

Outstanding Troop Award

Girl Scout Year 2018-2019 | Submissions Due April 1, 2019



WHAT IS THE OUTSTANDING TROOP AWARD?

The purpose of the Outstanding Troop Award is to build a stronger troop program through diversified and quality activities. It recognizes troops who have incorporated all facets of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience into their troop or group activities. The program emphasizes girl and adult membership, girl-led experiences, service in the community, take action projects, STEM, outdoors, global action, and unleashing the power of every **G.I.R.L.** (**Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader**)™.



HOW DO YOU BECOME AN OUTSTANDING TROOP?



Troops earn the Outstanding Troop Award by completing activities listed in the award packet and accumulating points. Each troop activity counts toward only **ONE** requirement. **Troops must accumulate 125 points to qualify.** Each section accounts for 25 points and contains additional bonus points. Each application for the Outstanding Troop Award must be verified and approved by the GSHNC Service Unit Support Specialist assigned to your service area.



DETAILS AND DEADLINES

All activities must be completed during the 2018-2019 Girl Scout year. You may submit your application as soon as points are accumulated, but no later than April 1, 2019.

Troops will be recognized at the local Service Unit meeting and GSHNC's Annual Meeting in April. Troops will also receive a patch for every girl registered in the troop at the time of the award and two 10% off discounts to the Hornets' Nest Girl Scout Shop.

Please mail or email the completed Outstanding Troop Award packet to:

Attn: Service Unit Support Specialist
Girl Scouts, Hornets' Nest Council
7007 Idlewild Road
Charlotte, NC 28212

Email: customercare@hngirlscouts.org



QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact our Customer Care team by emailing customercare@hngirlscouts.org or calling 704-731-6500.



POINTS TALLY

Troops must accumulate 125 points to qualify for the Outstanding Troop Award.
Maximum Points Available with Bonuses: 175 points
Each section is worth 25 points with additional 10 bonus points per section.

Total Membership Points	_____
Total Troop Management & Volunteer Development Points	_____
Total Girl Scout Pillars Points	_____
Total Global Action & Community Points	_____
Total Traditions, Celebrations & Awards Points	_____
TOTAL POINTS EARNED	_____

PATCH ORDER FORM

Once your troop has completed the requirements for the Outstanding Troop Award, please fill out the following form to receive your patches!



← New Patch!

Troop # _____ Service Unit/County: _____ Troop Leader _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Patches ordered \$1.35 X _____

Current NC Sales Tax - x7.25% _____

TOTAL (with tax) ENCLOSED _____

Payment Options:

- Credit Card: Call the Hornets' Nest Girl Scout Shop to place order over phone at (704)731-6608.
- Cash: Bring total amount to GSHNC, 7007 Idlewild Road Charlotte, NC 28212
- Checks: Mail to GSHNC, 7007 Idlewild Road Charlotte, NC 28212

*Please note all orders will be delivered to the May Service Unit meetings. Please contact the Hornets' Nest Girl Scout Shop at (704)731-6608 or store@hngirlscouts.org if shipping is required. Shipping fees will apply.

Good Luck!

MEMBERSHIP (25 points)

Existing Troops

Must complete one from each section below.

- Re-Registered 70% of girls assigned to our troop during Early Renewal registration period.

----- OR -----

- Re-registered 70% of girls assigned to our troop by October 1st.

- We increased our total troop membership by at least 1 girl.

----- OR -----

- We participated/volunteered in with the Girl Scout recruitment effort.

Examples include: helping at an information session, passing out flyers, hosting a table at an event, etc.

New Troops

- We have at least 5 registered girls.

BONUS POINTS (5 points each)

- We had at least 12 registered girls

- Our troop was displayed on the Opportunity Catalog.

TROOP MANAGEMENT & VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT (25 points)

Must complete all 4.

1. New leaders have completed Volunteer Essentials training and GS 101 online training before their first troop meeting. Experienced Leaders attended at least one GSHNC or Service Unit training of their choice.

Leader: _____

Course: _____

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Course: _____

2. Troop submitted Annual Troop Finance Report through the Volunteer Toolkit* and a copy of the three most recent bank statement by April 1st (if applying for award) as required.

**Finance Report will be available for completion beginning March 1, 2019*

3. Troop utilized a Troop Committee consisting of parent/guardian members. _____# of committee members.
List ways they participated:

4. At least one of our adult volunteers attended 75% of Service Unit meetings.

BONUS POINTS (5 points each)

- One of our adult volunteers was recognized with an Adult Award during the past GS year!

- Volunteer of Excellence, Girls or Adults
- Green Hornet
- Silver Hornet
- Gold Hornet
- Appreciation Pin
- Honor Pin
- Thanks Badge
- Thanks II Badge
- Spirit of Girl Scouting

- One of our volunteers has volunteered to be a Service Unit Team Member or Delegate.

GIRL SCOUT PILLARS (25 points)

Must complete at least 2 from each category (Take Action, STEM, Outdoors, Entrepreneurship*).

1. Take Action

Learn more about the G.I.R.L. Agenda at <https://www.girlscouts.org/girlagenda>

- We planned and carried out two community service projects in our community and submitted Community Service reports online.

