

Volunteer Toolkit User Guide

Demo Access (Service Unit or Staff)

The Volunteer Toolkit provides volunteers everything they need to deliver easy, fun troop meetings year-round! With this step-by-step guide, you can help our volunteers and caregivers start their year strong and spend more time adventuring with their Girl Scouts!

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Who Has Access

Troop Leaders and Co-Leaders

Active volunteers registered for the current Girl Scout membership year in a troop leadership role. There should be at least two volunteers with access to the same troop account in the Volunteer Toolkit.

Troop Finance Volunteers

Active volunteers registered for the current Girl Scout membership year in a troop finance/administration role. This role will only be able to edit and submit the finance report found on the finances tab. All other tabs will be read-only.

Caregivers of Girl Scouts in a Troop

Each primary caregiver has access to see their troop's Volunteer Toolkit account. They have readonly permission for the meeting schedule and agendas, plus additional resources. (Caregiver accounts can only be accessed if the troop leader has set up a year plan.)

Caregivers of Individually Registered Members (IRM)

Each primary caregiver of a currently registered Girl Scout who is not part of a troop will get troop leader-like access with their Girl Scout(s). Access is granted through the council based on confirmation of individually registered member status.

Demo Access - Service Unit Volunteers and Staff You!



Available for supporting volunteer and staff roles that need access to the Volunteer Toolkit for training purposes. Demo access mirrors troop functionality but does not contain individual or troop information. These users will have two demo accounts under the gray drop-down ("Troop Demo – Troop Leader" and "Demo – Parent") and can see both sides of the troop experience. Access is granted through the council based on placement in designated support roles.

NOTE: If you hold multiple roles, you'll have a Volunteer Toolkit account for each—all under one login! Look for the gray drop-down box in the upper-left corner of your screen to navigate between accounts.



Where To Find The Volunteer Toolkit



The Volunteer Toolkit can be used from any computer, tablet, or smartphone with internet access. For best results, use a Toolkit-friendly browser, such as Chrome or Firefox, with a cleared cache, and visit www.girlscoutsww.org.

In the upper-right corner of your screen, click myGS and sign into your member account. Once logged in, go to the My Account page and select "Volunteer Toolkit" from the left side-bar menu.

Basic Navigation

The Volunteer Toolkit is divided into tabs that each have unique tools to help you plan your year and manage each meeting with ease. If you're on a computer, you'll see the green tabs across the top of your browser window. Mobile users will see a gray drop-down menu at the top with tabs beneath. You'll notice three icons on almost every page of the Volunteer Toolkit:



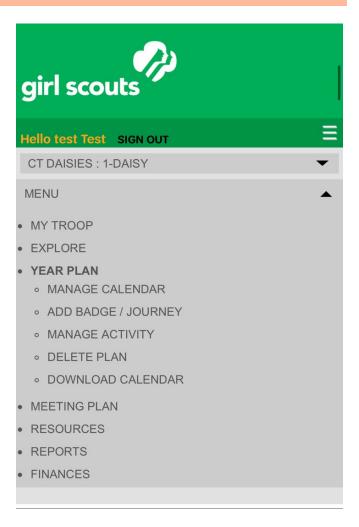




Print allows you to print a copy of your current screen.

Download allows you to download calendar appointments (from the Year Plan tab), pages, and resources.

Seek additional **help** by clicking the green question mark icon or by clicking "Take a Guided Tour."



My Troop

Demo - Troop Leader View

Here you will see sample information for placement only, which is not tied to any specific troop or individual. Click the green arrow next to each name to expand and see additional information, including a snapshot of achievements and attendance.

From this tab, you can also see examples of how a troop leader can email caregivers, download and print a roster with individual achievement and attendance information, renew memberships, and customize the page with a troop photo.

Demo - Parent View

Here you will only see the information for a specific Girl Scout associated with this parent or caregiver, just like a caregiver in a real troop. Click the green arrow next to the name to expand and see a snapshot of achievements and attendance.

A dashboard of images will show each achievement (badge, Journey, award) once they have been earned and marked in the Volunteer Toolkit.

