

Troop Management Guide - Spring

It's time to reflect on the troop's accomplishments from the year and start planning for the next year!

Celebrate the Girls

Have a troop celebration to recognize the accomplishments of the girls and troop! Involve the girls in planning their celebration! This could be at a regular troop meeting or as an additional troop activity.



Share the troop's cookie program results. Be sure to pass out rewards and Dakota Dough from the cookie program as soon as you are able.



Attend your service unit's recognition event. Service units host a recognition event each year to present girl and adult awards. These events give girls the opportunity to see what they can strive for!



Hold a bridging ceremony if your girls are bridging to the next level this year. Bridging is a beloved Girl Scout tradition that honors girls' achievements throughout the year and celebrates "crossing the bridge" to the next Girl Scout level.

Bridging Guide

Check out the [Bridging Guide](#) for everything you need to know about awards and planning a ceremony!

Bridging Kits

[Bridging Kits](#) are great for Girl Scouts flying up to the next level! Each kit comes with a special pencil and bridging fun patch, along with a bridging certificate, membership star, disc for membership star, and bridging arc. Kits for Junior and Cadette Girl Scouts include Brownie wings.

Host a spring family meeting.

The spring family meeting is an opportunity to reflect on everything your troop has accomplished this past Girl Scout year and to check in with your families about what's in store for the upcoming year.

View the detailed [Spring Family Meeting Agenda](#) or use the list below for topics to cover at this important meeting!

Keep the fun going through the summer.

- Find and register for camps on our website under [Events](#).
- Remind families that girls can register for events even if the troop is not attending as a group.
- Stay in touch through the summer with a fun activity!

Prepare for fall.

- Renew members in the spring to be ready for back to troop in the fall, and get some cool incentives too! Decide whether the troop co-leader or the family is renewing girls.
- [Share ways families can be part of the adventure!](#) Invite caregivers to become approved volunteers and join the troop volunteer team.
- If your troop doesn't meet over the summer let families know when the troop will start holding meetings again in the fall.

Checklist

Complete this checklist to ensure your troop's Girl Scout year is wrapped up and full of adventure this summer.

- ☐ Ensure troop members are renewed this spring. **Troops/girls that renew by April 15 will receive the full incentive package including a Loyalty Bonus (\$15 Girls | \$5 Adults) automatically applied at time of renewal.**
- ☐ Renew your membership and all volunteer roles by May 31. If you are a Lifetime Member please remember to renew your volunteer roles!
- ☐ Submit the required Annual Finance Report with your Check Register and May bank statement through the Volunteer Toolkit (VTK) by June 15. Troops and service units that submit their Annual Finance Report on time with all required documents and have a current Bank Account Confirmation/ ACH form on file will be entered into a drawing to win one of five \$50 incentives!
- ☐ Relax and soak up some sun! You've done a great job leading the troop this year!

Troop bank account signers need to also hold a Troop Treasurer role. Add the role when you renew!



Resources

Spring Parent Meeting Agenda

Use this parent meeting agenda to wrap up your troop's school year and get ready for another year of fun!

Renewal Guides

A go-to-guide on renewing a Girl Scout membership for caregivers and troop co-leaders.

Troop Finance

Find all of our Troop Finance resources on our website including the Check Register and VTK Finance Tab Training.

gsLearn

Take volunteer trainings when they fit into your schedule. Access to gsLearn is through your MYGS login.

Shop

Find the shopping option that best meets your needs.

Bridging Guide

Use this guide to find all of your answers on what bridging is and how to plan a ceremony.

Bridging Kits

Make bridging even easier by purchasing a Bridging Kit that includes all of the must have items for girls bridging to the next age level.

Event Listing

View all of the upcoming council and service unit events taking place.

Patch Programs

Experience more when you complete any of the available patch programs. Complete on your own or as a troop.

Equipment Depot

Going on outdoor adventure? Check out the equipment depot for available items to borrow from council.