1. _____ Date: _____
2. _____ Date: _____

- We learned about the G.I.R.L. Agenda, identified a cause, and completed one civic engagement activity. What was your cause?

- We chose and completed at least one Journey (apart from STEM/Outdoors).
Journey Title: _____

- We planned and carried out a Take Action Project in our community. Describe how your Take Action Project was sustainable and measurable:

2. Outdoors

Access the badges and Journey on the Volunteer Toolkit. Learn more at:

www.hngirlscouts.org > Our Program > What's New

- Our troop camped at one of the Council's campsites.
- Dale Earnhardt Environmental Leadership Campus
 - Camp Holly Hut
 - GSHNC POD Village

- Our troop attended a SU Encampment/Camporee

- We earned one of the new Outdoor badges for our age level. Which one? _____

- We completed one of the new Outdoor Journey at our age level. Which one? _____

3. Entrepreneurship

*Troops must participate in BOTH the Cookie and Treats & Reads Programs to be eligible.

- Our troop collected donations for Cookies for a Cause! # of boxes donated: _____

- Our troop conducted booth sales during the Cookie Program.

- We attended the Council Cookie Rally or a Service Unit Cookie Rally.

- The majority of our troop (>50%) created a Me2 Avatar during the Treats & Reads program.

4. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)

Access the Journeys on the Volunteer Toolkit.

Learn more at:

www.hngirlscouts.org > Our Program > What's New

- We earned one of the new STEM badges for our age level. Which one? _____

- We completed a new STEM Journey for our age level. Which one? _____

- The girls took the lead on selecting, planning and carry-ing out a STEM activity appropriate to their age level. Describe: _____

- We attended a council-led STEM event. Which one? _____

BONUS POINTS (5 points each)

- Our troop sold above the council per girl average (PGA) for boxes of cookies sold in 2019.

- Our troop learned the difference between a sustainable Take Action project and traditional community service.

GLOBAL ACTION & COMMUNITY (25 points)

Must complete 2 from each category.

Global Action

- We learned about a culture different from our own. Which culture and what did you learn?

- We participated in World Thinking Day! Which country did you represent? _____

- We attended a council program or community event with a global focus.

Event: _____ Date: _____

- We learned about WAGGGS, and at least one World Centre this year:

- Our Cabana
- Our Chalet
- Pax Lodge
- Sangam
- Kusafiri

Community

- We donated in Sister to Sister. How did the Troop participate?

- We participated in at least one community event and wore our Girl Scout uniforms.

Event: _____ Date: _____

- The girls planned and carried out an activity with another troop.

Date: _____ Troop #: _____

Activity Name: _____

- Troop attended a Service Unit or Council sponsored event.

Event: _____ Date: _____

BONUS POINTS (5 points each)

- Our Troop planned an event that supported Sister to Sister.

Event: _____ Date: _____

- Our Troop planned an event at the Service Unit or Council level.

Event: _____ Date: _____

TRADITIONS, CELEBRATIONS & AWARDS (25 points)

Must complete at least 4 out of 7.

Find the full list at www.girlscouts.org/en/about-girl-scouts/traditions.html

- We learned the Girl Scout Handshake, Motto, Slogan, and Sign.
----- OR -----
- We researched and learned/celebrated a Girl Scout tradition that was new to our troop.
- The girls planned and carried out an activity to help them understand the Girl Scout Promise and Law, and what it means in their everyday lives. Describe:

- Troop planned and/or participated in Girl Scout ceremonies:

Investiture and/or Rededication Ceremony

Scouts Own Ceremony

Flag Ceremony
- The girls planned and carried out bridging activities with another troop.
Activity: _____ Troop #: _____
- We learned about at least one National Girl Scout Center:
• Edith Macy Conference Center
• Juliette Low Birthplace
• Girl Scout National Historic Preservation Center
- Our troop celebrated a Special Day in Scouting!

Juliette Gordon Lowe's Birthday/Founder's Day (October 31st)

Girl Scouts' Birthday (March 12th)

Girl Scout Sunday and/or Girl Scout Sabbath

Other: _____
- One or more girls in our troop attended a Highest Awards training – Bronze, Silver, or Gold.

BONUS POINTS (5 points each)

- One or more girls in our troop earned the My Promise My Faith pin.
- Girls in our troop earned one of the highest awards in Girl Scouting!
• Bronze Award
• Silver Award
• Gold Award
• Journey Summit Award

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT*

We, as Troop # _____ from _____ Service Unit, verify that our troop has completed the requirements to earn the Outstanding Troop Award with the Girl Scouts, Hornets' Nest Council, truthfully and honestly.

Printed Name	Signature	Date
Troop Leader _____	_____	_____
Troop Leader _____	_____	_____
Troop Leader _____	_____	_____
Troop Leader _____	_____	_____
Girl Signature _____	_____	_____
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*Attach sheet for additional signatures

EVALUATION

We appreciate you taking the time to provide your feedback from the Outstanding Troop Award. All feedback will be thoughtfully considered.

Would your troop attempt to earn the Outstanding Troop Award again? Why or why not?

What did you like the most?

What did you find to be the most difficult?

How did the program help you plan a better-rounded troop year?

Do you have any suggestions for improving the Outstanding Troop Award experience?

Additional comments (optional):

Thank You!