

Girl Scout Bingo for Volunteers!

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Many of you are now at home all day, trying to work, raise a family and help kids with schoolwork. We get it—it's chaos! But if you are looking for a way to use the time to learn something new, we've got a fun way to help motivate you—Girl Scout Bingo for Volunteers!

How to play: Complete a numbered activity to claim that square on your Scout Bingo card. You can choose which activities to complete, or for extra fun, you can let a [virtual bingo caller or random number generator](#) choose the squares you should complete. Simply put in 1-25 for the number range and hit “generate number” to find out which activities you should complete. Complete five in a row (horizontal, vertical, or diagonal) to bingo. This activity is all Girl Scout's Honor.

This is not a race to be first to complete your Girl Scout Bingo. Let us know when you have “bingo-ed” by sending an email to girlscoutshelp@gssn.org with “Completed Girl Scout Bingo” in the subject line. The email should list the five numbers you completed and include your name, troop number, email, phone number, and mailing address. When you submit a completed card, you will be entered in a drawing for a special gift and a GSSN Council Patch. The drawing will be held Saturday, August 1, 2020.

This activity is Girl Scout's Honor. Now, let's get out there AND let's STAY IN and play Girl Scout Bingo!

S is for STEAM

- 1. VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP.** Check out this list of [ten top museums](#) around the world with free virtual field trips. If you have already completed all of these virtual field trips, find another one or share information about your favorite with other volunteers or your troop parents.
- 2. ENGINEER THIS.** Head over to the VTK and read through the curriculum for the Think Like an Engineer Journey. Have you already done this Journey with your troop? Read the one for the next grade level to be prepared or reach out to other volunteers to share your advice and experience with this Journey.
- 3. COOKING UP SCIENCE.** Check out this [TED Talk](#) that helps you understand how to use cooking to teach science! If you feel inspired to carry this further, head into the kitchen and try it for yourself.
- 4. DESIGN IT.** Pbs.org has a [wonderful resource](#) on helping kids explore the design process. If you feel like you are already a “design process” expert, do a virtual activity with your girls using it!
- 5. STOP AND STEAM.** Be more intentional about STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) in your everyday life. Have your kids keep score when you play a game as a family. Explore the color wheel by using a little food coloring to liven up your meals and have them investigate how colors blend. Have them review and sign the [Girl Scout Internet Safety Pledge](#). Use the scientific method to figure things out around the home. Use this with your troop to get everyone participating when you are doing virtual troop meetings!

C is for CRAFTS

- 6. SWAPS.** Have you ever wondered what a SWAP is? Our sister council, Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, posted [a video](#) to explain all about SWAPS. And of course, Pinterest is full of SWAP ideas. Do you already feel like you know all about SWAPS? How about encouraging your troop or service unit to make some?

7. MAKE SOME DOUGH. Become an artist using salt dough. Here is a simple [recipe for a salt dough](#), which is made with ingredients you probably already have. Fun for all ages!

8. OUTDOOR ART. Make art using nature! Go out in your yard and gather up pieces of natural objects to create a piece of temporary outdoor artwork. Arrange pinecones, sticks, leaves, rocks, acorns or other items in a spiral, mandala or other creative design of your choice. Use color and texture to add to the effect of your Outdoor Art project. Don't just have your kids do this – it's fun for adults too! If you do this on your own property, you can leave it in place; however, outdoor art in public spaces should not be left behind so that others can see nature as undisturbed as possible.

9. RECYCLED ART. Challenge your kids to create a masterpiece using basic craft supplies such as tape, glue, scissors, crayons, markers, and the contents of your recycling bin to see what they create! Five Minute Crafts for Kids has a recycled crafts video for inspiration.

10. FABRIC CRAFTS. Make a no-sew pillow with this tutorial from T-shirt.ca. Don't have the supplies in your house? Use this time to teach your kids how to sew on a button or do other simple sewing (or no-sew) fabric crafts.

O is for OUT AND ABOUT

11. OUTDOOR SKILLS. GSUSA and the Elliott Wildlife Values Project have teamed up to provide [eight outdoor skill-building videos](#) especially for new Girl Scout volunteers and older Girl Scouts. Topics include The Dos and Don'ts of Backpacking, Outdoors Songs and Games, Introduction to Fire Building, How to Leave No Trace Outdoors, Introduction to Cooking Outdoors, Step by Step: Developing Outdoor Skills in Girls, Taking the Journeys Outside, Planning Your Troop's First Campout, and Introduction to Campsite Set-Up. Even if you are an Outdoor Trainer, this is a great time to watch these videos and see how they can help those new to outdoor skills.

