



It's hard to believe that summer is wrapping up! We've loved seeing and hearing about all of the great adventures our Girl Scouts are having as they've explored the outdoors through troop trips, council events and camp. It will soon be time to head back to troop so we're taking this opportunity to share some information with you to help prepare.

This month's Volunteer Scoop contains information about our [Back to Troop Guide](#) for the 2022 Membership Year, getting your [Troop Finances](#) ready, [new badges](#) being released on August 3, and a note about a [council Leadership change](#).

If you have any questions please reach out to Member Services at 1-800-666-2141 or help@gsdakotahorizons.org. We are here for you!



PREPARE FOR BACK TO TROOP

Back to Troop Guide

Troop Co-Leaders: Watch your mailboxes in late August for the *Troop Co-Leader Back to Troop Guide*, your go-to resource to get your troop's year off to a spectacular start! A digital version of this guide will be available on the [Troop Resources](#) page of our website at the same time it hits your mailbox!

Troop Finances

Preparing troop finances now ensures your troop will be in good standing and

ready to go when it comes time for the Fall Product and Cookie Programs.

- Review the [Troop Authorized Account Signer Responsibilities](#) to make sure you are aware of your responsibilities as troop account signer.
 - Ensure all signers have a 2022 membership, current background check and hold the Troop Treasurer role.
 - The Troop Treasurer role should be added through MYGS for all troop account signers. If your account has more than 2 volunteer signers please contact Member Services for assistance.
 - If you need to make any changes to your account or signers please submit the [Bank Account Authorization Request Form](#) and obtain a Bank Account Authorization Letter from council **before** making any changes at the bank.
 - Submit the required [Bank Account Confirmation / ACH Form](#) between August 1 and October 1.
 - Download and use the [2021 – 2022 Check Register Workbook](#) from the Troop Finances page of our website (Excel) to record transactions throughout the year.
 - Learn more about managing your troop's finances and find recommended Financial Management Abilities by Grade Level in the Troop Finances section of [Volunteer Essentials](#).
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gsEvents

Our new gsEvents registration system will be used to register Girl Scouts for all programs that will be released on August 23. Ensure your myGS account is ready for gsEvents by [following these steps](#) to verify information in your Household.

NEWS AND UPDATES

New Badges Releasing August 3

On August 3 GSUSA will release 28 new badges! We are excited to share this with you but remind you that the information is **confidential** until the release on August 3.

- **Math in Nature** - Developed for Daisies, Brownies and Juniors these badges get Girl Scouts outdoors to discover shapes and patterns in

natural objects, learn about symmetry and develop outdoor tools and essentials.

- **Digital Leadership** - Available to all age levels, these badges allow Girl Scouts to explore what a leader is both online and in their everyday lives.
- **Cookie Business** - These new badges for each year of Girl Scouting progress as Girl Scouts get older and incorporate online sales and marketing.

Get to know each new badge in a 5 minute gsLearn introduction available to you now! Just log into your [myGS](#) account, click on gsLearn and search "badge".

COO Lori Dykstra Accepts New Role

Lori Dykstra, Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons' Chief Operations Officer, has accepted the position of CEO with Feeding South Dakota, the state's largest charitable hunger-relief organization. Lori's last day with council will be Friday, August 6.

Though we are sad Lori will be sharing her talents with another organization, we know she will always remain a sister Girl Scout and passionate advocate.