

Online Troop Opportunity Catalog

This catalog is our way for new members to join a troop and pay for annual membership dues.

Parents of potential new members can go to our website and choose their troop from the menu. How do they find a troop? Upon entering our [“Join”](#) site, they’ll be asked to give general information about their daughter including name, parent name(s), address, school, grade, phone number and email.

The next page will then ask them to type in the troop number (if they know a specific troop) or to do a search by their home zip code, and the catalog will show troops within a 5 to 25 mile radius. These listings will only show troops that have **CHOSEN** to appear in the catalog.

For each service unit, GSNETX will have three troops listed in the catalog: a Daisy Troop, Brownie Troop and a Junior Troop. These are what we are going to call our new girl Temp Troops.

Parents searching for a troop for a daughter in Kindergarten or 1st grade will choose the Daisy troop option, 2nd and 3rd graders will choose the Brownie troop, and 4th and 5th graders would choose the Junior troop.

The Temp Troop will look like any other troop but the description will look like:

Choose this temporary troop option to join other Kindergarten and 1st grade girls who attend the following schools or live in the area around these schools:

_____ in _____ ISD. Troops will be meeting after adults volunteer to lead.

New Leaders will be given their permanent troop numbers by the Membership Placement Specialist within 3 days of volunteering to lead a troop, and will be directed to register directly into their new troop. All of the volunteer positions for new, potential troops will be displayed in the catalog; troops will not be unless the leaders choose to do so.

The **“Join”** site also has a shopping cart feature that allows new households to register multiple family members and pay in a single transaction. Girls/Volunteers who need Financial Assistance must register [with a paper form](#) to be turned in to your SU registrar and finally to the GSNETX Recruiter. This form can be accessed from our website in the “Forms” section.

Hundreds of girls in our council miss out of Girl Scouting every year, because they cannot find a troop willing to include them.

If you and your troop are willing to welcome new girls, complete the **catalog update form** and council staff will add your troop to the catalog. Even if you aren't taking new girls, please fill out the form so we can prioritize reaching out to troops throughout the year.

If you let council staff know that you are NOT accepting new girls into your troop this year, no one will be able to join your troop directly from the catalog. If your troop is not in the catalog, you, as the leader are able to add new girls directly into the troop from your MY GS account.

Temporary “Leadership” for the Temp Troop

In order to ensure the best possible experience for new Girl Scout families, our goal is to get them connected with their service unit and a volunteer. The volunteers listed as leaders in the temp troops will receive an email alert about each girl that joins one of the three troops and your contact information will be included in the automated email from our membership system. This allows the service unit to know that each new girl has registered and immediately connects the family with volunteers in their area. As individual troops are formed with parent volunteers, the girls in the temp troops will be transferred into their permanent Daisy, Brownie, or Junior troops.

We highly suggest that the volunteers for temp troops are one of the following: SU Troop Organizer, SU School Liaisons, SU Recruiter or SU Registrar.

The temp troops will be listed on all roster/membership reports that are sent to service units.