

girl scouts 
of the missouri
heartland

Spring Renewal 2026

Renew Today!





Where Leadership Grows

Renew now and give your Girl Scouts another year to grow, lead, and shine.



Time to renew for another amazing year!

Girl Scouts of all ages need troop leaders like you to bring the Girl Scout magic to life. You'll guide your troop as they:

- Plan epic adventures in their communities and beyond.
- Earn fun patches and badges like the Body Appreciation badge.
- Laugh and develop lasting friendships.

The best part? You'll encourage them every step of the way!

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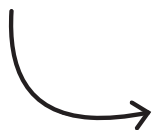
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Renew today!

Renewing your troop early means the fun doesn't have to pause, Girl Scout activities can continue all summer and into the new membership year without interruption! Reach out to each girl in your troop to help them renew and stay on track, stay organized, and unlock exciting individual and troop incentives!

View more Experience Box
Information and eligibility
requirements here:



Planning is easier than ever with Troop Year Plans, the Volunteer Toolkit (VTK) and a supportive Girl Scout community.

New Daisy (K-1) and new or bridging Brownie (2-3) leaders can receive up to 8 Girl Scout Experience Boxes*—delivered monthly to their door! Each box includes simple scripts, easy instructions, and ready-to-use supplies for fun, stress-free meetings.

**Troops must have a minimum of 4 girls in each experience box eligible program level and 2 active and screened volunteers.*

Troop Leader Tip: Prepare for an easy renewal by verifying your roster in myGS today!

Spring Renewal 2026

April 1–June 1, 2026

Girls and troops who renew early this year will qualify for exciting incentives to engage your girls all summer long!

Earn Through Cookies

Girls now have the opportunity to earn their 2026 Girl Scout Membership and Spring Renewal Incentives through the 2026 Cookie Program!

Here's how it works:

Girls who sell 300+ packages of cookies can choose to earn the 2026 Membership and Spring Renewal Incentives reward option through our 2026 Cookie Program rewards plan. For selling 300+ packages, girls can select one of the following rewards:

- Plush Standing Ferret, 300+ Achievement Bar, and \$60 Cookie Credit

- OR -

- Plush Standing Ferret, 300+ Achievement Bar, and 2026 Membership + Spring Renewal Girl Incentives* (2026 Membership is a \$65 value!)

** For girls who choose this reward, the Cookies+ Team will take care of renewing all the earners. No action needed by Troop leaders or caregivers.*

*During The
2026 Cookie
Program!*

Girl Renewal Perks

The first 1,500 girls who renew between April 1 and June 1, 2026, including girls who renew through the cookie reward incentive, will receive:

- 'Get Fired Up' Spring Renewal Patch
- GSMH-branded color changing water bottle
- 'Get Fired Up' girl program activity designed just for her!
 - The GSMH 'Get Fired Up' program includes activities for girls to build confidence, practice positive self-talk and reflect on what keeps them motivated to make a difference as a Girl Scout.



Troop Renewal Perks

One of the most common expenses as a troop is uniforms, badges and patches for girls and troop activities.

This year, all troops who renew 85% of their troop girls (or higher) and 2 volunteers, will be entered for a chance to win one of twenty-five \$50 GSMH Retail Shop gift cards to help with these purchases!

Troop Renewal Hikes

Troops who renew at least 3 girls and 2 volunteers will also have the chance to register for **a summer troop activity!**

These day activities in Summer 2026 will be coordinated by GSMH staff. Troops can register for a troop program, where troops will get outdoors, work as a team on short challenges and build their self-confidence and communication skills.*

Hikes will take place at the 4 following dates and locations:

- June 27th, 2026 - Ha Ha Tonka State Park (Camdenton, MO)
- June 27th, 2026 - Latonka Program Center (Wappapello, MO)
- July 11th, 2026 - Rockbridge Memorial State Park (Columbia, MO)
- July 18th, 2026 - Roaring River State Park (Cassville, MO)

*Troop leaders may only register for 1 location/date for this incentive and must register for the event as a troop activity. This is not an individual girl incentive. Troops should fill out all required travel and meet ratio as needed to attend as a troop. More detailed information available in gsEvents.

Adult & Lifetime Members

Renewing adults and Lifetime members can receive a **Spring Renewal patch** by request!*

**There are limited adult patches available which will be dispersed on a first come, first served basis. Patches will not be available for purchase and only able to be requested using this form.*





Give Your Troop an Unforgettable Start to the Year!

Don't miss out on the **Girl Scout Experience Box™: Limited Special Edition** for Juniors! This exclusive, one-time offer equips your troop with everything needed to kick off your Girl Scouting experience.