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DOB: 1/4/2007 AGE: 15 GRADE: 10	3 Fake Street Fake , AK 99997	☐ Email Opt In ☐ Text Opt In ☐ Photo Opt In ☐ Postal Opt In ☐ Phone Opt In
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	Attendance:	
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ACHIEVEMENTS FOR DEMO





Shapes in Nature 08/06/2021



Design with Nature 08/06/2021

Explore

Demo – Troop Leader View	Demo – Parent View
You'll find exciting options under the Explore tab, including prebuilt tracks for all program levels. You can also browse individual badges and meeting types to build a plan from scratch. Once you've made a choice, your year plan will be automatically populated. Selecting a year plan is required before other features become available, but don't worry—you can always change your plan as you go, one meeting at a time. From this tab, you can also preview prebuilt tracks of badge and Journey activities, preview individual badge or award requirements, and download or print an overview of each preselected track.	Under this view you will not see the Explore tab.

Year Plan

Demo – Troop Leader View	Demo – Parent View
From this tab, you can set a meeting schedule, add or swap out badges and awards, and fine-tune your Girl Scout year. For a walk-through of all the tools at your fingertips, click "Take a Guided Tour" on the Year Plan tab. From this tab, you can also change individual meeting dates and locations, add more custom and council activities, preview requirements, and view previous years and important milestones (in orange) from your local area.	This view will show a read- only version of the year plan once it has been set up from the Demo – Troop Leader view.

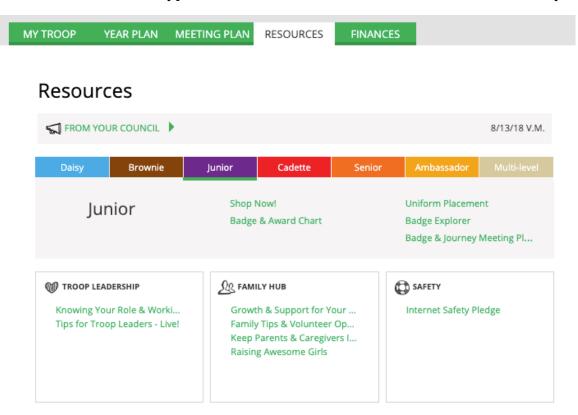
Meeting Plan

Demo – Troop Leader View	Demo – Parent View
Here you'll find the tools to make each badge, award, meeting, and activity a success. We've provided meeting prep information, materials lists, and even suggested scripts for many activities.	This view will show a read- only version of the meeting plan that has been set up on the Demo – Troop Leader view.
From this tab, you can also find virtual meeting resources, customize meeting schedules, track attendance, and check off completed badges and awards.	

Resources

Under this tab, you'll find answers to your pressing Girl Scout questions—like where to put pins or badges on a uniform, which special awards can be earned, or how to lead well-loved Girl Scout traditions—along with resources by topic from GSUSA and Girl Scouts of Western Washington.

From this tab you can also gain access to the Girl Scout Shop from each program level, download reference documents for all the awards a Girl Scout can earn, and explore tips for troop leaders and other volunteers. All user types can see this tab and interact with it in the same way.

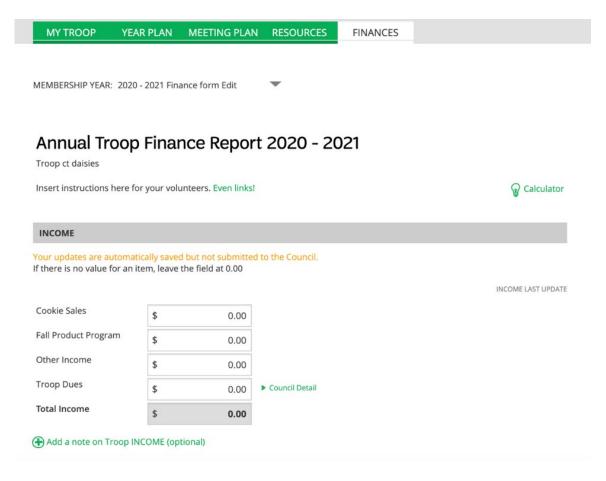


Finances

Demo – Troop Leader View	Demo – Parent View
From this tab, you can see an example of the Troop Annual Finance Report (ATFR) that can be submitted at the end of the year. You can also simulate adding receipts or other attachments to your form and sending them directly to your council. You cannot actually submit a report—only sample how the form works up to submission.	This view will show a message that the troop leader has not yet submitted the ATFR. This will not change, because the Demo – Troop Leader view does not allow real submission.

