



# Daisy Second Year Troop Plan

# Welcome to the new troop year!

Hello Troop Leaders,

Being a Girl Scout leader is an incredible journey along which you'll shape the future by working with girls today. With your guidance, encouragement, and go-getter spirit, your Girl Scouts will be ready to embark on a lifetime of leadership, success, and adventure. And along the way, you'll hone your own leadership style and discover that you'll achieve more than you ever thought possible!

Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana (GSSI) understands that volunteers are eager to start their leadership experience but may feel overwhelmed by the planning process. To take the guesswork out of planning, we have provided a sample year plan with recommended badges and a simple outline for each meeting.

Please note that the badges listed on this year plan are merely suggestions. Leaders should feel free to substitute other badges as needed based on their girls' interests. As you get to know your girls better and request feedback from them, you will be the best judge of which badges will be most impactful for your troop's unique leadership experience.

GSSI wants to ensure we support you through a memorable leadership experience with your girls. We hope that this year plan will instill you with confidence and excitement in your new leadership role and prepare you to start mentoring girls who will grow to change the world.

Yours in Girl Scouting,

Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana



# Meeting 1: Introduction to Girl Scouts and Parent Meeting



Set expectations for all involved – girl dynamics and family responsibility. Sisterhood starts at the beginning.

During the Parent Meeting, have families fill out the [Annual Permission](#), [COVID Waiver](#), and the [Cookie Permission Form](#). Also, make sure to have your Troop Volunteer Position Signup Sheet on hand, so that all families can sign up to assist with the troop.

Note: Leaders will keep the Annual Permission form and COVID Waiver for their records. The Cookie Permission form will be turned into council.

## Meeting 2: Investiture, Rededication and Mari Petal



An [investiture ceremony](#) welcomes all new members to Girl Scouts, while a [rededication ceremony](#) is a great way for returning members to kick off the troop year and renew their commitment to the Girl Scout Promise and Law. Both ceremonies, at their core, are traditions that allow us to reflect on the ideals of the Girl Scout Movement and the empowering journey girls—and the millions of Girl Scouts who came before them—will undertake. Depending on your troop's members, you might decide to hold a combination investiture/rededication ceremony.

When you've earned your Mari petal, you will know how to make the world a better place, just like Mari the Marigold.

### Steps to Earn the Mari Petal

1. Talk about "Mari's Story"
2. Act out the story with your Daisy Friends
3. Practice making the world a better place

*Girl Scout Leadership Experience Pillar: Life Skills*



## Meetings 3 & 4: Trail Adventure Badge



For this badge, you get to choose your adventure! You can jog while you explore outdoors, or you can go on a hike and play games. Just have fun – whatever you choose! When you have earned this badge, you will know how to go on an adventurous jog or play outdoor hiking games. *This badge will take two meetings to be able to officially earn this badge. This curriculum can also be found in the Volunteer Toolkit and is split up into two separate meetings as well.*

### Steps to Earn the Trail Adventure Badge

1. Choose your outdoor adventure
2. Prepare for your adventure
3. Go on your outdoor adventure

*Girl Scout Leadership Experience Pillar: Outdoors*

**Meeting 4:** You will use this meeting to complete the remaining steps to earn the Trail Adventure Badge.

## Meeting 5: Cookie Goal Setter Badge



When you sell Girl Scout Cookies, you are running your own business. You get to work with your Girl Scout troop to decide how you will use your money. Together, you set goals and share them with real customers!

### Steps to earn your Cookie Goal Setter Badge

1. Decide how you will use your money
2. Set a package goal
3. Share your goals with your customers

*Girl Scout Leadership Experience Pillar: Entrepreneurship*



## Meeting 6: Gloria Petal

When you have earned your Gloria petal, you'll know how to respect yourself and others, just like Gloria the Morning Glory.



