

# JUNIOR Year Plan Discover and Lead

# Your Awesome Year as a Girl Scout Volunteer

Fourth grade Juniors are excited to discover more of their world and lead the way to a bright future. Whether they're planning an epic outdoor adventure or learning how to flex their leadership skills online, they're ready to take charge and make big things happen. This guide will help you as your Girl Scouts explore activities focused on discovery, confidence, and practical skills that will help them be 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 • Family Meeting Two meetings plus field trip: Two meetings plus service • Cookie Entrepreneur Family Pin • Space Science Investigator • Space Science Investigator project: (part one) (part two) • Simple Meals (part two) • Simple Meals (part one) • Service project • Field trip **JANUARY FEBRUARY** MARCH **APRIL** Two meetings: Two meetings plus field trip: Two meetings plus field trip: Two meetings plus field trip: • My Cookie Team • Horse Back Riding • Practice with Purpose • Digital Leadership (parts one and two) (parts one and two) (part one and two) (parts one and two) • World Thinking Day event • Field trip My council cookie sale dates: **COOKIE TIME**

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.

# MAY SUM

One meeting plus celebration:

- Girl-led end-of-year celebration planning
- Celebration

# SUMMER



One meeting plus field trip:

- Junior Trail Adventurer
- Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge

# Choose a way to get started...

- Option 1: Access free online instructions to lead each of these meetings through the free Volunteer Toolkit (myGS.girlscouts.org). Simply log in, choose "Explore," then "Pre-Selected Tracks." Once you're there, you'll find "DISCOVER AND LEAD". Select that you're set!
- **Option 2:** Shop our printed activities at girlscoutshop.com/troop-year-plans.

# **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 life easier for you and allow your troop to connect with other Girl Scouts from their area.
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## **Girl Scouts Choose**

If one of the recommended options 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 or activity within the same focus area. Get the details on badges on our Award and Badge Explorer page (girlscouts.org/badgeexplorer). For information on patch programs, visit the Girl Scout Activity Zone (girlscouts.org/en/activity-zone/explore-girl-scouts.html).

#### **STEM**



or

- Automotive Design
- Digital Game Design
- Cybersecurity Basics
- Number in Nature

### **Outdoors**



or

- Animal Habitats
- Geocacher
- Camper
- Outdoor Art Explorer

# Life Skills



or

- Resilient. Ready. Strong (patch)
- First Aid
- Drawing
- Digital Photographer

# Entrepreneurship





or

- Business Jump Start
- Budget Maker
- Cookie Collaborator
- My Money Plan