

# *Guidebook for Individually Registered Girls and their Caregivers*

(Also known as IRG's or Juliette's)

Girl Scouts  
Lead the Way



# Council Information

## Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana (GSNIM)

Our Council spans a 22-county region in northern Indiana and southwest Michigan serving nearly 4,500 girls and 2,500 volunteers.

### Our Council Service Center Locations:

Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana

Fort Wayne Leadership and Learning Center

10008 Dupont Circle Drive East

Fort Wayne, IN 46825



Michiana Service Center

1218 East University Drive

Granger, IN 46530

Phone: 1-800-283-4812 or Email [frontdesk@gsnim.org](mailto:frontdesk@gsnim.org)



### We have four camps you can explore:

**Camp Logan**, Syracuse, Indiana

**Camp Soni Springs**, Three Oaks, Michigan

**Camp McMillen**, Hometown, Indiana

**Camp Wildwood**, Logansport, Indiana

# Juliette Gordon Low, our founder.



Since the founding of the Girl Scout Movement on March 12, 1912, more than a century ago, **Juliette Gordon Low's** small circle of girls has grown to include nearly 3 million girl members and more than 50 million Girl Scout alums. We are united across the decades by a spirit of lifelong friendship and shared adventure and the desire to do big things to make the world a better place. For over 100 years now, Girl Scouts have been building girls to be strong leaders of tomorrow.



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Today

## **GIRL SCOUT PROMISE**

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

\*Girl Scouts of the USA makes no attempt to define or interpret the word "God" in the Girl Scout Promise. It looks to individual members to establish for themselves the nature of their spiritual beliefs. When making the Girl Scout Promise, individuals may substitute wording appropriate to their own spiritual beliefs for the word "God."

## **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.



What do we have to offer our **IRG's**?

**Answer...EVERYTHING!!!!**

There is a place for every girl in Girl Scouts! **IRG's** can mix and match their interests to customize their own unique Girl Scouting experience. The great part of being an **IRG** is the fact that you can take **Girl Scouts** everywhere you go. No set meeting dates, or times, just work on a badge when and where you want. **IRG's** can also work with other **IRG's** on projects! If your daughter has a close friend that would like to join with her, that friend can become an **IRG** too; the girls can do fun activities together.





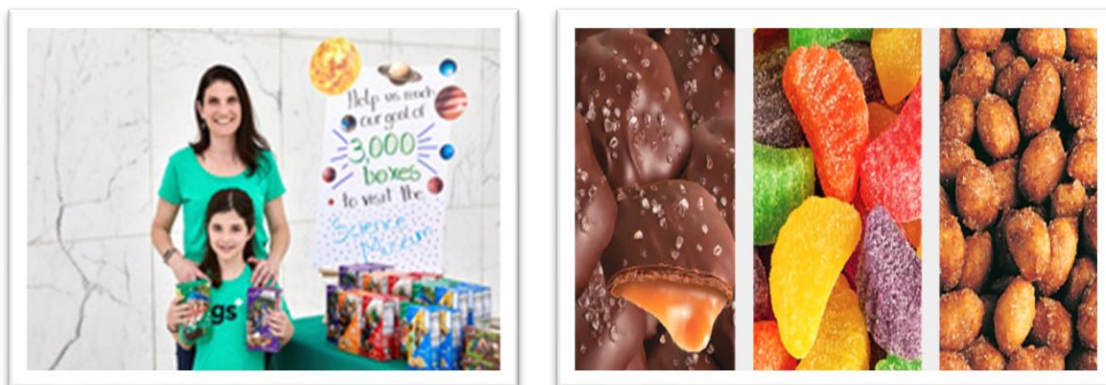
# Our website



There are so many things **IRG's**, and their caregivers can do together!

