

Girl Scouts is excited to announce new girl programs coming this summer, focusing on things girls want to do: **STEM** & the **Outdoors**! We're adding to the choices girls and volunteers already have, with programs developed by experts, designed to encourage and support girl leadership.

New Badges!

Girl Scouts can earn new badges – and there will even be badge options for Daisies! Badges will be available on the VTK and for purchase in our Council's shops.

Troop Camping badges

One for each level
Daisy through Ambassador

Robotics badges

Three for each level
Daisy, Brownie and Junior

The Daisy Citizen badge



New Journeys!

- 6 New Journeys for Daisies, Brownies and Juniors will be available on the Volunteer Toolkit (VTK) this summer. A multi-level option for these levels will also be available in the VTK.
- 6 The new Journeys include hands-on activities, integrating **Discover**, **Connect** and **Take Action**. And, the format is simpler to use and easy to deliver. Journeys include:

Outdoor • Think Like An Engineer • Think Like a Programmer • Think Like a Citizen Scientist

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Frequently Asked Questions

How can I learn more about this exciting new content?

GSUSA will be offering informational webinars during volunteer-friendly hours held in late June. Our Council will also post the most current information on our website, gscnc.org.

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

The requirements for the new Journeys and Badges will be available on the VTK. The Journeys may be downloaded at no cost from VTK and materials will begin to be available in July. Some requirements will be available in Council shops.

What does the new, streamlined Journey format look like?

Our Council had the opportunity to take part in a Journey pilot program last fall. We anticipate that the new Journey materials will include easy-to-follow meeting guides and scripted talking points for adult leaders, require relatively low-cost materials and provide a shopping list for each session.

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 earn 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, visit our website and click Volunteer, Volunteer Resources and Volunteer Updates.

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

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.