NOTE:

Troop leaders will have full access to edit and submit this tab for their troop. **Troop caregiver users** will see a read-only version of the final report once it is submitted. **Troop finance users** will have full access to edit and submit this tab for their troop. **Individually Registered Members users** will not see this tab.



Finances Cont.



Thank you

Thank you for submitting your Troop's financial report along with the 2 document(s) that were attached. It was sent on 11/30/2020, 11:02 PM by Test VTKScenario24, Service Unit - 333

Annual Troop Finance Report 2020 - 2021

Troop ct juniors

INCOME	
Cookie Sales	\$ 10.00
Fall Product Program	\$ 20.00
Other Income	\$ 5.00
Troop Dues	\$ 1.00

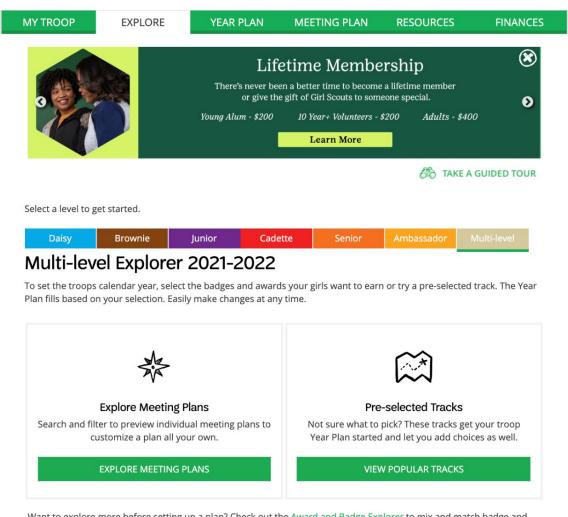
First-Year Troop Leader Experience

The First-Year Troop Experience supports new leaders with additional guidance to get them acquainted with the Volunteer Toolkit. After logging in, you'll be prompted to follow a guided path with recommended steps to simplify the onboarding process.

If you're an experienced troop leader who needs a refresher or would like to simulate this experience, click "Take a Guided Tour" on any of the Volunteer Toolkit tabs to see the same guidance that a new leader would. To skip this question, just select "I am not a Troop Leader."

Set Up Your Year Plan

When you log into the Volunteer Toolkit, you'll always see the Demo – Troop Leader view first. The first time you log in, you'll be taken to the Explore tab. From here you can visit the My Troop, Resources, or Finances tabs, but to activate the Year Plan and Meeting Plan tabs, you need to first make a selection under the Explore tab.