- Hover over the '**Activities**' tab, there you will see Camps, Programs, and fun kits. Under Programs you can search for an Event your daughter may want to do and much more.
- There are **multiple** resources, under '**Members** -> For Girls Scouts.
- You can access your **Volunteer Toolkit (VTK)**, under **MY GS**. The **VTK** is where you can plan your activities for the year, make a calendar for yourself and much more!
- For Camps search under the '**Activities**' -> **Camp and Outdoors**, you can rent a tent or lodge for you and your **IRG** to go do some outdoor adventures or your **IRG** can attend a Council or Community Camp.

# Product Sales



We have two money-earning projects for our girls: **Nuts & Candy + Magazines** in the fall, and **Cookies** in the winter. Your daughter can sell both products and earn money for herself to do all the **activities** she would like to do in Girl Scouts. She will learn great entrepreneurship, customer service, and financial skills!

The money your **IRG** makes goes into a **Program Credit Account** in her name.

**Program Credits** are used by girls who are not in a troop who have participated in the Fall Product Program and/or Girl Scout Cookie Program. Program credits may **only** be used by the girl who earned them. Program credits can be used in a variety of ways:

- At either of our Girl Scout Shops
- Council-sponsored activities/events/camp
- Approved volunteer-led events or camp
- Approved expenses for Silver or Gold Awards
- Membership renewal fees



# Fall Program



## Cookies

Find Cookies

Meet the Cookies

## Cookie+ Seller & Volunteer Resources

For Cookie Sellers

Cookie Resources

[Fall Program](#)



Find out how to buy Girl Scout Cookies, explore Girl Scout Cookie flavors, try delicious recipes, see how girls learn essential life skills, and more.

Hover over the  
“Cookies+” Tab.

Click on “Fall  
Program”

## Forms

- [Girl Product Program Permission Form-Online | PDF](#)
- [Volunteer Product Agreement Form-Online | PDF](#)
- [Fall Product Rewards Information](#)
- [Nutty Bucks & Cookie Dough Guidelines](#)
- [Registration Video for Girls & Caregivers](#)
- [Order Card](#)

Click on Forms,

You can fill out your “**Girl Product Program Permission form**” online.

This form needs to be filled out before you can sell.

NOTE: Under Troop Number, you will need to put

Troop Number 00000.

After you fill out the GPPP form,

all the information you need to sell Nut’s and Candy are under “Forms”,  
“Tips, Safety and Fun Stuff”, and “Volunteer Training” Tabs.

NOTE: You will pick up your Paperwork from your Service Unit Product  
Person, you will learn about this after Cookies.



# Cookies



SHOP

DONATE

MY GS

Discover ▾ Get Involved ▾ Activities ▾ Cookies+ ▾ Members ▾

To find the forms you need for selling Cookies, hover over the "Cookies+" Tab.

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Click on "For Cookie Sellers"

## For Volunteers

Forms

Health & Safety

Trainings

Finances

Cookie Booths

Cookie Links

Miscellaneous

## For Girls and Caregivers

For IRG's

Essentials

The Fun Stuff

Under "Forms" is where you can fill out the Girl Product Permission Form online, this form needs to be filled out before you can start selling Cookies. If you sold Nuts and Candy and already filled this form out, then you do not need to do it again until next year. If you are just selling Cookies, remember under Troop Number, you need to put 00000.

"For Girls and Caregivers",

Click on "For IRG's".

This is where you will find your cookie training, and the Program Credit Request Form.

Your **IRG** will also belong to what is called a **Service Unit (SU)**. Service Units are **led by experienced, dedicated volunteers who offer local support and programming for girls, troops, and volunteers in their geographic area**. Service Units hold events in your area that you can attend like: Father/Daughter Dance, Mother/Daughter Tea, Christmas Party, parades, etc. A **IRG** can attend any SU Event, SU Mangers will post events on the **GSNI-M IRG Caregivers Facebook** page for anyone to attend.

When it comes time to sell Products, your SU Product Person will be the one you will get your supplies from for selling Nuts & Candy or Cookies.

The SU Product Person will also be the one that will have your IRG's Incentives that she has earned for selling products. If you do not know who your SU is, send an email to [frontdesk@gsnim.org](mailto:frontdesk@gsnim.org) and we will be happy to help you.



