girl scouts of northeast texas

2026

Kickoff Planning Guide



Saturday, August 1
University of Texas at Dallas in Richardson
800 W. Campbell Road, Richardson, Texas 75080

All About Kickoff

Who & What:

Kickoff is GSNETX's annual event to 'kick off' the new membership year- this is your chance to spend a day with hundreds of fellow Girl Scout Volunteers like you plus GSNETX Staff learning, laughing, getting resources, seeing friends old and new, meeting program partners, taking trainings, and gearing up for an exciting year of Girl Scout fun ahead!

We have classes for new and experienced leaders, troop volunteers, service unit team members, cookie program & fall product volunteers, and more - any adult who is an active Girl Scout volunteer can benefit from being at Kickoff! Adult members who are 18 but still showing as a girl member in MyGS until October 1 are welcome to register and join. (Please be sure you have renewed your membership for the 2026-27 year so that your adult membership starts Oct 1st!)

When & Where:

This year's event will be **Saturday, August 1, 2026**, on the **University of Texas at Dallas** campus, located at 800 W. Campbell Road, Richardson, Texas 75080.

Parking in the designated parking grage is free!

NEW LOCATION

Note - this is an in-person event only.
Wear your favorite Girl Scout shirt and comfy shoes!

Why Attend Kickoff?

- To be in a space where you can connect with other volunteers, staff, and members.
- To equip you for the new year with a variety of required and enriching trainings so you start the year ready to be your most amazing.
- To get you excited, motivated, energized, and prepared for the new year.
- To give you an opportunity to hear about the current state of GSNETX and learn about new upcoming initiatives and opportunities locally and nationally, and to connect with the membership staff in each Area in person.
- To have fun together & share the Girl Scout spirit!

How:

Use this guide to see what classes are happening and figure out your scheudle for the day.

Event shirts are included in the registration - but only until June 14 ! After that a shirt is not included with registration and the price does not change. This year there will NOT be Kickoff shirts also for sale in the shop.

Click **HERE** or scan QR Code to register in ActiveNet

Registraion closes on Wednesday July 22nd.

Anyone that plans to attend Kickoff after registration closes will need to arrive early to register and pay in person. Shirts will not be included for registrants from June 15th onward. If you register the day of, please be aware that lunch and class options will be limited.

Kickoff is $20 per person!

Registration includes:

- Opening session and up to three classes
- Your on-campus parking and lunch
- Resources,
- Access to the program providers, shop and product program room
- The famous Kickoff SWAG Bag, and (if you register by 6/14) your exclusive event shirt!

We have four lunch options to choose from this year!

Sandwich Box – Turkey & Provolone
w/chips, cookie, piece of fruit and water or soda.

Sandwich Box – Ham & Swiss
w/chips, cookie, piece of fruit and water or soda.

Sandwich Box – Grilled Veggie Wrap
w/chips, cookie, piece of fruit and water or soda.

Gluten Free: Mediterranean salad
Grilled herb chicken, mixed greens, grilled potatoes, roasted red onion, Kalamata olives, cherry tomatoes and feta cheese with garlic vinaigrette *(w/fruit, dessert and water or soda.)*

You may opt out of the provided lunch and bring your own (this will not change the event price). No refrigerator or microwave is available.

This year - our on campus "Rising Stars" event for Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors is back!



Big News!

Every girl attending Rising Stars must have an adult attending Kickoff. Program Staff will be chaperoning the girls during the day. For more details about Rising Stars, go to page 17

Our theme

This year's Kickoff theme is **"Where We Grow"**

Kickoff is a celebration of everything we love about Girl Scouts - the opportunities, sisterhood, camping, travel, learning, space to be ourselves (and figure out who that is), and be celebrated for it. Kickoff is our space to celebrate each other, the great things we've done, the great things to come, the friendships, the fun, and the adventures ahead!

You can bring SWAPS (SWAPS = Special Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned So Somewhere) to share with people. SWAPS are a Girl Scout Tradition. You can use the theme 'Where We Grow" or have a SWAP that reminds people of you.

PRO-TIP: you will have a lot of networking opportunities at Kickoff! Bring labels with your contact info, business cards, or digital tap to share your contact so that you can easily stay in touch with the friends you make.

Let's Celebrate Girl Scouts Being Where We Grow!



