

## How can I learn more about this exciting new content?

Our Council will post the most current information on our website at: [www.gscnc.org](http://www.gscnc.org).

## How and where will the requirements for the new Journeys and Badges be available?

The requirements for the new Journeys and Badges are available on the VTK. The Journeys may be downloaded at no cost from VTK and materials are available now. New Badge booklets are available as a digital download or hard copy booklet online or can be purchased at the Council stores.

## What does the new, streamlined Journey format look like?

The new Journey materials will include easy-to-follow meeting guides, scripted talking points for adult leaders, require relatively low-cost materials and provide a shopping list for each session. The Journey is six sessions in total, including three Take Action meetings.

## Is there a multi-level option available for the new Journeys?

Yes! For troops that are made up of Daisies, Brownies and Juniors, there will be a multi-level version available.

## Can girls still the Journey Summit Award?

Yes! Girls can continue to earn the Journey Summit Award by completing ANY three Journeys for their program level. There will now be more Journeys for girls to choose from!

## Do the new Journeys count as highest awards prerequisites?

Yes, the new Journeys will be added to the existing Journey prerequisites for earning Highest Awards (Bronze, Silver and Gold) by Girl Scout level.

- Bronze Award: One Junior Journey
- Silver Award: One Cadette Journey
- Gold Award: Two Senior or Ambassador Journeys or one Senior or Ambassador Journey if they earned their Silver Award

## What is the current plan for Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador program content within the Volunteer Toolkit?

Even though the VTK is mainly for Daisy, Brownie and Junior troops to use, some resources for Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors will be posted by Fall 2017. For more on the VTK, [click here](#).

## Why did GSUSA focus on younger girls first for the STEM pillar?

There were several strategic reasons to focus on younger girls first:

- 75% of Girl Scouts are Daisies, Brownies and Juniors. We can reach the largest number of girls (1.4 million) by starting with this demographic.
- 51% of children decide whether they're interested in STEM by third grade. Once they've opted out, it's hard to re-engage them. By getting girls excited and engaged in their elementary school years, we'll be able to keep them involved in STEM as they get older.
- Organizationally, GSUSA been focusing on building membership in elementary-aged girls, which is the Girl Scout "sweet spot."
- GSUSA is anticipating developing and releasing new program materials for Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors in 2018.