

JUNIOR
Year Plan
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Discover
and Lead

Your Awesome Year as a Girl Scout Volunteer

Fourth-grade Juniors are excited to discover more of their world and lead the way to a bright future. Whether they're planning an epic outdoor adventure or learning how to flex their leadership skills online, they're ready to take charge and make big things happen. This guide will help you as your Girl Scouts explore activities focused on discovery, confidence, and practical skills that will help them be their best selves. When you use this plan to map out your 90-minute meetings and activities, you'll see just how simple it can be to make a huge difference in your Girl Scouts' lives. Get ready for a year of adventure and excitement as you help them grow.

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Meeting • Space Science Investigator (part one) 	  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two meetings plus field trip: • Space Science Investigator (part two) • Simple Meals (part one) • Field trip 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two meetings: • Simple Meals (part two) • Service project 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cookie Entrepreneur Family Pin
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two meetings: • My Cookie Team (parts one and two) 	  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two meetings plus event: • Practice with Purpose (parts one and two) • World Thinking Day event 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two meetings plus field trip: • Digital Leadership (parts one and two) • Field trip 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two meetings plus field trip: • Horse Back Riding (part one and two) • Field trip
<p>COOKIE TIME</p> <p>The cookie program helps troops pay for things like field trips, badges, supplies, and celebrations. Reach out to your council to learn more about how to participate and when your local cookie season starts. You may need to adjust the recommended order of earning the cookie badges in your year plan.</p>		<p>My council cookie sale dates:</p>	
MAY	SUMMER	<p>Choose a way to get started...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option 1: Access free online instructions to lead each of these meetings through the free Volunteer Toolkit (myGS.girlscouts.org). Simply log in, choose "Explore," then "Pre-Selected Tracks." Once you're there, you'll find "DISCOVER AND LEAD". Select that and you're set! • Option 2: Shop our printed activities at girlscoutshop.com/troop-year-plans. 	
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two meetings: • Girl-led end-of-year celebration planning • Celebration 	  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two activities: • Junior Trail Adventurer • Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge 		

Tips and Resources

- When you have the opportunity to get outside, go for a small trip, or simply meet in a new space, do it! Shaking things up once in a while keeps things exciting.
- Check with your council to see if they're offering events or activities that your troop could attend. Those events make your life easier and allow your troop to connect with other Girl Scouts from their area.
- Shop year plan printed resources at girlscoutshop.com/troop-year-plans.



Girl Scouts Choose

If one of the recommended options is not the right fit, or if you want to give your Girl Scouts the chance to shape their own experience, have them vote to choose a different badge or activity within the same focus area. Check out our [Award and Badge Explorer](#) for other badge favorites, our latest release of [new programs](#), or visit the [Girl Scout Activity Zone](#).

STEM



or

- Automotive Design
- Digital Game Design
- Cybersecurity Basics
- Number in Nature

Outdoors



or

- Animal Habitats
- Geocacher
- Camper
- Outdoor Art Explorer

Life Skills



or

- Resilient. Ready. Strong (patch)
- First Aid
- Drawing
- Digital Photographer

Entrepreneurship



or

- Business Jump Start
- Budget Maker
- Cookie Collaborator
- My Money Plan