To get your box, renew or register one adult and four Girl Scout Juniors (4th–5th grade during the 2026–27 school year). Multi-level troops that include Juniors can also qualify.

What's inside:

- *Uniquely Us* badge activities and supplies
- *Digital Leadership* badge activities and supplies
- *Digital Well-Being* activities
- Family Resources



Renew starting April 1, 2026 to reserve your Girl Scout Experience Box for Juniors.

Act quickly—quantities are limited!

Boxes will ship this summer, while supplies last. Visit girlscouts.org/juniorbox or scan the QR code to secure your box!





Eligibility Requirements

Ensuring legal troop status is an important part to the Spring Renewal process. Troops must consist of a minimum of 3 registered girls and 2 registered, fully screened adults by the reward deadline to qualify. Troops with fewer than 3 registered girl members and 2 registered and fully screened adults will not receive Troop Incentives, though girls will still be eligible for individual incentives.

- Extended-year memberships will not count toward Spring Renewal requirements.
- Girls who participated in the 2026 Cookie Program with a troop cannot be removed from that troop for renewal purposes.
- Troop transfers must be completed by April 30, 2026, and no girls will be removed from any troop until after the 2026 Cookie Program ends.
- All incentives are distributed at the discretion of GSMH and may be subject to change

Troop Shop Gift Card Incentive

- Troops must renew 85% or more of their girl members to qualify for the drawing.
- Troops with an outstanding cookie program balance as of May 30, 2026, will not be eligible.

Troop Hike Activity

- This is not a drop off event.
- This program is designed to be attended by troops.
- Troops must attend with volunteer ratio for the number of girls they bring.
- This activity will be GSMH staff-led, so leaders and parents can enjoy *with* their girls.
- Participants should be able to do an easy 30-45 minute trail hike/walk, or bring additional volunteers to accompany girls on the hike/walk.
- Troops will be able to register for 1 location/date only.
- Graduating girls who renew as adult members or with a new lifetime membership will count toward the girl renewal requirement.
- Cash or program credit will not be given in place of the experience.

Ways To Pay

MY27 National Membership dues for Girls are \$65 & Adult dues are \$30.

Don't let finances be a barrier to renewing. Assistance is available.

Payment Method	Who Can Use This?	How To Use It
Troop Funds Via Debit Card *Recommended for Troop Renewal!*	This decision should be girl-led . Troop leaders can complete this payment if girls agree.	Choose Debit/Credit as payment method when registering via MyGS.
Debit Card / Credit Card	Everyone	Choose Debit/Credit as payment method when registering via MyGS.
Program Credit (<i>Cookie Credit</i>)	Girl Memberships Only. Parent/Guardian can choose this payment option for their girl(s).	Choose Program Credit as Payment Type in MyGS. Scan to submit card info: 
Financial Aid	Parents/Guardians	Select Financial Aid as Payment Type when registering via MyGS.
Cash / Check	Everyone!	Please reach out to info@girlscoutsmoheartland.org or 877-312-4764 if you would like to pay via cash or check.

Safety First!

Please **do not** submit debit or credit information in any written communication, including email or text message! We cannot accept any debit/credit card information in writing. If you submit payment information in this manner, we will delete it and contact you via phone to complete your payment. Program credit (*cookie credit*) information is an exception to this rule.



From troop meetings to cookie booths to fun trips and events, Girl Scouts is better with **Troop Helpers!**

Girl Scouts is a

Family Affair!

Troop Helpers play an important role in aiding leaders to ensure girls have safe and fun experiences at meetings and beyond. Each troop may utilize a Troop Helper differently, but all Troop Helpers must be registered, background checked, and screened members. This includes completing mandated reporter training and signing Annual Volunteer Agreement before assisting the troop and interacting with girl members. These volunteers count towards your volunteer-to-girl ratios for meetings and outings, and can help all girls, not just their own.

Registered parents can help in many ways!

Ask parents or caregivers how much free time they have each week – whether it's 30 minutes or two hours – and think about how you may be able to use their help and enrich your troop experience.

- Could they arrive early and set up activity stations before the meeting?
- Could they chaperone on a day trip or overnight event?
- Do they have a job that relates to one of the four program pillars of Girl Scouting?
 - (STEM, Life Skills, Outdoors, or Entrepreneurship)?
- Could they be a guest speaker and answer questions the girls may have about their job?
- Could they lead an activity related to their job or interests?
- Can they keep track of troop finances?
- Can they put together a group chat for all the parents in the troop?
- Can they work with you to plan an outing with the girls?