We have two **Girl Scout Shops**, located in both of our Service Centers. You can shop online on our website for badges and program materials. Here you will find fun activity kits, uniforms, and so much more. See all the new outfits we have in stock as well!

**IRG's** are also known as **Juliette's**, this Juliette patch is worn by **IRG's** in place of troop numbers.



## Badges

Are worn on the front of their vest or sash.



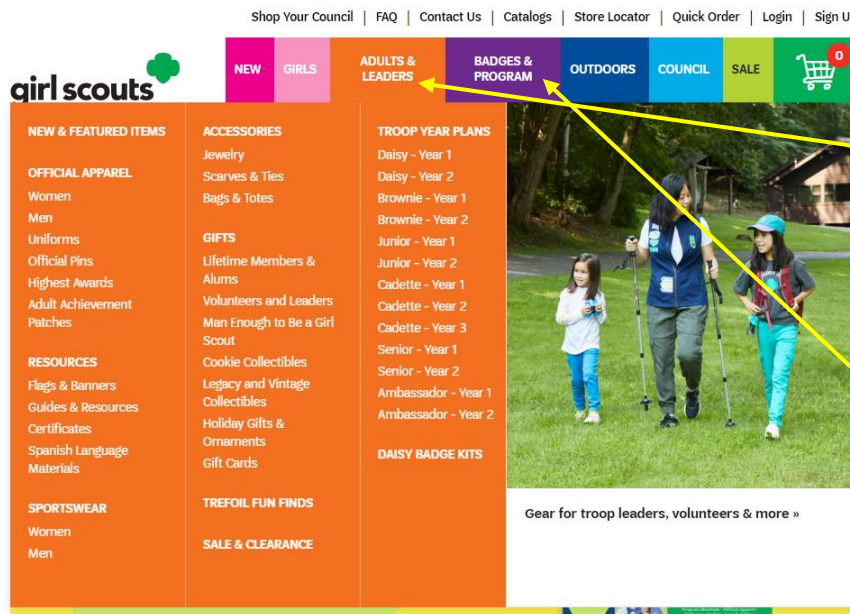
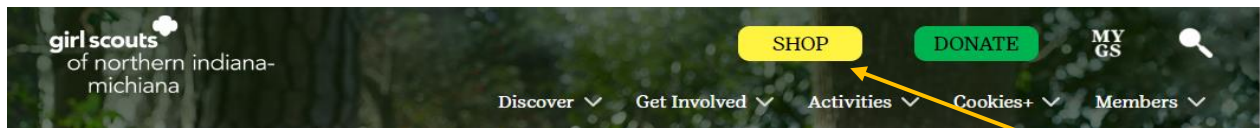
# Fun Patches



Fun patches go on the back of your uniform, these are for activities that are not badge-specific.

On our website, there are a few places to find badge requirements.

# GSNI-M SHOP



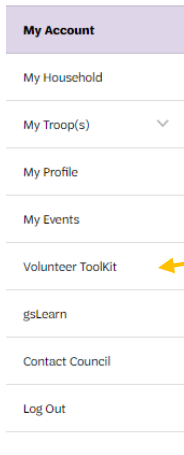
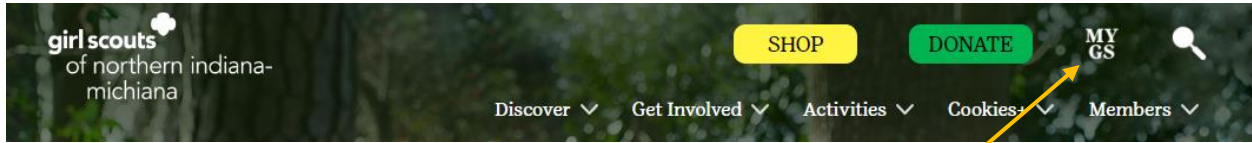
On our website, click on "SHOP".

