girlscoutshelp@gssn.org)