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# Ambassador Parent Handbook

## About My Troop

Troop Number _____ Grade Level(s) _____

GS Community/County _____

_____

Meeting Day & Time _____

Meeting Location _____

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Troop Dues: Amount $_____ per _____

Leader/Co-Leader Information:

Name _____

Phone _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Name _____

Phone _____

## Who We Are

Founded in 1912, Girl Scouts of the USA is the preeminent leadership development organization for girls. Girl Scouts is the leading authority on girls' healthy development and builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.

### The Girl Scout Promise

*On my honor, I will try:*
To serve God and my country
To help people at all time
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

### The Girl Scout Law

*I will do my best to be:*
honest and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring,
courageous and strong,
and responsible for what I say and do,
*and to*
respect myself and others,
respect authority,
use resources wisely,
make the world a better place, and
be a sister to every Girl Scout.

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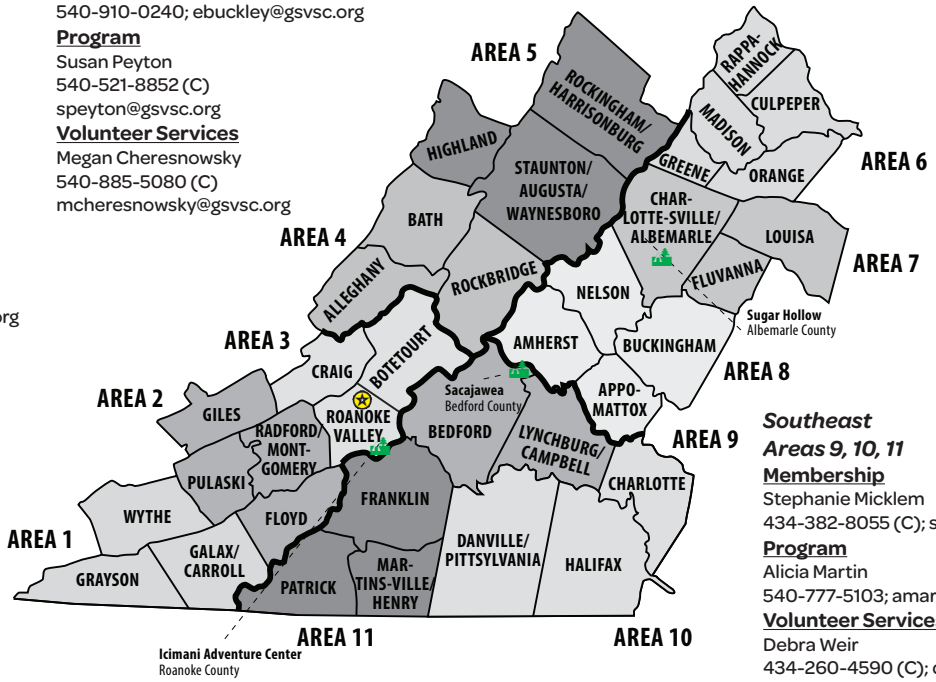
## About My Council

**Council:** Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline Council (GSVSC)
**Location:** 3663 Peters Creek Rd., NW, Roanoke, VA 24019
**Phone:** 540-777-510or 1-800-542-5905
**Website:** www.gsvsc.org

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### Council Map

**COUNCIL PROPERTIES**
- Council Headquarters
- Camps/Program Centers




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## Parent Resources

### GSVSC Training

GS101 lasts approximately 45 minutes and provides parents and new leaders with an interactive overview of what Girl Scouts is and strives to be for your Girl Scout(s). Access GS101 at: training.girlscouts.org. The password is "aboutGS101".
Currently, GSVSC offers additional online training for basic troop leadership (GS102 & GS103), Drivers/Chaperones (GS104*), Troop Product Sales (GS105), as well as Bronze, Silver and Gold Award training.

**Coming Soon online & in-person!**
GS106 Event Planning
GS201 Outdoor Visits & Indoor Overnights
GS202 Outings & Hiking Adventures
GS203 International Trips
GS301A Outdoor Education (OE) Planning
GS301B* Outdoor Education (OE) Overnight
GS302 Advanced Trail Hiking
GS303A* Backpacker Planning
GS303B* Backpacker Overnight
GS304 Updates & information to Outdoor Training
***In-person training only.***

For more details, refer to the GSVSC online training website or *Volunteer Essentials.*

### *Volunteer Essentials*

*Volunteer Essentials* is a publication that provides information about GSUSA, GSVSC, the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, troop finances, safety, Council policies and more. Access *Volunteer Essentials* at: gsvsc.org/volunteer-essentials.