2026 Spring Renewal

Winning Patch Design:

The winner of the **2026 Spring Renewal Patch Contest** is Adi R. with her **“Get Fired Up for Girl Scouts” patch!**

Adi’s design is a motivational theme, inspiring action and a call to leadership. This patch celebrates the enduring legacy of Girl Scouts and our commitment to service and friendship. Way to go, Adi!

Want to design next year’s custom patch?
Check out the next page for details on
how to enter!

The first 1500 girls who renew between April 1, 2026-June 1, 2026 will receive the Get Fired Up patch and have the opportunity to enter the Girl- Led Patch Design Contest for 2027!

*Designed by a
Girl Scout!*



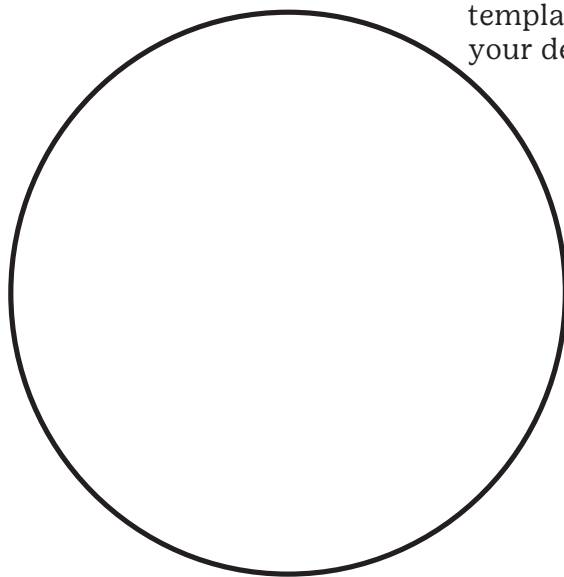
Troop Leaders, feel free to make photo copies of the next page to give to the girls in your troop for next year’s patch design entries!

It's time to show off your creative side in this **Girl-Led patch design contest!**

Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland members who renew this spring are invited to design the **Spring Renewal patch for 2027**—imagine seeing your patch design on the sashes and vests of over 1000 sister Girl Scouts!

The winner will also receive their **2027-2028 membership for free** and a **certificate signed by our CEO!**

Use this as a template for your design.



Contest Rules:

- Submission Deadline: **June 30, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.**
- One entry per girl.
- Only active, registered members of GSMH for MY26 in grades K–12 are eligible to enter.
- Designs must include “Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland” or “GSMH” and the year “2027.”
- All designs must be original and cannot contain copyrighted photos, illustrations, or renderings. If the trefoil is used in design, the trefoil may not have any writing or pictures inside of it and can only be used once.
- GSMH has the right to make needed changes or updates to the size, shape, colors, and/or design of the final chosen patch design.

How to Enter & Win:

1. Create your design within a 3” circle using any medium you like!
2. Fill out the form, scan, and upload your design using the QR code below.
3. A committee will choose the top three designs, then hand it over to you!
4. Public voting for the final winner will be on the Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland Facebook page.
5. The winner and final patch design will be announced in Summer 2026!



Submit your design here!

You Could Design

Next Year's Patch!



GSUSA Dues:

What are they for?

In October 2024, GSUSA held a national delegate session to evaluate proposals to increase national membership dues for all members across the country. During this meeting, national delegates, including those from GSMH, voted to increase national membership dues in both MY26 and MY27. For MY27 (October 1, 2026-September 30, 2027), National Membership dues for Girls are \$65 and Adult dues are \$30.

The Benefits of Girl Scouting:



What do our National Membership Dues Support?

Every dollar of membership dues is sent to GSUSA to cover the cost of fundamental services supporting the Girl Scout Movement at the national and local levels.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- Research, resources and training
- Support and training for local councils
- Accident insurance for members participating in approved Girl Scout activities
- Technology improvements (MyGS, gsLearn, Volunteer Toolkit, Digital Cookie, etc.)
- Program development (badgework, patches, leadership and highest awards development)

Know someone who wants to be a Girl Scout?

Extended Year memberships are available for new participants! This allows a new Girl Scout to spend the summer with her troop before amping up for a school year full of adventures!



Gear Up for Girl Scouts!

Bridging Resources



Uniform Guides



GSMH Online Retail Shop



The GSMH Retail Shop has your Girl Scout gear!
Next Shop Saturday: May 2, 2026

Visit www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org for all details about Spring Renewal eligibility.

Need help with renewal or accessing MyGS on the GSMH website? Email us at info@girlscoutsmoheartland.org and a member of our team will follow up with you!

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