



# GIRL Scouts

**For girls. By girls.  
All girls.**

## How to Start a New Girl Scout Troop

We're excited to have you on board! As a Girl Scout volunteer, you get to shape some pretty awesome G.I.R.L.s (Go-getters, Innovators, Risk-takers, Leaders)™. Big feat, right? No fear—we're here to support you and help you along the way! Here's how to get started on your Girl Scout troop leader journey:

### STEP 1: Register & Complete Onboarding Online

- Visit our registration site to begin the volunteering process: [GirlScoutsRV.org/Volunteer](https://GirlScoutsRV.org/Volunteer)
- Become a member of Girl Scouts of the USA. National membership dues are \$25, and financial assistance is available
- During the join process, select the troop you want to lead/co-lead. If you want to start a new troop, select "Unsure" and let us know in the notes section: "I want to start a troop"
- Follow-up emails will guide you through completing your required background check and troop leader orientation

### STEP 2: Build a Team of Volunteers to Help

A troop needs at least two unrelated adults to get started. Troop leaders can use help from volunteers to prepare for activities throughout the year. Troop volunteers commonly help with the Cookie Program, provide adult supervision, and transport girls to and from field trips—parents of girls in your troop are prime candidates to help out. Talk with other caring adults in your neighborhood and school community about starting a troop together.

### STEP 3: Pick a Troop Meeting Day, Time, & Location

It's a great idea to start thinking about how your troop will start meeting right away. You can contact potential venues now as you complete your registration and onboarding to find a good meeting space. Keep in mind:

- Most troops meet twice per month, but you can choose a schedule that works best for you
- Your meeting space needs to be a safe, clean, and secure environment that allows all girls to participate
- Good options include: schools, libraries, places of worship, community centers, and local businesses

### STEP 4: Spread the Word About Your Troop

Even while you wait to complete your onboarding and get a troop number, you can talk to your friends, neighbors, and other families in the community about your new troop. In addition to your word-of-mouth efforts, your troop will be listed in our online troop catalog, so you may have additional girls learning more about your troop that way!

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