

Best Troop Year Ever 2021-2022

We all know that Girl Scouts might *still* look and feel different this year. And that's ok – you can still have the Best Troop Year Ever and earn a free patch! Some of the most important things in Girl Scouts are the opportunity for members to connect with other members in a fun, safe environment with the support of an adult mentors. No matter what Girl Scouts looks like this year, if you cover those things - you're doing it right!

In fact, there isn't a "wrong" way to do Girl Scouts. You can build the experience for exactly what you and your girls need. That may look a different from one troop to another- do what works best for YOU and YOUR Girl Scouts.

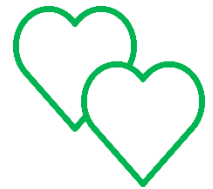
Here's how it works: This patch opportunity runs August 7, 2021 – July 31, 2022. Review the list below and check off your experiences as they happen. Once you check off 8 out of 10 things, share your troop's success and submit your info here: <https://gsnetx.formstack.com/forms/btye2122>. We'll mail you patches for all registered Girl Scouts and troop leaders within 30 days (beginning October 2021.)

New patch
design for
2021-2022
coming
soon!

Bonus: Any troop that qualifies for their Best Troop Year Ever patch by March 31, 2022, will be entered into a \$250 GSNETX Shop spring shopping spree. Troops that include a picture in their submission will get two entries. For more info, reach out to connect@gsnetx.org.

Connect with other Girl Scouts

- Give at least 2 new members a Girl Scout home by opening your troop to new members or have 12 girls registered in your troop. (Need help with this? Reach out to join@gsnetx.org.)
- Explore at least 2 of the 4 Girl Scout program pillars with your Girl Scouts- [STEM](#), [Outdoors](#), [Life Skills](#), and [Entrepreneurship](#).
- Check out the [free patch programs](#) developed specifically for our GSNETX girls.
- Attend one of our GSNETX [program events](#), either in-person or virtually.



Fun & safe environment

- Do something FUN outside of a regular troop meeting. This could be a service project, a sleepover, a trip, or anything that your Girl Scouts choose. You can check out the latest guidelines and safety info at gsnetx.org/safety.
- Use the Girl Scout secret sauce to make your experiences rich and meaningful – [girl-led](#), learning by doing, and cooperative learning.
- Complete the latest required training for all Girl Scout volunteers - complete TR402 Protecting Our Girls in gsLearn. (Check out gsnetx.org/training for more info.)



Support of adult mentors

- Intentionally build relationships with the parents/caregivers and families of the members of your troop. (Resources available on our Troop Leader Blueprint page – gsnetx.org/blueprint.)
- Check out the Volunteer Toolkit. If your troop was active last year, be sure that your 2020-2021 Troop Financial Report is submitted. (Need help with this? Reach out to troopsupport@gsnetx.org.)
- Be sure your troop is set up for the year – all troop members are registered, troop leaders are renewed into their roles, and background checks are current and eligible. Make sure your troop's information is submitted through the Troop Update process for this year – gsnetx.org/troopupdate.