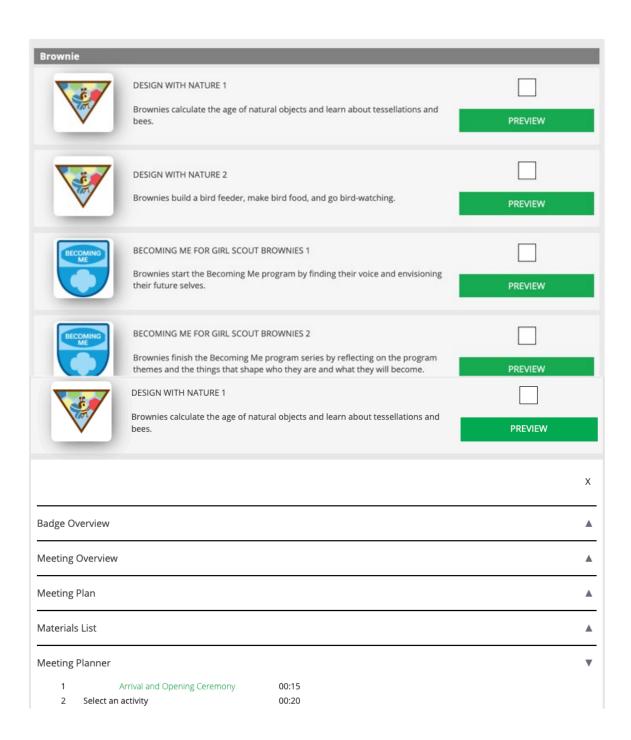


Want to explore more before setting up a plan? Check out the Award and Badge Explorer to mix and match badge and Journey choices. Include your Girl Scouts and let them give input as you plan your year.

Before setting up a year plan, you can also check out the Award and Badge Explorer from the bottom of the tab to mix and match potential award options in a PDF and to share or make youthled decisions. Once they've decided, you can always come back to build out the schedule for those badges and awards.

Explore Meeting Plans

Build a year plan that's completely customized to your troop's interests! You can mix and match meeting plans that work toward the badges, Journeys, and activities that excite your troop. You can also search through all badges and Journeys for all program levels. Use the available filters, or search for specific meetings and simply select the ones you'd like to use in your year plan. Each year you can use the "New for [Insert Year]" filter to find all the new programming released in the summer. Once you're finished, click "Add to Year Plan" at the bottom to move forward in the system.

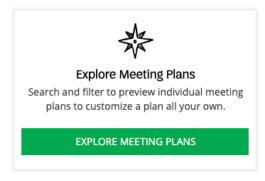


Preselected Tracks

You can also choose from a preset collection of meetings with the preselected tracks option instead. First, select a program level from the multicolored options at the top. Then, click "View Popular Tracks" to preview each combination of awards and download them, if needed. Once you've decided, click "Select Track," and your year plan will be created. You can bundle Preselected Tracks by returning to the Explore tab and adding another one to your plan.

Junior Explorer 2021-2022

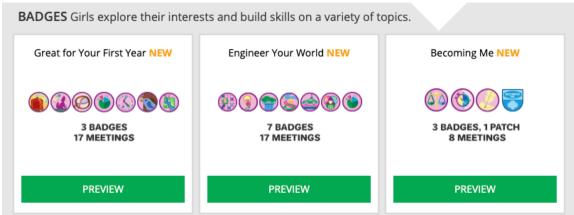
To set the troops calendar year, select the badges and awards your girls want to earn or try a pre-selected track. The Year Plan fills based on your selection. Easily make changes at any time.





Pre-selected Tracks

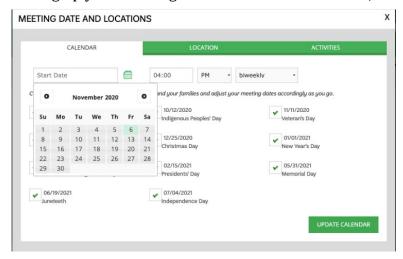
Not sure what to pick? These tracks get your troop Year Plan started and let you add choices as well.



New for 2022-2023: You can come back to the Explore tab throughout the year to add more meetings, or even combine pre-selected tracks without resetting your whole plan! The delete button has been moved to the year plan, and you have even more access to explore and build a plan as unique as your troop!

Set Up Your Calendar

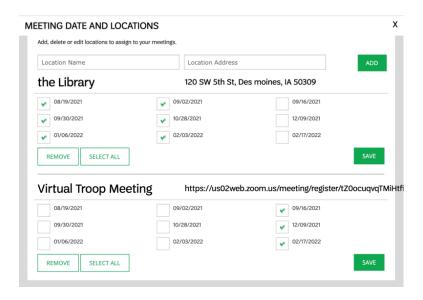
You're almost ready to unlock everything the Volunteer Toolkit has to offer—your last step is setting up your meeting dates. On the Year Plan tab, click "Manage Calendar," select a start date