12. Nevada and California State Parks and campgrounds. Are you curious about how many different places there are to camp in northern Nevada and into California? Learn more about [State parks in Nevada](#) and in [California](#), that you might not have even heard of before. Start making plans for when you and your troop can get out and about.

13. VENTURE OUT I. Have you taken outdoor training yet? Here is a home study course, courtesy of the Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas Council, which provides instructions on organizing and facilitating activities with girls that involve an overnight stay. You have access our OUTDOOR TRAINING RESOURCES here. Once you have taken this course, take this short assessment to receive credit for this training. It's a great time to encourage other volunteers to take it.

14. DESTINATIONS. Curious about domestic or international travel for individual girls with the travel bug? Your first stop should be to check out Destinations information on the [Travel](#) page at GSUSA.org. Find a way to promote Destinations by visiting the Destinations webpage with you girls, exploring the types of travel opportunities available, and having your girls make a list of their favorite Destinations. You can also set up a virtual meeting with girls who have been on these trips to share information with girls who haven't.

15. TROOP TRAVEL. Traveling might not be possible right now, but you can plan! GSUSA has put together a [Guide to US Travel](#).

For GSSN specific travel info, check out our [travel section](#) and the Travel Application. Already a troop-travel maniac? Take this opportunity to plan troop trip – local, regional, national, or international. This is a great time to check out the membership/background check status of troop parents or guide a younger troop through this process of getting ready.

U is for USEFUL STUFF

16. RAISING AWESOME GIRLS. GSUSA has put together some great resources on [Raising Awesome Girls](#). Tips to raise healthy, happy girls who are leaders in their communities. Anti-bullying, school success and even how to talk your girl about COVID-19 are all covered at [Raising Awesome Girls](#).

17. GIRL SCOUTS SONGS. Learn to sing some Girl Scout songs. There are lots of videos online to help you. A great one is of former Girl Scouts of the Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas Council teaching traditional Girl Scout songs in [this video](#). Even if you know all the songs they share, it is a like having a virtual campfire and good for the Girl Scout heart to sing-along.

18. CEREMONIES. There are lots of ceremonies in Girl Scouting – investiture, bridging, Court of Awards, pinning, Girl Scout's Own, rededication, to name a few. Learn about the different types of Girl Scout ceremonies on GSUSA's [Ceremonies page](#), and then work with your girls to have them plan their next ceremony.

19. JOURNEYS. Girl Scout Journeys can sometime intimidate troop leaders. Learn about the different types of Journeys and how to complete them with [a video from Girl Scouts of Western Ohio](#). If you've been doing lots of Journeys, share your best practices with other volunteers!

20. ACTIVITY INSURANCE. There are times when extra insurance is needed for Girl Scout trips or events. Get the scoop on when you need it, which plan to purchase, and how to purchase it by looking at this [information here](#).

T is for TRAININGS

21. GIRL SCOUT LEADER TRAINING. Have you been a Troop Leader for a while? Are you still learning the ropes? Whether you have been in Girl Scouts for years or just starting out, now is a good time to refresh yourself on some of the Girl Scouts basics. When you are a new leader, things can come at you fast! Here is a link to some [self-guided resources](#) that you might find useful.

22. SAFETY. Has it been awhile since you took New Leader Training and you want a safety refresher? Are the girls in your troop older and ready for higher adventure activities? Plan an age-appropriate adventure and review the latest version of [Safety Activity Checkpoints](#) to see what safety precautions have to be followed for that activity.

23. VOLUNTEER TOOLKIT. Superpower your Girl Scouts Troop Year with the volunteer toolkit! Check out this [GSUSA VTK video](#) to make the Girl Scout leader experience much easier and more impactful, for both you and your girls! Even if you have been using the VTK, there are probably parts of it you haven't explored yet—get in there and play around!

24. HIGHEST AWARDS OR MOUSE SCOUTS. Are your girls about to work on their Bronze, Silver or Gold Award? We have training videos for Bronze, Silver and Gold award. If you have already taken this training, this is a great time to encourage your girls to work on the prerequisites or the planning stages of these awards. If your girls are already Gold Award Girl Scouts, have them share their experiences with a younger troop. For those of you with Daisies and Brownies, check out the free Mouse Scouts Activity Kit or work on one of the awards from the Handbook Section of the Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting such as the Safety Award or the My Promise, My Faith Award.

25. TROOP FINANCES. Explore information on various financial topics. The VOLUNTEER ESSENTIALS provides important information on troop finances, money earning opportunities and basic guidelines, and safeguarding money.