

HONOR TROOP 2025-2026

Girl Scouts use this checklist to plan their year and keep track of their progress!

- The GSCNC Honor Troop program is intentionally rigorous to recognize those troops that participate in a well-rounded Girl Scout Leadership Experience AND complete all administrative requirements. Adult Volunteers and youth must work together to achieve these requirements!
- Online applications will be automatically be sent to the Service Unit Manager for approval
- Youth in the troop will receive an Honor Troop 2025-2026 patch in September/October at Service Unit Meetings

Online application period is May 1st-June 30th. Use the worksheet below to track your troop's progress during the year.

<https://form.jotform.com/GSCNCMembership/honor-troop-app>
(the system automatically shuts down at 12:01am on July 1st)

MEMBERSHIP (5 OUT OF 6 REQUIRED)

- ☐ The troop has 3 unrelated registered adults in the following roles:
Troop leader (2), Troop Money Manager (**always required**)
- ☐ The troop has a registered Troop Fall Product or Troop Cookie Manager. (**always required**)
- ☐ The troop has a minimum of 12 spaces for Girl Scouts (**always required**)
- ☐ The troop had a minimum of six registered youth or if a Senior or Ambassador troop a minimum of 4 registered youth
- ☐ All returning youth members were registered by September 30th
- ☐ Grow the movement (complete 1 of 4):
 - Add new Girl Scout(s) to the troop for incoming new membership year starting April 1st
 - Girl Scouts work an official recruitment event such as an open house, back to school event, troop formation, or start-up
 - Troop is full with at least 12 Girl Scouts
 - Troop leads a recruitment event
- ☐ The troop participated and qualified for a troop incentive in the spring renewal process from April 1-June 30, 2026 including the troop catalog update. (Except where ALL youth in troop are in 12th grade)

FOUNDATIONAL GIRL SCOUT EXPERIENCE

(Daisy 7, Brownie 8, Junior and up 9 of 12 Required; Multi-level troops meet requirements of your oldest youth member)

Meetings

- ☐ Troop meets minimum of twice a month or for a total of at least 2 hours a month (virtual meetings and events/field trips included)
- ☐ Troop held two parent meetings this year to ensure caregivers were a part of the Troop Committee and to celebrate the youth's accomplishments (Court of Awards)

Programming

- ☐ Earn at least four badges OR Earn a leadership award
- ☐ Majority of Troop taking action towards a Higher Award (Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Silver Trefoil)
- ☐ Troop participated in at least one outdoor activity such as hiking, camping, cooking over a fire, canoeing, etc.
- ☐ Girl Scouts planned and took part in three Girl Scout traditions, such as Juliette Gordon Low's birthday, World Thinking Day, Investiture Ceremony, Court of Awards, Girl Scout Week, SWAPS, Re-dedication, Bridging, or WAGGGS event

Dream. Earn. Do.

- ☐ Youth set and work towards goals in Cookie Program to build troop funds for spring and summer
- ☐ Youth set and work towards goals in the Fall Product Program to build troop funds for fall and winter
- ☐ Field Trips/Travel: The Girl Scouts decided and planned 2 field trips or travel trying something new, such as attending Girl Scout Days, visiting a local fire stations or animal shelter

Community

- ☐ Do at least two service projects OR one take action project
- ☐ Girl Scouts learned or taught other Girl Scouts in another troop new games, Girl Scout traditions, or new Girl Scout songs
- ☐ SU Support: Complete 1 of 4:
 - Troop participated in a SU or Association event (including virtual events)
 - An adult member served on the SU or Association Team
 - An adult or youth was an SU Delegate/Alternate
 - An adult served on the planning committee for a SU or Association event

ADULT LEADERSHIP (ALL ARE REQUIRED)

- All troop volunteers are registered, and have completed a background screening and training for their role. (friends and family volunteers excluded)
- Troop leaders have signed appointment letters for their position with the Service Unit Manager
- Troop leaders have completed ALL the required Girl Scout training which includes training for the current program level, DEIA, and money management training
- A registered adult member of the troop attended all Service unit meetings and was present for the entire meeting. Any absences were reviewed and can be waived at the discretion of Service Unit Manager.
- Provide recognition for Troop Committee during the year

FINANCE (ALL ARE REQUIRED)

- The troop submitted their bank statements and matching receipts to the SU Money manager every month and has not had any debt at any time (overdraft fees, debt to council, debt to Su, etc.)
- The youth in the troop, with adult guidance, created a budget based on the youth's plans for the troop including field trips, badge and award earning, membership registration fees, cookie and fall product proceeds.
- Troop reviews budget throughout the year based on goals and plans, minimum twice a year.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR

The Girl Scouts will provide a brief summary of a memorable event for their year. Keep ideas here! Please have your youth include how they were involved in decision making this year, **keeping it youth-led!**