

# Renew Now for

# Your Year of

# Friendship!

girl scouts  
of the northwestern  
great lakes

Renewal for 2025–26  
opens April 1!

## Vote for this year's early renewal patch!

Vote for your favorite on the GSNWGL Facebook page March 20–30.  
The winning patch will be announced April 1!



## Exciting reasons to renew for 2025–2026!

- Starting April 1 our council will offer free standard shipping for all orders \$25+ that GSNWGL troop volunteers place in the online shop: [www.girlscoutshop.com](http://www.girlscoutshop.com). The code will be shared April 1 through your Membership Engagement staff person. You can also contact GSNWGL Customer Support at 888.747.6945 or [info@gsnwgl.org](mailto:info@gsnwgl.org).  
*Please do not share the code beyond GSNWGL troop volunteers.*
- Free monthly fun patch opportunity for all troops!
- Free troop meeting boxes and supplies for first-year Daisy & Brownie troops.
- Special events just for older girls coming in 2025–2026!

## Spring Troop To-Do List

- ☐ Renew your troop April 1–June 30.  
Instructions on back of page.
- ☐ Turn in your annual troop finance report online, via the troop finance tab in the Volunteer Toolkit by May 31. Then, email a copy of your troop finance log to troop parents, so families are aware of the troop's year-end finances. *(Please be sure to remove any sensitive information, such as financial assistance to specific girls or account numbers.)*
- ☐ Update your troop meeting details with next school year's information using this form: <https://girlscoutsofthenorthwesterngreatlakes-regsm.formstack.com/forms/troop-update>.
- ☐ Have a BEE-Dedication year-end party! Do pollinator themed activities, have the girls dream and plan for next year's activities, and help everyone renew! Watch GSNWGL social media for fun Bee-dedication party ideas! *(optional)*

## Renew early and get some amazing rewards!

- Youth members who renew by May 31 will get a Save the Bees pin. Wear it on your uniform or backpack!
- Leaders who renew 75% of their troop by May 31 can get a pin too!
- Youth members who renew by June 30 will receive an adorable bee squirrel plush and the 2025–2026 renewal patch!

## Special renewal incentives for Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors!

- All C/S/A Girl Scouts who renew by June 30 will be entered to win a free trip to Belize with our EF tours trip (some fees such as passport, tipping apply).
- One early renewing C/S/A troop per region will be selected in a random drawing to receive a free Adventures on the Go or Facilitated Outdoor Education program for their troop or service area.



## “BEE” a Girl Scout again in 2025–2026!

Follow these easy steps, and get the year off to a great start!

**This year, we have two different registration system options, which will allow girls to use cookie dough or request partial financial assistance toward payment if needed. Follow the instructions in the box that fits the payment situation for your Girl Scout.**

**If you are registering girls who are returning, and you will only be using credit card payment and/or the reward code earned through the cookie program, follow these instructions:**

1. **Talk to your Girl Scout families** to see who is returning and if any of their contact information (address, phone, email, school, etc.) has changed. Gather any changes so you can edit them in the system.
2. **Log into your My GS** online community with your username (your email address) and password. If you've forgotten your password, select Forgot Password and follow the directions to reset it.
3. **Click on the My Troops tab** on the left side of the screen, then click the troop number of the troop you want to renew.
4. **Renew the girls and adults in your troop** who plan to participate next year. When renewing adults in your troop, you will also need to select the box indicating their role.
5. **Update any information that has changed**, such as phone numbers or addresses. If a girl is attending a different school next year, please make that change. Do not click the “Use my primary address” box or it will show the girl's address as the same as the leader's.
6. **Add payment.**
  - If possible, troops will often use troop funds to cover membership fees. This is a great way to thank everyone for great teamwork during the year.
  - If you have girls who will be receiving the \$25 membership reward from this year's cookie program: In late April, leaders and parents of girls who earned this reward will receive an email containing instructions and a promo code that can be used for online membership registration. The promo code can be entered only for girls who earned the reward during the 2025 cookie program.
  - If you have families in need of financial assistance, parents/caregivers must renew their Girl Scout. See below for instructions.
7. **Review cart.** On the review screen, you can edit any details and accept the Promise and Law by clicking the box.
8. **Submit payment.** Finish the transaction for all members in your cart. A confirmation screen will pop up, and a receipt will be sent to your email address.

**If you have any new members, or renewing girls who will be using cookie dough or partial financial aid, have parents renew them through this registration form: <http://gsnwgl.link/registration>. If returning parents are requesting full financial assistance only, they can use their household My GS account to renew.**

The form will walk through the steps and how to enter multiple payment options. Leaders can complete the form for girls, but it requires all contact info and cookie dough number, so it would be much easier for parents to complete. If you run into any issues with renewal in any system, contact us right away at 888.747.6945 or email us at [info@gsnwgl.org](mailto:info@gsnwgl.org) and we will help!

### For Membership Fees Assistance

**If you have girls or adult volunteers in need of financial assistance for membership fees, it is always available, but the form must be completed by the parent/caregiver or adult member requesting.**

For full financial aid, families should renew and request through their My GS account. For partial financial assistance, fill out this form: <http://gsnwgl.link/registration>.

Please note that financial aid should only be requested if the troop doesn't have the resources to pay for member renewals and if parents/caregivers request it. Please help us use our resources wisely so it is accessible to those who need it most.

### For Uniform/Troop Dues Assistance

**Uniform and troop dues requests are two separate forms which are available online and should be completed by the Troop Leader.**

- To request financial assistance for troop dues for 2025–2026, visit [gsnwgl.org/fadues](http://gsnwgl.org/fadues) after renewal is complete.
- To request financial assistance for uniform assistance for 2025–2026, visit [gsnwgl.org/fauniform](http://gsnwgl.org/fauniform) after renewal is complete.
- If you need a paper form for troop dues or uniform assistance, please contact the council at [info@gsnwgl.org](mailto:info@gsnwgl.org).