



Volunteer Leadership Conference

2023 Class Descriptions

Class Session 1 – 10:00am – 10:45am

Ceremonies and Traditions – Connections Through Our Girl Scout Sisterhood

Discover the rich tapestry of Girl Scout ceremonies and traditions in our captivating session, where we delve into the heart of what has kept these traditions alive for over a century. This includes but is not limited to: Investiture, Court of Awards, Bridging, Flag Ceremonies, and much more! Understand the intrinsic value of girl-led ceremonies as they empower girls to shape their own experiences and create lasting memories. Join us to experience how a ceremony embodies the Girl Scout spirit, solidifying the organization's commitment to nurturing leaders of courage, confidence, and character.

Embracing the Outdoor Experience: Beginning Your Adventure

Spending time outdoors offers profound benefits for the social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development of youth, yet today's generation spends more time indoors than ever before. Our introductory workshop is tailored to empower volunteers in deepening their Girl Scouts' connection with nature. Join us to explore the potential of the GSLE Outdoor pillar, where you'll learn about troop-level activities and resources and gain a fresh outlook on the outdoor experience. You may find that you're already more prepared than you think!

Global Thinking and Explorations

For Girl Scouts, thinking globally used to be all about daydreaming about future travel adventures! Today, the world is at their fingertips, and the thrill of exploring new horizons knows no age limits! Discover the art of seamlessly infusing the essence of travel and global thinking into your troop meetings, empowering scouts of all ages to embark on a journey of cultural discovery and understanding.

Leveraging Your Girl Scout Volunteer Experience

Unlock the potential of your Girl Scout volunteer experience and learn how to apply your transferable skills in the real world. This course empowers you to recognize your leadership strengths, set meaningful goals, build networks, and enhance your resume and interview skills. By the course's end, you'll be well-prepared to navigate the professional world and leverage your Girl Scout background for personal and professional growth. Join us in celebrating your Girl Scout legacy and empowering your future!

Social Savvy

Keeping children you care about safe online is as important as keeping them safe in their real life. Do you know where the dangers lie? How do you balance their privacy and your desire to protect them? What are the best rules for online safety? Led by Alli Neal, founder of Revved Up Kids®, this information-packed session is ideal for parents, caregivers and youth-serving volunteers. It will open participants' eyes to a spectrum of online dangers and equip them with tools and action steps to recognize behavioral red flags and keep children and teens safer. Five danger zones will be covered: Addiction/Anxiety/Depression | Bullying | Reputation/Privacy | Inappropriate Content | Predators. (Note: This class spans two session times.)

Class Session 2 – 11:00am – 11:45am

Delightful Daisies

What makes Girl Scout Daisies so special? Where do they get all that energy? If you are still new to Daisies, or looking for new ideas for working with Daisies, join us to learn more!

Mind Over Matter

Empowering troop leaders to be champions of mental health for Girl Scouts! In this essential class, we will provide troop leaders with information, skills, and tools to help support the mental well-being of the girls in their care. Learn to recognize signs of mental health challenges, foster a safe and open environment for discussions, and discover strategies to promote resilience and emotional well-being. Together, we can support Girl Scout so that she can thrive, not only in her Girl Scouting journey, but in her mental health journey, too.

My Promise, My Faith

The Girl Scouts' My Promise, My Faith pin is an exciting opportunity for girls in grades K-12 to embark on a faith journey by exploring the Girl Scout Law and aligning it with the teachings of their faith. In this session, we will explore creative and inclusive approaches to engage girls of diverse backgrounds and belief systems, ensuring that every girl feels welcomed and respected as they earn their My Promise, My Faith pin. Learn how to facilitate meaningful discussions, plan activities, and connect with local faith communities to support your troop's spiritual growth.

Safety First

As a dedicated volunteer, you lead according to the Girl Scout motto of "Be prepared". Join Council's Risk Management Team to learn about the recently revamped Council Activity Approval Application, formerly known as the BTTE & Trips Application. Dive deep into vital topics such as Contracts, Insurance, Liability, and Accident and Incident Reporting. Together, we'll navigate the essential elements to ensure that your troop activities are not only enjoyable and exciting, but safe and successful, too!

Class Session 3 – 2:30pm – 3:15pm

Get Crafty: Upcycling Made Easy

Join us for this engaging workshop and be part of the movement to create a more sustainable and environmentally friendly world through the power of repurposing. Together, we can turn trash into treasure and make a positive impact, one craft at a time! Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn, create, have fun and be the change our world needs.

Joyful Juniors

Girl Scout Juniors have lots of options! If you are new to Juniors, or looking for new ideas for working with Juniors, join us to learn more!

Lead The Way With The VTK

Drive troop excellence with the Volunteer Toolkit (VTK)! Whether you're a seasoned leader or just starting your Girl Scout journey, this workshop is your gateway to fully harnessing the VTK's potential. Join us for a session to learn how to streamline troop management, plan engaging activities, and track badge progress with ease. Discover customizable meeting plans, simplified parent communication, and access to valuable resources like Badge & Journey guides. Elevate your troop leadership and inspire girls to unleash their potential. Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn about this volunteer leadership tool!

Outgoing Older Girls

Middle and High School girls are making the transition from girls to young women. You can help them find the woman they want to be. If you are new to Cadettes, Seniors or Ambassadors or are looking for new ideas, join us to learn more!

Step Into STEM

Explore the exciting world of STEM with us in this introductory workshop, where we address the fact that while girls and boys share equal math and science abilities, their interests and confidence levels often differ. Join us to learn and practice troop-level appropriate STEM activities and gain valuable insights on integrating STEM seamlessly into everyday life. Our turn-key lesson plans make use of common household items and readily available resources, providing you with the tools to empower the next generation and foster a lifelong love for STEM.

Class Session 4 – 3:30pm – 4:15pm

Achieving Excellence: Navigating Girl Scout High Awards

Join our informative Girl Scout High Awards Information Session to explore the Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award prerequisites, requirements, approval process, and recognition! In this fast-paced learning experience, you'll gain valuable insights into helping your girls pursue these prestigious awards. Plus, we'll provide important updates on the changing Silver Award approval process. It's your opportunity to have all your High Awards questions answered and discover how to help your troop members make their mark in the world of Girl Scouting.

Bubbly Brownies

Girl Scout Brownies have built-in adventure sensors! Learn how to help them find their own direction. If you are new to Brownies, or looking for new ideas for working with Brownies, join us to learn more!

Exploring the Great Outdoors: Your Guide to Girl Scout Camp Adventures

Do you find yourself wanting to take your troop camping, but you're not sure where to start? In this class, we will be covering ways that you can engage in the offerings of our three council-owned properties – whether that is planning your own troop camping weekend or participating in an event led by camp staff. This session is for leaders with troops of any size or level as well as Juliettes! Join us in an info packetted session of all things outdoor program at GSGATL– and have the chance to chat with a Camp Director in a Q&A at the end of the session.

Managing Troop Money

Enhance your troop's financial management game by joining us in this informative workshop. We'll review the guidelines for managing troop funds and ways to streamline your troop transaction processes. Learn about tools to support this important element of troop leadership - Volunteer Tool Kit and Cheddar Up. From budget tracking to expense management, the Volunteer Tool Kit offers an array of features to streamline your troop's financial operations. Additionally, explore the convenience of Cheddar Up for online payment collection and record-keeping, making financial transactions a breeze for both troop leaders and parents. By the end of this workshop, you'll possess the skills and confidence to ensure your troop's financial health and success.