

Pathways Program FAQs:

- What is Pathways?

Girl Scout Pathways is a new initiative by Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta (GSGATL) to encourage higher levels of participation and engagement by our 6th-12th grade Girl Scouts. Pathways is an umbrella term for the Cadette, Senior and Ambassador programming provided by Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, not an individual program. This includes monthly workshops guided by our Girl Scout pillars: STEM, Life Skills, and Entrepreneurship as well as our key programming such as [Cookie Rally](#), [STEM Expo](#), [Camp CEO](#), and [Journey to Justice](#).

- How does it work?

Pathways is organized into 5 key subject areas for our council to offer programs geared towards middle and high school Girl Scouts. Through the program, girls can either pick a single pathway to complete throughout the Girl Scout membership year (October - May) or select programs from multiple pathways to participate in.

- Build Your World (STEM)
- Cultivate Your Village (Mentorship)
- Define Your Why (Communication and Reflecting on your Girl Scout experience)
- Find Your Place (Workforce Development)
- Realize Your Impact (DEIA)

Girl Scouts are encouraged to participate in the wide variety of programming that our council offers to supplement troop or individual activities throughout the year. When girls complete or attend at least 6 of the 9 predesignated programs for any one track, they can submit their Pathways Passport for a piece of the Pathways Fun Patch!

- How do I get a Pathways Passport?

Pathways Passports are available for download on the GSGATL website under the Older Girl Program Page. Each passport is available for download individually.

- How can I sign up for Pathways?

Pathways does not have an official sign-up process! Pathways is open to any Cadette, Senior, or Ambassador that wants to participate in this program structure. Girl Scouts simply need to download one or more of the passports and they can begin their journey!

- What makes Pathways different than regular GS programming?

Pathways provides more structure and intentionality behind the programs our council can provide to older Girl Scouts across the board. Girl Scouts are encouraged to take one program year at a time and pursue an entire Pathway or they can peruse multiple programmatic opportunities and create their own Girl Scout year! This, in turn, provides both girl-choice and agency as Girl Scouts become more responsible for their experience and transparency from our council about what we offer each program year. The experiences laid out on the passports include a combination of camp programs, council structured programs, corporate and program

partner experiences, and badge work to create a unique and holistic Girl Scout experience year after year.

- Do I have to complete one path at a time?

No, you do not! At Girl Scouts, we believe in girl choice. This means that in addition to the specifically collected sets of program opportunities, our Older Girl Scouts are encouraged to pursue the opportunities that most interest them. For some Girl Scouts, that will be the entirety of a path. For others, this may look like a unique combination of different paths and opportunities that are most interesting to the Girl Scout.

- What happens if I run out of paths to complete?

There is more to come! Pathways is in its pilot year, and we are always looking for new and better ways to expand and improve our Girl Experience. Through the next few years, we will make a dedicated effort to improve and grow our experiences and opportunities for older Girl Scouts. Keep an eye out for new and improved experiences and ways to engage at the council level!

- What is the badge work for Pathways?

	Cadette	Senior	Ambassador
Build Your World	(Coding for Good), (Cybersecurity), (Robotics), Animal Helper, Digital Leadership, Digital Movie Maker, Science of Happiness, Space Science Researcher, Special Agent, STEM Career Exploration, Netiquette, Woodworker	(Coding for Good), (Cybersecurity), (Robotics), Digital Leadership, Game Visionary, Science of Style, STEM Career Exploration, Sky, Space Science Expert, Truth Seeker, Website Designer, Voice for Animals, Women’s Health	(Coding for Good), (Cybersecurity), (Robotics), STEM Career Exploration, Digital Leadership, Photographer, Space Science Master, Water
Cultivate Your Village	Field Day, Good Sportsmanship	Business Startup, My Cookie Network,	College Knowledge, Entrepreneur Accelerator, Girl Scout Way,
Define Your Why	Public Speaker, Democracy for Cadettes, My Cookie Venture, Cookie Innovator	Behind the Ballot, Democracy for Seniors, Senior Girl Scout Way, Cookie Boss, My Cookie Network	Girl Scout Way, Public Policy, My Cookie Business Resume, Democracy for Ambassadors, Cookie Influencer, My Cookie Business Resume
Find Your Place	Screenwriter, Special Agent, Woodworker, My Dream Budget, Democracy for Cadettes, Comic	Behind the Ballot, Car Care, Business Startup, Democracy for Seniors, Game Visionary, My	College Knowledge, Dinner Party, Entrepreneur Accelerator, Photographer, Public

	Artist, Cookie Innovator, Babysitter, Book Artist, Budget Manager, Business Creator, First Aid,	Financial Power, Novelist, Savvy Saver, Traveler, Troupe Performer, Truth Seeker, Collage Artist, Cross Training, Locavore, First Aid, Textile Artist, Voice for Animals, Women's Health	Policy, My Cookie Business Resume, My Financial Independence, My Financial Planner, Democracy for Ambassadors, First Aid, Coaching,
Realize Your Impact	Science of Happiness, Eating for You, Finding Common Ground, Democracy for Cadettes	Locavore, Women's Health, Democracy for Seniors, Behind the Ballot	Democracy for Ambassadors, Public Policy

- How can I get a stamp on my passport?

The Pathways Passport is completed on a Girl Scout honor basis. If you complete the badge work on your passport or an activity without a GSGATL staff representative, feel free to stamp it or cross it off on your own. At some of our key events such as STEM Expo, Camp CEO, Journey to Justice, Gold Award Ceremony, and more, you can present your passport at check in, and a staff member will stamp your passport to mark your attendance! This process is still being developed, so don't fret if you've been to an event and haven't gotten a stamp yet.

- Does Pathways help with my Silver or Gold Award?

Participating in Pathways can certainly help you in your journey to earn your Silver or Gold Award! Currently, Pathways encourages Girl Scouts to complete badge work in alignment with the path they're currently pursuing. Some of the events on the passports such as Camp CEO and Journey to Justice have High Awards elements that count as 10 hours of council sponsored leadership programming! As we continue to grow Pathways, hopefully we'll be able to add some journey opportunities on the passports.

- Are there any opportunities for Older Girl Scouts outside of Pathways?

Yes. Girl Scouts are always encouraged to explore Girl Scouting and their passions wholeheartedly! We believe in Girl Led and Girl Choice. Pathways is merely an opportunity for Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts to find consistency in their program as they grow through their scouting. Girl Scouts are not required to download passports or participate in the Pathways structure.

- Where do I start with my Pathways program?

Wherever you want! You can begin with a single path and work your way through the events on your passport one at a time! You can also begin with any events that you find interesting on the older girl page on our website. As you complete a passport, you can submit it for a patch and keep working on other paths!

- What do I do with my passport once it's done?

You can submit your passport [HERE](#) to earn the patch!

- Is there a patch for this program?

Yes! The Pathways patch is a 6-piece modular patch. Girl Scouts that submit [THIS JOTFORM](#) can earn the anchor piece. Each passport completed and submitted via photograph to [THIS JOTFORM](#) can earn the corresponding rocker patch.