2026 Kickoff Shirt

This year's Kickoff shirt is the soft comfy shirt you enjoy, with the council 'lock-up' on the front, and this beautiful design on the back.

The shirt is included in the event cost, but you MUST register by Sunday, June 14 to get the shirt!

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- There will be no extra Kickoff shirts available in the shop.
- If you register for Kickoff after 6/14 we cannot include an event shirt, however - the Kickoff price will not change.

Event Schedule

8:00 A.M.	**8:00–9:00 A.M.** Check-In + SWAG Bag/Shirts & Volunteer Run Tables	
8:15 A.M.		
8:30 A.M.		
8:45 A.M.		
9:00 A.M.		**9:00–11:15 A.M.** General Session
9:15 A.M.		
9:30 A.M.		
9:45 A.M.		
10:00 A.M.		
10:15 A.M.		
10:30 A.M.		
10:45 A.M.		
11:00 A.M.		
11:15 A.M.		
11:30 A.M.	**11:30 A.M.–1:30 P.M.** Lunch, Program Providers, Product Program Room, GSNETX Shop & Area Tables **Choose your lunch pick up time:** **A: 11:30–Noon** **C: 12:30–1 P.M.** **B: Noon–12:30 P.M.** **D: 1:00–1:30 P.M.**	
11:45 A.M.		
12:00 P.M.		
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12:30 P.M.		
12:45 P.M.		
1:00 P.M.		
1:15 P.M.		
1:30 P.M.		
1:45 P.M.	**1:45–3:00 P.M.** Block 1 Classes	
2:00 P.M.		
2:15 P.M.		
2:30 P.M.		
2:45 P.M.		
3:00 P.M.		
3:15 P.M.	**3:15–4:30 P.M.** Block 2 Classes	
3:30 P.M.		
3:45 P.M.		
4:00 P.M.		
4:15 P.M.		
4:30 P.M.		
4:45 P.M.	**4:45–6:00 P.M.** Block 3 Classes	
5:00 P.M.		
5:15 P.M.		
5:30 P.M.		
5:45 P.M.		
6:00 P.M.		

GSNETX Tables:
Tables with information for internal GSNETX committees, clubs, and initiatives.

General Session:
Join us as we celebrate & set the tone for the day. Hear from GSNETX's CEO, GSUSA staff, and dive into a new GSNETX resource (your first chance for a hard copy is at Kickoff!) recipients, and more.

GSNETX Pop-Up Shop:
Our retail team will have a pop-up shop specifically for Kickoff with great deals and discounts for you on site.

Product Program Room:
A come-and-go room with information about the 2026 Fall Product Program and 2027 Cookie Program including rewards, calendars, preview items, older girl opportunities, and more.

Program Partner Tables:
Visit tables hosted by some of GSNETX's Program Partners to discover new programming opportunities for your troop and say 'hello' to returning favorites!

**Schedule subject to slight changes.*

Class Schedule

BLOCKS		
BLOCK 1: 1:45–3:00 P.M.	**BLOCK 2:** 3:15–4:30 P.M.	**BLOCK 3:** 4:45–6:00 P.M.
Troop Meetings 101		
	Camp Training: Level 1 – Planning Your Troop Campout	
ActiveNet Basics	ActiveNet Basics	Building a Kind & Connected Troop: Games That Prevent Bullying
CEO Townhall	Communicating Across Generations	Communicating So Kids Will Listen
Get Camping: Where to Start?	Communicating So Teens Will Listen	First Aid/CPR/AED Certification (Blended Learning, Skill Portion)
Girl Scout Bronze Award	Discovering Leadership Strengths through DISC	Girl Led Express
Girl Scout Experiences - Your Professional Advantage	Family Engagement	Let's Explore: Girl Scout Overnight & Travel Progression
Girl Scout Gold Award Roundtable	Getting Started: Fall Product & Cookie Programs for New Volunteers	SU Adult Recognition Specialist
How to Grow Your Girl Scout Troop	Girl Scout Silver Award Roundtable	SU Manager
Lead the Adventure: Growing Through Camp Service	How to Organize Your Girl Scout "Stuff"	SU Recruiter
LEAP and More: Conflict Prevention and Resolution for Troops	SAFE! Issues Affecting Today's Teens and How You Can Help	Successful Troops –Junior/Cadette/ Senior/Ambassador Edition
Managing Your Troop's Midlife Crisis	School Champions: Building Thriving Girl Scout Communities	Supporting Neurodiversity in Girl Scouts
School Champions: Building Thriving Girl Scout Communities at School	SU Overview	Troop Leader Fast Start: You've Got This!
SU Event Coordinator	SU Treasurer	Free Time (choose this if you will not be taking a class)
SU Family Partnership	Successful Troops – Daisy/Brownie/Junior Edition	I'm Teaching (choose this if you are one of our awesome Volunteers who will be teaching a class this block
SU Product Program Training	Successful Troops – Multi-Level Edition	
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Girl Scout Acronym!

