

**SENIOR**  
Year Plan  
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Advocacy  
and Action

## Your Awesome Year as a Girl Scout Volunteer

Ninth grade Seniors know what they believe in and are ready to make the world a better place. Whether they're learning how laws are made (and dreaming up a few of their own) or taking part in a national service project, they're determined to make their mark. 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
			
<p>Two meetings plus outing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Girl-led planning</li> <li>• Family kickoff</li> <li>• Suggested outing: Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend</li> </ul>	<p>Two meeting plus field trip:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resilient. Ready. Strong. (patch)</li> <li>• Think Like a Citizen Scientist (Journey)</li> <li>• Field trip</li> </ul>	<p>Two meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Democracy (part one)</li> <li>• Think Like a Citizen Scientist (Journey)</li> </ul>	<p>Cookie Boss (part one)</p>
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
			
<p>Two meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adventurer (part one)</li> <li>• Cookie Boss (part two)</li> </ul>	<p>One meetings plus optional event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inside Government</li> <li>• World Thinking Day event</li> </ul>	<p>Two meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Democracy (part two)</li> <li>• Think Like a Citizen Scientist (Journey)</li> </ul>	<p>Two meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Think Like a Citizen Scientist (Journey and Take Action project)</li> </ul>
<p><b>COOKIE TIME</b></p> <p>The cookie program helps troops pay for things like field trips, badges, supplies, and celebrations. Cookie sales can even help fund destinations and travel. 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.</p>		<p>My council cookie sale dates:</p>	
MAY	SUMMER	<p><b>Choose a way to get started...</b></p> <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>ADVOCACY AND ACTION</b>". Select that 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>Two meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paddling</li> <li>• Think Like a Citizen Scientist (Journey)</li> </ul>	<p>One meeting plus activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adventurer</li> <li>• National service project</li> </ul>		

## Tips and Resources

- When you have the opportunity to get outside, go on 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.
- Discover more possibilities for your troop at Girl Scout Badge Explorer ([girlscouts.org/badgeexplorer](https://www.girlscouts.org/badgeexplorer)).

- Stay up to date with the latest in Girl Scout activities ([girlscouts.org/newactivities](https://www.girlscouts.org/newactivities)).
- Find fun videos, how-to's, and more at Girl Scout Activity Zone ([girlscouts.org/activityzone](https://www.girlscouts.org/activityzone)).
- Help your Girl Scouts explore the world around them! Troops can use cookie funds to plan trips - from overnight adventures to international travel. Individual Girl Scouts can apply for Girl Scout Destinations™, and travel the world with new Girl Scout friends! [Trips, Travel, and Destinations](#)

- Shop year plan printed resources at [girlscoutshop.com/troop-year-plans](https://www.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.

### STEM



or

- Cybersecurity Basics
- Programming Robots
- Animal Helpers
- STEM Career Exploration

### Outdoors



or

- Eco Explorer
- Sky
- Senior Trail Adventure
- Vote for Animals

### Life Skills



or

- Troop Performer
- Behind the Ballot
- Room Makeover
- Truth Seeker

### Entrepreneurship



or

- Business Startup
- Game Visionary
- My Cookie Network
- My Financial Power