



# Community Troop FAQs

## *Frequently Asked Questions*

### **What is a Community Troop?**

Community Troops are special! These troops meet in various schools, churches, and community centers - as well as virtually - and are led by trained Girl Scout staff members and volunteers. Girls take part in engaging, challenging, and fun activities like earning badges, selling cookies, exploring science, getting outdoors, and doing community service projects — all part of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

### **How much does it cost?**

The annual fee for Girl Scout membership (GSUSA) is \$25.00. Community Troops offer three options for membership fee payment: pay full price (\$25), pay half price (\$12.50 with partial financial aid), or full financial aid. These options are selected on the girl's registration form. This fee is for GSUSA membership **ONLY**. Community Troop program costs for supplies, travel, and staffing, etc. are covered through the Girl Scout Cookie Program and grants. Girls have the option to purchase Girl Scout uniforms if they would like, but they are not required.

### **When do girls meet, and where?**

Community Troops often meet at a school, community center, or church. This occurs during and after the school day. Some schools meet once a month, while others may meet bi-weekly.

### **How can I be involved?**

There are several ways adult volunteers can be involved in Community Troops:

1. Participate in the bi-weekly meetings at or after school.
2. Assist with the Girl Scout Cookie Program!
3. Provide assistance with promoting the program in other schools.
4. Help recruit new volunteers to get involved!

### **Do girls sell cookies?**

Yes! Community Troops start learning about the Girl Scout Cookie Program in November, and sell cookies December - February.

### **What do the cookie profits pay for?**

*Cookie funds help pay for...*

1. Awards girls earn during the sale.
2. Supplies, badges, travel, and staff time at meetings each month.
3. Financial aid options for other girls at your school to join Girl Scouts.

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## **Does my daughter need a uniform? If so, how much does it cost?**

Girl Scout uniforms are optional. These can be bought at your local Girl Scout Leadership Center or online at [https://bit.ly/gshs\\_UniBundle](https://bit.ly/gshs_UniBundle). They consist of a sash or tunic, troop number, Council ID, American Flag, and membership pin. Depending on the type of uniform chosen, costs run between \$40-\$50.

## **Does my daughter do activities outside of school?**

Your daughter has access to the same activities provided by our council as every other Girl Scout. To learn more about activities she can attend, visit:

<https://www.girlscoutshs.org/en/activities/events.html>

## **Does my daughter earn badges/patches?**

Yes! Community Troops participate in badge-earning programs throughout the school year, and girls will receive 6-7 badges at the End of the Year Celebration.

## **Can my daughter go to camp?**



Of course! Camp is open to all girls! There is also financial aid available to help with the cost. 2024 Girl Scout Camp brochures will be handed out at your daughter's meeting place in January/February 2024.

## **How does my daughter receive her awards from the cookie sale?**

Typically, rewards are delivered to the council offices prior to the last meeting date in May and will be distributed to girls by their troop leader (along with all patches/badges earned) at the End of the Year Celebration.

To learn more about Community Troops visit:  
[https://bit.ly/gshs\\_CommunityTroops](https://bit.ly/gshs_CommunityTroops)

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