'SU' is short for Service Unit. Classes with 'SU' at the beginning are trainings for Volunteers in those Service Unit roles.

Class Details

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NOTE - This class is offered twice. Choose Block 1 OR Block 2!

CEO Townhall

Come to this session with CEO Jennifer Bartkowski and learn about GSNETX's current and future strategic plan. Jennifer and members of the council leadership team will be on hand to update you, hear your input, and answer questions on the strategy, the outdoor leadership experience, girl programming, the volunteer experience, and more. Put on your thinking cap and submit your questions **here**.

Get Camping: Where to Start?

Curious about taking your Girl Scouts camping, but not sure what it actually looks like? Start here.

In this session, we'll walk through what a Girl Scout campout really feels like—from arrival to activities to those unforgettable moments girls talk about long after they leave. You'll get a big-picture view of the experience, learn secret sauce for making camp magic, hear real stories, and learn why camp is such a powerful part of the Girl Scout journey.

This is not troop camp training (please see separate course available), it's your chance to explore, ask questions, and identify next steps to start camping.

Ready to go? Your next step is Camp Training: Level 1, offered in the following sessions, Blocks 2 & 3.

Girl Scout Bronze Award

This class is recommended for Junior Leaders wishing to be a project advisor for Girl Scouts earning the Bronze Award. This course gives leadership strategies and applicable tips specific to the Girl Scout Bronze Award. This will help you understand the award, work with girls who are ready to focus on their Girl Scout Bronze Award project and understand more about the project as well as process.

Girl Scout Experiences – Your Professional Advantage

Explore the transferable skills you've developed/strengthened as a Girl Scout, such as communication, strategic planning, conflict resolution, and coaching. The course also provides strategies for showcasing those skills in resumes, interviews, and performance conversations, helping GSNETX volunteers turn your Girl Scout adventures into career progress!

Girl Scout Gold Award Roundtable

Join us for a Girl Scout Gold Award Roundtable to learn about the Girl Scout Gold Award guidelines. We'll start with an overview of the Gold Award process, GoGold online, the Gold Award rubric, Girl Guide, and provide helpful hints for completing your GoGold online application.

How to Grow Your Girl Scout Troop

Looking to welcome more girls into your troop? This session is designed for troop leaders, co-leaders and troop volunteers who want to grow their Girl Scout troop and build a vibrant, inclusive community. In this workshop, you'll learn how to:

- Host fun and effective recruitment events
- Connect with families and schools to spread the word
- Share the value of Girl Scouting in a way that resonates
- Use council resources and messaging to support your efforts
- Create a welcoming environment that encourages girls to stay and thrive

Whether you're just starting out or looking to expand your troop, this session will give you the tools, ideas, and confidence to grow your Girl Scout troop!

Lead the Adventure: Growing Through Camp Service

Ready to take your camp experience to the next level? This session is designed for volunteers who are excited to step into leadership roles and make a greater impact in the outdoors. Whether you're passionate about giving back, mentoring others, or deepening your involvement at camp, this class will show you how to turn that passion into action.

Participants will explore how to plan and lead meaningful service projects, including how to bring ideas to life. You'll also learn about our new Camp Host initiative, where selected volunteers could stay at camp for the weekend and help create a welcoming, supportive environment—along with the requirements needed to qualify.

Additionally, we'll cover how you can grow into an Outdoor Trainer, helping teach and inspire others in outdoor skills and leadership.

If you're ready to lead with purpose, expand your skills, and elevate your role in the outdoors, this class is for you.

LEAP and More: Conflict Prevention and Resolution for Troops

For Volunteers focused on preventing common troop conflicts before they start and addressing frequently occurring conflicts at the troop level. Learn proven strategies for building trust through transparency and communication. This class also introduces the LEAP framework—Listen, Empathize, Acknowledge/Apologize, and Problem Solve—to confidently address challenges when they arise. Participants will leave with tools to foster a healthy, collaborative, and connected troop environment to help girls thrive.