### Steps to Earn the Gloria Petal

1. Talk about Gloria's Story
2. Invite an older Girl Scout to talk to your group about ways to respect yourself and others
3. Practice respecting yourself and others

*Girl Scout Leadership Experience Pillar: Life Skills*

## Meeting 7: Clover Petal

When you have earned your Clover petal, you will know how to use resources wisely, just like Clover.



### Steps to Earn the Clover Petal

1. Talk about Clover's Story
2. Make a collage using old magazines or postcards
3. Practice being resourceful

*Girl Scout Leadership Experience Pillar: Life skills*

## Meeting 8: Rosie Petal

When you have earned your Rosie petal, you will know how to make the world a better place, just like Rosie the Rose.



### Steps to Earn the Rosie Petal

1. Talk about Rosie's Story
2. Act out the story with your Daisy friends
3. Practice making the world a better place

*Girl Scout Leadership Experience Pillar: Life Skills*

## Meetings 9 & 10: Space Science Explorer Badge



Space Scientists are people who study outer space – what’s in the sky. In this badge, you can be a space scientist as you look at the sky and talk about what you seen! When you have earned this badge, you will have explored and observed the sun, moon, and stars. *This badge will take two meetings to be able to officially earn. The Volunteer Toolkit also has the curriculum for this badge split up into two parts.*

### Steps to Earn the Space Science Explorer Badge

1. Explore the Sun
2. Observe the Moon
3. Meet the Stars

*Girl Scout Leadership Experience Pillar: STEM*

**Meeting 10:** You will use this meeting to complete the remaining steps to earn the Space Science Explorer Badge.

## Meeting 11: End of Year Celebration!

### Celebration Suggestions

1. Have a bridging ceremony (only if girls are going into 2nd grade in the fall)
2. Go on a field trip
3. Have a slumber party
4. Go camping
5. Have a pizza or ice cream party

Note: Additional Volunteer Trainings are required for any type of field trip or overnight activity that is planned. Please make sure to review the [Volunteer Essentials](#) and [Safety Activity Checkpoints](#) before planning your trip. If you have any additional questions, please reach out to council directly at 812-421-4970 or at [support@girlscouts-gssi.org](mailto:support@girlscouts-gssi.org).



## Summer Activities with Your Troop

We always recommend meeting with your girls once or twice over the summer break to get together and take a fun trip or go on an outing. Check out our [Program Guide](#) filled with activities that are community partners in the surrounding areas have to offer!

GSSI also offers opportunities for troops or individual girls to attend our residential camp sessions at Camp Koch. [Camp Koch](#) is available for day use and group camping year-round (except during resident camp sessions) with indoor and outdoor accommodations available. Our facility has several hiking trails to points of natural beauty within the camp that provide an opportunity to explore nature. The developed area of the camp includes a small lake divided into swimming and boating areas, a dining hall, a play field, and indoor and outdoor sleeping accommodations.

## Girl Scout Holidays for Your Troop to Celebrate

1. Juliette Gordon Low's Birthday: October 31st
2. Take a Hike Day: November 17th
3. World Thinking Day: February 22nd
4. Girl Scout Week: The week of March 12th
5. Girl Scout's Birthday Day: March 12th (2022 is Girl Scout's 110th birthday!)
6. Girl Scout Leader Day: April 22nd (April is Volunteer Appreciation Month)

In addition to these holidays, watch for additional annual programs & events from GSUSA including Girl Scouts Love State Parks, National Cookie Weekend, National Bridging Week and more!

## Looking for More Options?

You can switch out any of these badges for others that best suit the girls in your troop. Visit the [Badge Explorer](#) to see all of your options or build your own year plan in the Volunteer Tool Kit.

In addition to traditional badges, girls can also earn fun patches during your Girl Scout year. Fun Patches are a way for girls to express their interests or share an activity that they participated in with their troop or on their own. These are perfect to purchase after your troop has either participated in holiday celebrations or other activities. Visit our [Fun Patch](#) vendor's website for all kinds of different and fun ideas!