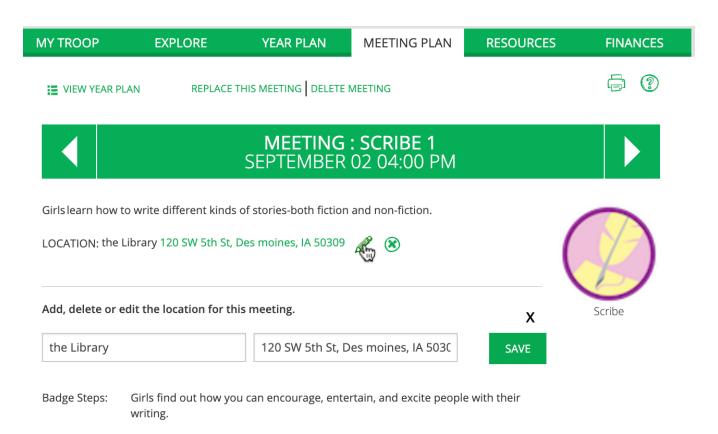
for your meeting cadence to begin, and choose the frequency of your meetings and a general start time. Dates and times can be changed meeting by meeting after this step; simply select any combination to get started. Changing the calendar and location is only available to troop leaders and won't be available in parent view.

Location

Now that your dates are set, you can add a physical address or virtual meeting link to all meetings. If you're meeting in different locations or a combination of in-person and virtual meetings, add each address or link, then connect them to the appropriate meeting(s) using the checkboxes. Click "Assign" or "Apply," and then close out of the window. You can change the location for a meeting in multiple ways—click on a date in your year plan, select "See More Calendar Options," or go through the Meeting Plan tab.



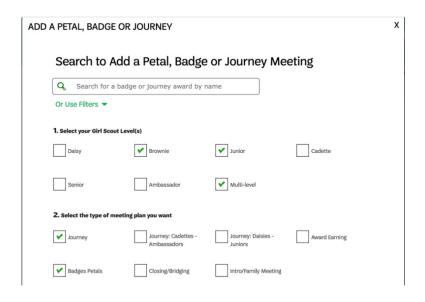
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Adding Meetings and Activities

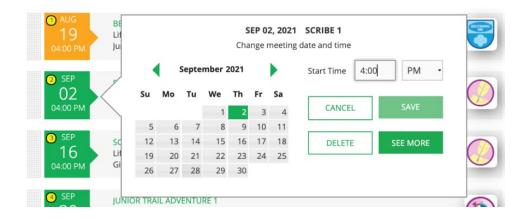
Add or Change Meetings to Your Year Plan

Girl Scouts are ready for whatever comes their way—and that includes changes in meetings or their year plan. Start by using the green "Add Badge/Journey" link at the top of the year plan or the "Search to Add Meetings" link at the bottom of the year plan. Use the search feature or filters to sort through available meeting types and choose which ones to add to your year plan. Meeting titles with numbers at the end are part of a series, and you'll want to add all of these to meet the requirements for the award. Meetings already in your plan will be clearly marked. Once you've made your selections, click "Add to Year Plan."



Edit Meeting Dates and Times

Select the green calendar icon to the left of each meeting date to change the date or time of that specific meeting. You can also choose to cancel one or more meetings, or to combine meetings. To combine meetings, select the two meetings you'd like to combine, then select the new date on which you would like that meeting to occur. After you've made changes, click "Save" and your year plan will be updated. After you've clicked the date of the meeting to the right, you'll see a green gear icon. This takes you back to the original view of the Meeting Date and Location widget, where you can reset the entire cadence of your meetings, if needed.



Adding Other Types of Activities

Meetings and badges are only the tip of the iceberg for your Girl Scout year! You can add things like field trips, service projects, or cookie booth sales to your year plan as well. The Volunteer Toolkit connects to your council website and gsEvents so you can browse and add local council events, too. Any activity you add will appear in blue and show up chronologically. At the top of the year plan, click "Add Activity."

Custom Activity

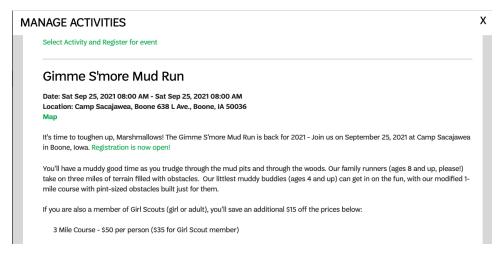


Add your activity name, date, time, location, and details to your year plan. Remember: caregivers will see this information, too, so be sure that event details are clear and any special instructions are included here.