Managing Your Troop's Midlife Crisis

As girls age into pre-teen and teens, learn ideas and strategies for how to keep them interested in Girl Scouts and meet them where they are during the into-middle-school transition.

> *NOTE – this is a great class to pair with 'How to Talk to Teens Will Listen & Listen So Teens Will Talk' in Block 2!*

School Champions: Building Thriving Girl Scout Communities at School

Discover how School Champions help grow sustainable K–5 troops, strengthen troop support, build relationships with schools and PTAs, and create a stronger Girl Scout presence in their communities. This interactive session will cover the purpose of this council-level role, what success looks like, and the tools, support, and perks available to help you succeed. Help Girl Scouts thrive where girls already are—at school.

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SU Event Coordinator

Service Unit events compliment council-wide events by providing local opportunities for girls to stay active throughout the year. These localized events are a great way to connect with your local Girl Scout community, meet Girl Scout families, and potentially bring in new members by promoting Girl Scouts to your larger community. Service Unit programs can be a great way for Girl Scouts and volunteers to enjoy Girl Scout fun without the stress of travel. Come learn the things a Service Unit Event Coordinator needs to know about planning fun and safe SU events!

SU Family Partnership

This course will talk about the Service Unit Family Partnership campaign, which is a yearlong fundraiser hosted by individual Service Units to help raise money for Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas and to invest back into their own Girl Scouts and programs. This training will give Service Unit volunteers and Family Partnership Coordinators the tools and resources they need, including best practices of peer-to-peer fundraising, easy tips to reach their fundraising goals and how they can retain a rebate.

Service Unit Product Program Training

Designed exclusively for **appointed Service Unit (SU) Product Program Volunteers** for the 2026–2027 membership year, this fast-paced, information-packed session covers required annual training for **SU Fall Product Coordinators, Cookie Program Champions, and Cookie Program Coordinators**. We will share important dates, role-specific responsibilities, program resources, tools and key changes for **both** the Fall Product Program and Cookie Program.

Can't attend at Kickoff? Additional training opportunities will be offered:
- *Fall Product Program: one in-person and one virtual session (August/September)*
- *Cookie Program: one in-person and one virtual session (September)*

Successful Troops – Daisy/Brownie/Junior Edition

Looking for fresh ideas, practical solutions, and a chance to learn from other troop leaders? This interactive class is designed specifically for volunteers leading Daisy, Brownie, or Junior troops. Participants will rotate through guided conversation stations focused on common troop experiences, age level needs, and what makes a troop successful at each stage.

Through hands on discussion, shared problem solving, and idea swapping with fellow volunteers, you'll gain new strategies for troop management, girl engagement, family communication, and creating meaningful experiences aligned with the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Whether you're brand new or have several years of experience, you'll leave feeling refreshed, supported, and inspired to strengthen your troop.

NOTE – This class is offered twice. Choose Block 1 OR Block 2!

Successful Troops – Multi-Level Edition

Looking for fresh ideas, practical solutions, and a chance to learn from other troop leaders? This interactive class is designed specifically for volunteers leading multi-level troops. Participants will rotate through guided conversation stations focused on common troop experiences, age level needs, and what makes a troop successful at each stage.

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Troop Meetings 101

Discover tried, tested, and true best practices for running successful troop meetings. Build confidence in managing the behavior of the variety of personalities that make each Girl Scout troop special and learn essential techniques like using Kaper Charts, the Do It/Did It Can, the Talking Stick, and more. This hands-on class will equip you with the tools to create a consistent meeting structure, engage girls in leadership roles, and foster a fun, organized environment. Volunteers that run troop meetings -this course is your gateway to seamless and enjoyable troop meetings!

NOTE – this class begins in Block 1 and continues through Block 2. If you sign up for this class your Block 2 choice should be 'Free Time'.

Troop Treasurer

Taking on the role of Troop Treasurer is a great way to support your troop's success! This training is designed to help you confidently manage troop finances while staying aligned with GSNETX policies and best practices. In this session, you'll learn how to:

- Set up and manage a troop bank account
- Track income and expenses using approved tools
- Create and maintain a simple, effective budget
- Understand financial reporting requirements and deadlines
- Support transparency and communication with troop leaders and families

Whether you're new to troop finances or just need a refresher, this training will give you the tools, tips, and confidence to keep your troop's funds organized and your Girl Scouts thriving.