Hover over the "ADULTS & LEADERS". Under Troop Year Plan, GSUSA has made a year plan for each level.

You can also click on "BADGES & PROGRAM",

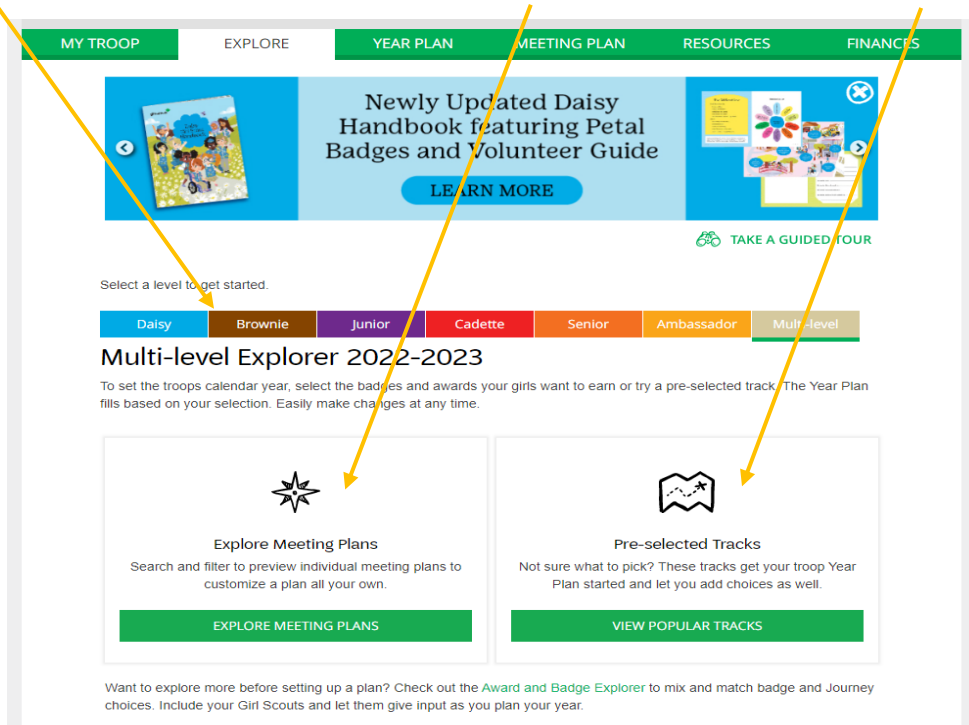
Find the level you daughter is in, and look through the Program Materials

# Volunteer Toolkit



You can find this by going to **MYGS**. Log into your account, the column on the left will have **Volunteer Toolkit**.

You can create a meeting plan with your **IRG** or use one of the Pre-Selected Tracks. Click on the Level of your **IRG**. "Explore Meeting Plans" or "Pre-Selected Tracks".



# Badge Explorer.

On our website, hover over “Members” Click on “Badges, Journeys & Awards.” Click on the “Learn More” under “Discover New Interests.”

The Badge Explorer has all the Badges and Journeys for each level.

Members / For Our Scouts / Badges, Journeys, and Awards / Award and Badge Explorer

## Badge Explorer

Developing an app? Building a community garden? Advocating for a cause you're passionate about? Yup, there's a badge for that. Find a list of the badges and Journey awards that Girl Scouts can earn, including badge requirements. Filter your results by grade level and topic. You can also select awards and badges to customize your PDF download.

Make your selections.

Grade Levels  
Brownie (Grades 2-3) Topics

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Brownie (Grades 2-3) X

- Automotive 1: Design
- Automotive 2: Engineering
- Automotive 3: Manufacturing
- Brownie First Aid
- Brownie Girl Scout Way
- Brownie STEM Career Exploration
- Brownie Snow or Climbing Adventure
- Brownie Trail Adventure

**Brownie STEM Career Exploration**  
Brownie (Grades 2-3) STEM

Find out how all the things you love-like camping, baking, and walking your dog-can become a job that changes the world. Then, create a plan to turn your dreams into a reality!