### Safety Activity Checkpoints

Planning a troop trip or activity? Be sure to consult the Safety Activity Checkpoints to ensure girls' and adults' safety during trips and activities. Find a comprehensive list of Safety Activity Checkpoints at: gsvsc.org/programs/safety-activity-checkpoints.

### GSVSC Calendar

Find out more about upcoming events, programs and trainings at: gsvsc.org/calendar.

### Virtual Programs

GSVSC Virtual Programs allow girls to engage in interactive, high-quality programs in a safe and secure online environment. These virtual programs support what girls learn in their day-to-day Girl Scout experiences and reinforce the Leadership Journeys. Access the Virtual Programs at: gsvsc.org/programs/virtual-programs.

### GSVSC on Facebook

Follow GSVSC on Facebook! Access GSVSC's page at: facebook.com/GSVSC.

### e-Newsletters

Keep up-to-date with Council and GS Community news, Skyline Shop sales, upcoming programs and events and more with GSVSC e-newsletters. Sign-up at: gsvsc.org/enewsletters.

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## To Get Registered

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**Membership Registration Costs**
girls $17/adults $15

### My Family — New Parent Instructions
Membership Registration

- Go to **www.gsvsc.org/ebiz/**
- As a *First-time user*, please view instructional videos posted
- When you are ready to proceed, click on Go to eBiz site
- Once on the eBiz site, *First-time users*, click on the **New Online Account** to create username and password — Remember, only adults have access to the system and are able to view or manage membership & program records through this account
- In order to register your daughter, click Add a Family Member, enter her basic mailing and contact information
- Once family members are added, go to **My Family** tab to register members
- Select name(s) by checking the box next to each name.
- Select **"Purchase Girl Scout Memberships"** in the drop box next to **"I want to"** and click **Go**
- Follow the registration steps to answer questions for each member
- Be sure to select the **CORRECT** membership year from the drop down box. Depending on the time of year, you may have more than one option
- **Have the troop number handy!** In the ***PATHWAY ENTRY*** section, select **Troop**, and insert the troop number using **5** digits by adding zeroes as needed. (Ex. Troop 292 would be entered as 00292)
- Process payment. Remember, memberships are **NOT** active until you have processed payment and received a receipt
- **Don't forget to return to eBiz to register your daughter(s) for FUN Girl Scout Council Programs!**

**Parents use the eBiz site to:**

- Manage your online account
- Update you/your daughter(s) contact information
- Renew you/your daughter(s) membership
- Register you/your daughter(s) for programs
- Register for in-person adult learning courses
- Print membership card for the current year

**Need assistance?**

- If you have created an adult record and do not see your daughter(s) records under **My Family** tab, please email the GSVSC CES/eBiz Manager at eBiz@gsvsc.org
- If a child is labeled as ***managed by another adult,*** that adult must log-in to renew her membership.
- If the website indicated to contact GSVSC for any reason, please email the CES/eBiz Manager at eBiz@gsvsc.org and include: **Full legal name, address & birthdate (month/day/year)**