Free Time

Select this as your 'class' to let us know you won't be taking a class this session.

I'm Teaching

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Class Details

Block 2: 3:15–4:30 P.M.

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NOTE - This class is offered twice. Choose Block 1 OR Block 2!

Camp Training: Level 1 – Planning Your Troop Campout (No Fires Required) (TR301 – Intro to Troop Camping)

Ready to take your Girl Scouts camping at a Girl Scout camp? This is your starting point.

In this required training, you'll learn how to confidently plan and lead a troop camp experience from start to finish. We'll cover the essentials—safety guidelines, roles and responsibilities, and how to create a positive, girl-led outdoor experience—along with practical tools to help you prepare.

You'll also learn how to build a realistic campout plan, including budgeting, simple meal planning, and ways to make the most of your time at camp without feeling overwhelmed.

This is an indoor-based training—no outdoor fire or cooking required—but you'll still walk away with creative ideas, helpful resources, and the confidence to get started.

NOTE – this class begins in Block 2 and continues through Block 3. If you sign up for this class your Block 3 choice should be 'Free Time'.

Communicating Across Generations

Today's teams and communities often include people from multiple generations, each shaped by different experiences, values, and communication styles. This course helps volunteers build awareness and skills to communicate effectively across generational differences. Participants will explore common traits and motivators of different generations, identify potential communication gaps and strategies for clearer, more respectful, and more collaborative interactions.

Communicating So Teens Will Listen

This interactive session introduces volunteers to practical, respectful communication strategies for working with teens. Participants will explore tools for listening with empathy, responding to strong emotions, and setting clear expectations while building trust and positive relationships. Volunteers will leave with language and techniques they can use right away.

Discovering Leadership Strengths through DISC

Explore your unique leadership style through the DISC framework and gain insight into how you communicate, make decisions, and motivate others. Walk away with practical strategies to leverage your strengths and collaborate more effectively with different personality types. Troop and SU leaders or anyone who collaborates with other adults and wants to better understand their leadership style. It's especially valuable for those looking to strengthen communication, build more effective teams, and create a positive, inclusive troop environment.

Family Engagement

Engaging Troop families in their Girl Scout's experience benefits Troop Leadership Teams, the girls, and the families! Troop Leadership teams, join us for the practical strategies to enlist family support, hosting Parent/Caregiver Meetings, and sharing ideas to help you not be alone in making Girl Scouts possible for your Troop.

Getting Started: Fall Product & Cookie Programs for New Volunteers

New to Girl Scout Product Programs? This session is the perfect place to start. Designed for **new troops and new volunteers**, this course provides an overview of both the **Fall Product Program and Cookie Program**, including the benefits to girls, key timelines, and simple steps to get started. You'll also learn best practices and helpful tips to set your troop up for a fun, successful product program season.

Girl Scout Silver Award Round Table

Are you ready to take the next big step in your Girl Scout journey? Join us for a Silver Award Round Table-a dynamic virtual session designed to inform, inspire, and support Girl Scout Cadettes, troop leaders, and families as they explore the path to earning the Silver Award, the highest honor a Cadette can achieve.

What to Expect:

- Presentation: Learn the ins and outs of the Silver Award-from requirements and timelines to project planning and approval.
- Real Examples: Hear about successful Silver Award projects and what made them impactful.
- Live Q&A: Bring your questions! We'll have time set aside to answer anything you're wondering about the process, paperwork, or project ideas.

Whether you're just starting to think about the Silver Award or already have a project in mind, this session will help you feel confident and prepared to take the next step.

How to Organize Your Girl Scout "Stuff"

Feeling overwhelmed by troop supplies, paperwork, and digital files? This workshop invites volunteers to learn practical tools and fresh ideas for keeping Girl Scout materials—both physical and digital—organized and manageable. Led by professional organizers who helped organize GSNETX's headquarters building, this session offers realistic strategies you can apply right away to simplify your space, save time, and reduce stress.

SAFE! Issues Affecting Today's Teens and How You Can Help

We all want to keep our Girl Scouts safe. Join the Grant-Haliburton Foundation for an impactful presentation that helps adults understand issues affecting today's teens, learn how they can help youth with stresses of social media, per pressure, mental health, bullying, and other important issues affecting today's youth. You will learn to recognize signs of distress, understand warning signs of suicidal behavior, and implement protective measures to keep others SAFE!