Council Activity

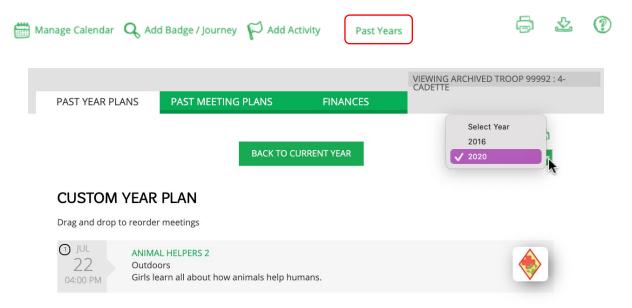
Search or filter through council events and add them to your year plan. This feature does not register you or your group for the event; it only adds the event to your year plan.

From the Demo – Parent view, you will see meetings and activities that are added to the year plan and can open them to review the details; however, you will not be able to edit them.



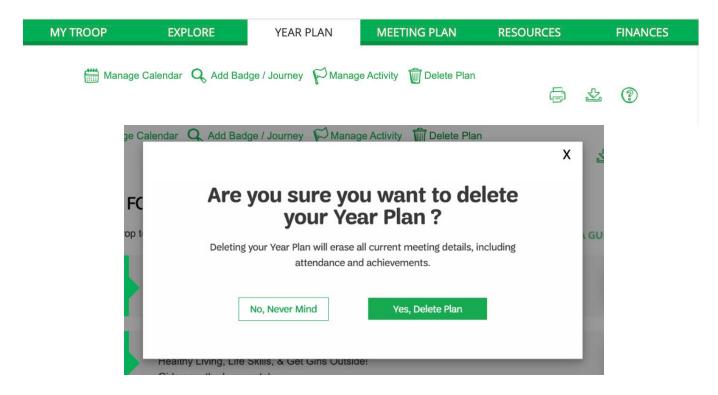
View Past Year Plans

Each July/August, the Volunteer Toolkit resets and archives your year plan. At that point, you'll no longer be able to make changes to any of your meetings. However, you'll still be able to view the plan through the green "Past Years" link at the top of your Year Plan tab. **Note that achievement and attendance records do not archive;** please download a copy of this information for your records. You will see "Past Year Plans" in both views. Caregivers can also download a copy of their own Girl Scout's achievements from the My Troop tab.



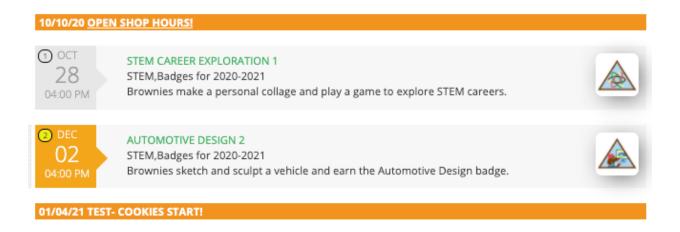
Deleting The Year Plan

If you ever need to wipe the slate clean and start fresh, you can use the Delete button at the top of the year plan to do just that. Be careful though: deleting your plan will remove all meetings, including any tracked attendance and achievements. Deleting your year plan cannot be undone and is not recoverable, so **use it carefully**!



Milestones

In both views, you might see orange bars across your Year Plan tab in chronological order with your other meetings and activities. These are important dates, events, or updates that Girl Scouts of Western Washington wants you to know about. These may also include links to additional information about the milestone.



Tools For Planning Your Meeting

The Meeting Plan tab has a robust collection of tools and information to help you plan an engaging meeting every time. If at any time you want to replace or delete a meeting, use the appropriate links at the top of the meeting plan. You can also quickly print or download planning materials using the print icon in the upper-right corner.

Below is a detailed look at the Troop Leader view. Almost everything on the Meeting Plan tab visible in the Demo – Parent view but cannot be edited.

