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Year Plan**
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**Try and  
Explore**

# Your Awesome Year as a Girl Scout Volunteer

Brownies are excited to discover all they can do and be. Whether they're learning to make their favorite snack or exploring a neighborhood vegetable garden, Brownies are figuring out who they are and how being their authentic selves makes them an important part of their community. As their leader, you get a front-row seat to all this action! You will guide your Girl Scouts through activities focused on exploration, confidence, and practical skills that will help them become their best selves. When you use this plan to map out your 90-minute meetings and activities, you'll see just how simple it can be to make a huge difference in your Girl Scouts' lives. Get ready for a year of adventure and excitement as you help them grow.

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family welcome party</li> </ul>	 <p>Two meetings plus field trip:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outdoor Art Creator (parts one and two)</li> <li>Field trip</li> </ul>	 <p>Two meetings plus service project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create and Innovate (parts one and two)</li> <li>Service project</li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resilient. Ready. Strong.</li> </ul>
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
 <p>Two meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>My Cookie Customers (parts one and two)</li> <li>Cookie Entrepreneur Family Pin</li> </ul>	 <p>Two meetings plus event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>My Great Day (parts one and two)</li> <li>World Thinking Day event</li> </ul>	 <p>Two meetings plus field trip:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Girl Scout Way (parts one and two)</li> <li>Field trip</li> </ul>	 <p>Two meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eco Friend (parts one and two)</li> </ul>
<b>COOKIE TIME</b> The cookie program helps troops pay for things like field trips, badges, supplies, and celebrations. Reach out to your council to learn more about how to participate and when your local cookie season starts. You may need to adjust the recommended order of earning the cookie badges in your year plan.		My council cookie sale dates:	
MAY	SUMMER	<b>Choose a way to get started...</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Option 1:</b> Access online instructions to plan your activities through the free Volunteer Toolkit (<a href="https://myGS.girlscouts.org">myGS.girlscouts.org</a>). Simply log in, choose "Explore," then "Pre-Selected Tracks." Once you're there, you'll find <b>"TRY AND EXPLORE"</b>. Select that and you're set!</li> <li><b>Option 2:</b> Shop our printed activities at <a href="https://girlscoutshop.com/troop-year-plans">girlscoutshop.com/troop-year-plans</a>.</li> </ul>	
 <p>One meeting plus field trip:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>End-of-year celebration</li> <li>Eco Friend field trip</li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge</li> </ul>		

## Tips and Resources

- When you have the opportunity to get outside, go for a small trip, or simply meet in a new space, do it! Shaking things up once in a while keeps things exciting.
- Check with your council to see if they're offering events or activities that your troop could attend. Those events make your life easier and allow your troop to connect with other Girl Scouts from their area.
- Discover more possibilities for your troop at Girl Scout Badge Explorer ([girlscouts.org/badgeexplorer](https://girlscouts.org/badgeexplorer)).
- Stay up to date with the latest in Girl Scout activities ([girlscouts.org/newactivities](https://girlscouts.org/newactivities)).
- Find fun videos, how-to's, and more at Girl Scout Activity Zone ([girlscouts.org/activityzone](https://girlscouts.org/activityzone)).
- Shop year plan printed resources at [girlscoutshop.com/troop-year-plans](https://girlscoutshop.com/troop-year-plans).



## Girl Scouts Choose

If one of the recommended badges is not the right fit, or if you want to give your Girl Scouts the chance to shape their own experience, have them vote to choose a different badge within the same focus area. Check out our [Award and Badge Explorer](#) for other badge favorites, our latest release of [new programs](#), or visit the [Girl Scout Activity Zone](#).

### STEM



or

- Fling Flyer Design
- Brownie Inventor
- Brownie Letterbox
- Digital Leadership

### Outdoors



or

- Hiker
- Senses
- Cabin Camper
- Brownie Trail Adventure

### Life Skills



or

- First Aid
- Painting
- Pets

### Entrepreneurship



or

- Cookie Decision Maker
- Budget Builder
- My Own Budget
- Budding Entrepreneur