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SU Overview

Just joined your Service Unit team? Welcome!

This session is designed especially for new Service Unit team members who want to understand their role, how the team works together, and how to make a meaningful impact in their local Girl Scout community. In this overview, you'll learn:

- The purpose and structure of the Service Unit
- Key responsibilities of each team role
- How to collaborate with fellow volunteers and GSNETX staff
- Tools, resources, and best practices to help you succeed
- How your work supports troop leaders, Girl Scouts, and families

SU Treasurer

Managing money is a big responsibility—and an even bigger opportunity to support your Girl Scout community! This training is designed for Service Unit Treasurers who want to confidently and accurately manage finances while supporting a strong, transparent, and successful service unit. In this session, you'll learn how to: Track income and expenses using approved financial tools.

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Troop Leader Fast Start: You've Got This!

Stepping into the role of Troop Leader is exciting—and it's normal to feel a little overwhelmed at the start. This Fast Start–style class is designed to help new leaders begin with confidence and clarity, and connection with a real person! You will learn the key things to focus on early, explore essential GSNETX resources, and get familiar with the supports available to you that matter the most right now as you are starting. Bring your questions and connect with others who are starting their troop leader journey. This session is a welcoming introduction to Girl Scout troop leadership and a reminder that support is always within reach.

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Building a Kind & Connected Troop: Games That Prevent Bullying

This interactive training introduces fun games that intentionally build a positive troop culture and help prevent bullying. Participants will explore activities that strengthen key social emotional skills like empathy, communication, inclusion, and teamwork. Volunteers will leave with a ready to use packet of games for girls in grades K–12, designed to teach or reinforce soft skills while keeping meetings engaging and inclusive.

Communicating So Kids Will Listen

This interactive session introduces volunteers to respectful communication strategies for working with elementary aged children. Participants will explore tools for acknowledging feelings, setting clear expectations, and guiding behavior while building positive relationships.

First Aid/CPR/AED Certification - Blended Learning Skills In-Person Session & Test

Earn your certification and enhance your abilities and confidence with this hands-on experience. This course will require a separate additional registration through Any Day CPR including a $62.50 certification and service fee and online pre-work (2-3 hours) by July 30th. Link to register and pay for the online course will be sent to you in early July.

Girl Led Express

You hear 'girl -led' – but what are easy ways to actually DO it? Girl Led Express is for you! Try out techniques for gaining girl input and making decisions in this fast paced and fun workshop. We know that it's important for girls to stretch their muscles by making decisions. Why then, is it sometimes so hard? This workshop gets you on track in a hands-on fashion by sharing 6 techniques for gaining girl input and helping them make decisions. It's easier than you think, and it's fun!

Let's Explore: Girl Scout Overnight & Travel Progression

Ready to take your Girl Scouts beyond the troop meeting? This session introduces the **Girl Scout Overnight and Travel Progression**, helping you understand how girls can build skills and confidence through age-appropriate travel experiences. Learn about **council-hosted opportunities**, ways to **fund your adventures**, and key considerations for planning your own troop trips.

*More interested in planning a campout? Be sure to check out the '**Get Camping**' course offered in Block 1!*

Service Unit Adult Recognition Specialist (ARS)

This course is for new and existing Service Unit Adult Recognition Specialists (a.k.a. 'ARS') serving in the 2026-27 year, and for those who are interested in the role. Learn the key responsibilities of an ARS plus ways to celebrate and appreciate volunteers. This course covers the formal adult recognition program, additional awards, the ARS Toolkit, and creative ways to show volunteer appreciation. Ideal for new and experienced ARSs looking to build a culture of recognition and gratitude.

SU Manager

Ready to lead your local Girl Scout community with confidence and impact? This essential training is designed for Service Unit Managers (SUMs) who are stepping into a key leadership role within the Girl Scout movement. In this session, you'll learn how to build and support a strong, motivated team of volunteers, foster a positive and inclusive service unit culture, and partner effectively with GSNETX staff to deliver exceptional Girl Scout experience. From communication strategies to event planning and volunteer engagement, we'll equip you with the tools, resources, and mindset to lead a team with purpose and create lasting impact in your area. Whether you're new to the role or looking to ensure you're up to date on best practices for partnering with council staff, this training will set you up for success—and help you inspire others to do the same.