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## Important Dates

**Membership Year:** October 1 – September 30

**Fall Product Sale:** September 19 – December 1

**Juliette Gordon Low's Birthday:** October 31

**Cookie Sale:** January 1 – March 31

**World Thinking Day:** February 22

**Girl Scout Birthday:** March 12

**Leader Appreciation Day:** April 22

## About Product Sales

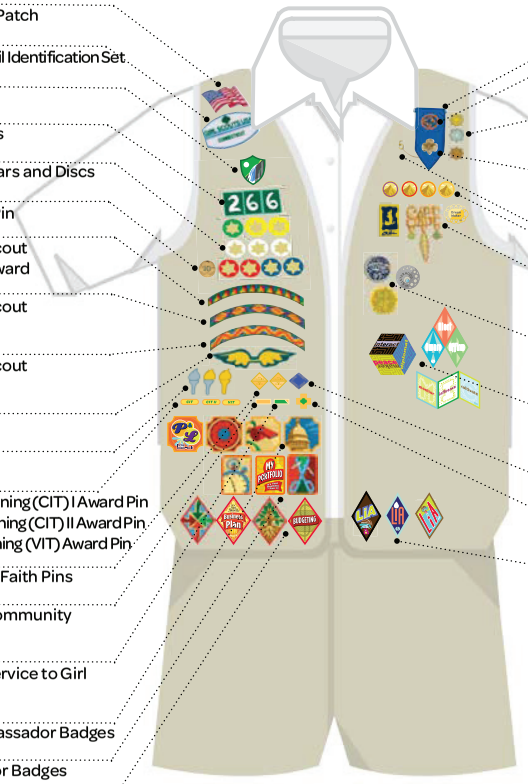
Each year, Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline Council conducts two council-sponsored product sales programs — the Fall Product Sale, beginning September 19, and the Cookie Sale, beginning January 1.

We want every Girl Scout to be a part of the tradition, values and fun of the Girl Scout Product Sales program! These programs have been specifically designed to teach your daughter:

- **Goal Setting**
- **Decision Making**
- **Money Management**
- **People Skills**
- **Business Ethics**

But she needs your help. Research shows the more a Girl Scout's parent/guardian is involved, the more success she'll experience from the Product Sales program. Remember, she is the seller, not you. For more information on how you can support your Girl Scout during the Product Sales program, safety guidelines and tips to have a successful product sale, visit: gsvsc.org/cookiesale/parents or take GS105 online — Orientation for Troop Product Sale Managers.

# Showing You're an Ambassador



- $2.25 American Flag Patch
- $5.50 Girl Scout Council Identification Set
- $1.50 Troop Crest
- $1.75 ea. Troop Numerals
- $1.70/set Membership Stars and Discs
- $6 10 Year Award Pin
- $2.50 Bridge to Girl Scout Ambassador Award
- $2.50 Bridge to Girl Scout Senior Award
- $2.50 Bridge to Girl Scout Cadette Award
- $1 Brownie Wings
- $4 ea. Torch Awards
- $4 Counselor in Training (CIT) I Award Pin
  Counselor in Training (CIT) II Award Pin
  Volunteer in Training (VIT) Award Pin
- $3 My Promise, My Faith Pins
- $3 Ambassador Community Service Bar
- $3 ea. Ambassador Service to Girl Scouting Bar
- $2 ea. Girl Scout Ambassador Badges
- $2 ea. Girl Scout Senior Badges
- $2 ea. Girl Scout Cadette Badges

- Ambassador Insignia Tab $3
- World Trefoil Pin $2.50
- Girl Scout Gold Award, Silver Award and Bronze Award Pins $7.50 ea.
- Girl Scout Membership Pin (see back) $2.50
- Membership Numeral Guard $3
- Journey Summit Award Pins $3.50
- Ambassador Journey Award Pins and Badges $9; $3
- Senior Journey Award Pins and Badges $9; $3
- Cadette Journey Award Badges $6
- Cookie Sale Activity Pin $1.15
- Safety Award Pin $3
- Cadette Leadership in Action (LiA) Award Badges $3 each

If your awards and badges don't fit on the front of your vest or sash, you can wear them on the back.



Place your Journey awards above your badges.

# Showing You're an Ambassador

| Sashes | Vests |
|---|---|
| Regular – $9 | Small (5/6-7/8) – $26 |
| X-long – $9 | Medium (9/10-11/12) – $26 |
| | Large (13/14-15/16) – $26 |
| | X-L (17/18-19/20) – $26 |
| | 1X (18-20) – $26 |
| | 2X (22-24) – $26 |
| | 3X (26-28) – $26 |
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| **Membership pin $2.50** | |
| Traditional  |  Contemporary |