1. Explore your interests
2. Discover the possibilities
3. Learn about the day-to-day
4. Brainstorm your next steps
5. Share your goals

When you've earned this badge, you'll know how to use STEM to help others.

GET THIS BADGE

You can create a PDF of the Badges you and your IRG would like to work on.

Make your selection of Grade level, You can leave it on topics or click and select a topic your IRG has more interest in.

Next Create PDF

Badges will come up; click on the badges you want to work on.

Click on Create PDF

Example:

You picked Brownie STEM Career Exploration.

Created a PDF,

The requirements to earn this badge will be on the PDF.

Daisy Badges has 3 steps to complete a Badge requirement.

Brownies and up have 5 steps to complete a Badge requirement.



# Higher Awards

As an **IRG**, you can also work on our Higher Awards as well: the Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards.



The **Bronze Award** is earned while you are a **Junior** (grades 4 and 5), The **Silver Award** is earned as a **Cadette** (grades 6, 7, and 8), and **The Gold Award** is earned as a **Senior** or **Ambassador** (grades 9 - 12). To earn any of these awards, you need to complete a Journey in that level. Girl Scout Journeys are **multi-session experiences in which girls dig deeper into their interests and use the skills they gain along the way to make a difference in their community**. While badges show the world you've learned a new skill, Journey awards say, "I found a way to make a difference."



# Other Awards

**Leader in Action (LiA) Award** Achieving your LiA Award is a prerequisite to earning your Program Aide Award and must be completed before taking Program Aide training. This award is earned by Cadettes.

## **Cadette Program Aide (PA) Award**

PAs are role models for younger Girl Scouts. They have an opportunity to deepen their understanding of what leadership development means and guide younger girls to be leaders.

## **Faith-Based Awards - All Grade Levels**

Girls can learn what their faith and Girl Scouting have in common through earning faith-based awards including the [My Promise, My Faith](#) pin and Religious Recognitions. You can earn the My Promise, My Faith pin once a year, every year you are in Girl Scouts

## **Community Service Bar - Cadette, Senior, Ambassador**

Community Service Bars are earned by making a difference in the community and practicing Girl Scout values by volunteering at least 20 hours for an organization. Before starting, you should complete and submit the [Community Service Bar Application](#).

## **Torch Award - Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors**

This award is given to a Girl Scout who is a leader in her community. To earn the Torch Award, a Girl Scout must complete one Leadership Journey, and serve a full term in a leadership position at her school, place of worship, library, community center, or other organization that is important to her.

# Communication

- Third Sunday of the Month: Event Newsletter is sent to all members by e-mail
- Facebook: [Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana](#)
  - We also have an IRG Caregiver-exclusive Facebook group, called [“GSNIM IRG Caregivers”](#). There are postings all the time about new events taking place in our Council area.
- Twitter: GSNIM
- TikTok: girl.scout.nim
- Instagram: follow us at GSNI-M (girl\_scouts\_nim)
- Our website: [www.girlscoutsnortherindiana-michiana.org](http://www.girlscoutsnortherindiana-michiana.org)
- Old-fashioned snail mail
- Texts: Receive regular text messages from us, with reminders like “it’s time to renew your membership” or “You can now sign up for Summer Camp” Contact [frontdesk@gsnim.org](mailto:frontdesk@gsnim.org) to get started with texting!

You can always stop by one of our Service Centers to grab the latest flyer(s) of current events. We’d love to see you.



# Important Dates

World Thinking Day - February 22

Girl Scout Birthday - March 12

Girl Scout Week – the week containing the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Volunteer Appreciation and Leaders Day - April 22

Founder's Day - October 31 (Juliette Gordon Low's Birthday)

Membership year - October 1<sup>st</sup>-September 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year

Other dates, including Fall Product Sales, Cookie Program, camp, etc., change year to year. Check out the newsletters, Facebook, mailings, etc. for specific dates on these important events.