SU Recruiter

As a Service Unit Recruiter, you play a vital role in welcoming new girls and families into the Girl Scout community. This training is designed to equip you with the tools, strategies, and confidence to grow membership and build strong relationships in your area that will help you excel in your SU role. In this session, you'll learn how to:

- Representing Girl Scouts in schools and community spaces
- Host engaging recruitment events and info sessions
- Communicate the value of Girl Scouting to families and educators
- Use council resources and messaging to make recruitment easy and effective

Whether you're new to the role or looking to sharpen your outreach skills, this training will help you connect more girls to the life-changing experiences of Girl Scouts.

Successful Troops –Junior/Cadette/Senior/Ambassador Edition

Looking for fresh ideas, practical solutions, and a chance to learn from other troop leaders? This interactive class is designed specifically for volunteers leading Junior, Cadette, Senior, or Ambassador troops. Participants will rotate through guided conversation stations focused on common troop experiences, age level needs, and what makes a troop successful at each stage.

Through hands on discussion, shared problem solving, and idea swapping with fellow volunteers, you'll gain new strategies for troop management, girl engagement, family communication, and creating meaningful experiences aligned with the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Whether you're brand new or have several years of experience, you'll leave feeling refreshed, supported, and inspired to strengthen your troop.

Supporting Neurodiversity in Girl Scouts

This introductory class helps volunteers build a foundational understanding of neurodiversity and how it shows up in Girl Scout spaces. Participants will explore the basics of common neurodivergences—such as autism, ADHD, and sensory processing differences—and learn how these brain differences can influence communication, behavior, and participation.

The session focuses on **simple, practical ways to support neurodiverse girls (and volunteers!)** so all members can feel included, understood, and successful. Volunteers will leave with actionable strategies they can immediately use to create troop experiences that are more flexible, welcoming, and empowering for every Girl Scout.

Troop Leader Fast Start: You've Got This!

Stepping into the role of Troop Leader is exciting—and it's normal to feel a little overwhelmed at the start. This Fast Start–style class is designed to help new leaders begin with confidence and clarity, and connection with a real person! You will learn the key things to focus on early, explore essential GSNETX resources, and get familiar with the supports available to you that matter the most right now as you are starting. Bring your questions and connect with others who are starting their troop leader journey. This session is a welcoming introduction to Girl Scout troop leadership and a reminder that support is always within reach.

NOTE - This class is offered twice. Choose Block 2 OR Block 3!

Free Time

Select this as your 'class' to let us know you won't be taking a class this session.

I'm Teaching

Some of our awesome GSNETX Volunteers serve on council level committees and in council level roles and are teaching at Kickoff! Thank you! If you are teaching during this session, please choose 'I'm teaching' instead of the class you are teaching.

Rising Stars



For Older Girls to Grow Leadership Skills & Explore Possibilities

The Rising Stars program is for Cadettes (12 years old and up), Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts! Girls will spend their day at UTD on their own special grade level 'tracks' – one designed just for the Cadettes and a separate track for the Senior/Ambassador Girl Scouts who are growing leadership skills and discovering new opportunities.

Girls will join the General Session, have a roundtable with GSNETX's CEO, visit the Program Providers, Area Tables, GSNETX Shop, Product program room, and learn about exciting new opportunities for older girls with GSNETX's Retail and Marketing/Communication Teams. Cadettes will learn about Silver Award and earn their Babysitter Badge. Seniors and Ambassadors will learn about the Girl Scout Gold Award and digital leadership. It's a daywith your fellow Girl Scouts designed for fun, sisterhood, and discovering opportunities!



Register HERE or scan the QR code.

Important Notes:

- Cost: $20/girl - includes lunch, snack, and a Rising Stars t-shirt (must register by 6/14 to get the shirt). Girls registering after 6/14 will not receive a shirt, but the price will not change.
- Rising Stars is a full day event! Check-in is between 8-8:30 am at the Kickoff check-In area. Rising Stars ends at 6:15 pm in the Davis-Gundy Amumni building.
- What to wear/bring: Girls can wear their Girl scout Uniform or put the event shirt on when they arrive. Tennis shoes are encouraged. Girls should bring a water bottle, something to write with and on, and maybe a jacket.
- Other: Please note that badges must be purchased separately.