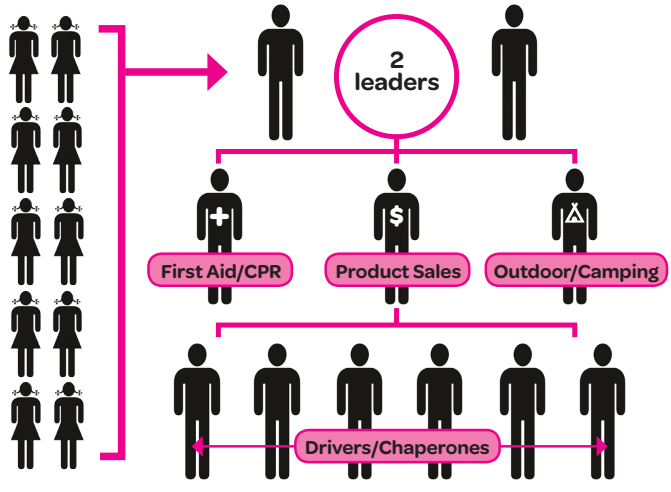
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## Being Part of The Troop Family ... How Can I Help?

Being a troop leader is wonderful, but there are other ways parents can help. All roles require volunteer application/background check and membership registration. In many cases, the council will provide the training (marked with *). Please indicate how you, too, would like to help the troop. Check all that apply:

- ❒ *Co-leader
- ❒ *Driver or chaperone for troop activities
- ❒ *Troop Treasurer
- ❒ *Troop Cookie Sale Manager
- ❒ *Troop Fall Product Sale Manager
- ❒ First-Aid/CPR
- ❒ Lifeguard
- ❒ Water Safety Instructor
- ❒ Licensed Driver
- ❒ *Archery Instructor
- ❒ *GSVSC Outdoor Education-certified (camping)
- ❒ Babysit for leader/co-leader during meetings or training
- ❒ Coordinate troop snacks
- ❒ Shop and/or run errands for troop materials
- ❒ Provide a place to store troop equipment/supplies
- ❒ Provide access to a printer or make copies
- ❒ *Special program interests:
  - ❒ arts & crafts
  - ❒ astronomy
  - ❒ auto maintenance
  - ❒ bicycling
  - ❒ boating
  - ❒ career planning
  - ❒ computers
  - ❒ camping
  - ❒ cooking and nutrition
  - ❒ community service
  - ❒ dental health
  - ❒ drama/theatre
  - ❒ dance
  - ❒ drawing/painting
  - ❒ ecology
  - ❒ engineering
  - ❒ environmental issues
  - ❒ fashion
  - ❒ foreign languages/ cultures
  - ❒ family heritage
  - ❒ history
  - ❒ health
  - ❒ horseback riding
  - ❒ knitting/ crocheting
  - ❒ leadership skills
  - ❒ music
  - ❒ outdoors
  - ❒ photography
  - ❒ pets & animals
  - ❒ religion/faith
  - ❒ sports/fitness
  - ❒ self-defense
  - ❒ science
  - ❒ singing
  - ❒ sewing
  - ❒ storytelling
  - ❒ sculpting
  - ❒ swimming
  - ❒ travel




| Name: |
| --- |
| Telephone (h) |
| Telephone (c) |
| E-mail address |

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# Parent Handbook Order Form

| | |
|---|---|
| Girl Name: | Parent/Guardian Name: |
| Address: | |
| E-mail address: | Home Phone or Cell Phone #: |
| ☐ Need Girl Membership Financial Assistance (Completed Form #1117 attached) | ☐ Need Adult Membership Financial Assistance (Completed Form #1116 attached) |
| ☐ Purchasing Girl Membership online (eBiz) $17 | ☐ Purchasing Adult Membership online (eBiz) $15 |

| ***Please indicate payment for memberships below, if not requesting financial assistance or not paying for membership fees online via eBiz.*** | Quantity | Price of Each Item | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ Girl Membership registration fee $17 (Girl Reg. Form attached) | | $17 | |
| ☐ Adult Membership registration fee $15 (Adult Reg. Form attached) | | $15 | |
| ☐ Troop Dues (varies by troop) _____ | | | |
| | | *Registration & Dues Subtotal:* | |

## *Please indicate purchase of insignia and uniform pieces below:*

| Item Description | Size | Quantity | Price of Each Item | Total |
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| | | | **GS Merchandise Total** | |
| | | | **Registration & Dues Subtotal** | |
| | | | **Grand Total** | |
| ☐ **Cash or** ☐ **Check#** | | | **Payment Total** | |

Please make checks payable to Girl Scout Troop # _____