

New to the Nest 2025 Training Schedule - Year 1

The New to the Nest training series is designed to support and empower our volunteers with essential knowledge and best practices. Below is the schedule of training sessions, each covering key aspects of troop leadership and operations

<p>March: Badges & Resources</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Badges and Journeys • Council Store Rentals • National Girl Scout Resources
<p>May: ATR & Finance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the Annual Troop Report (ATR) • Best practices for troop finances • Step-by-step guide on opening a troop bank account
<p>July: Volunteer Toolkit (VTK) and MyGS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-depth walkthrough of all VTK tabs and features • Renewal, Registration and roster • Participation Catalog • Registering for events
<p>September: Leadership Styles & Communication</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring different leadership styles • Effective communication strategies for troop success • Leadership & Professional Development: Participants will discover their own leadership and communication styles. Often, when individuals work together in a team- or project based setting, differences of • Leadership and personal style can cause conflicts. This workshop is a chance for exploring different leadership styles which will enhance team performance. It is also designed to help volunteers learn new skills to lead their troops.

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November: Conflict Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Handling troop conflicts• Managing parent conflicts• Resolving leader conflicts• Responding to emergency situations
January: Trips, Travel & Camping	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completing permission forms for trips and events• Understanding camping options and requirements• Information on pod rentals• All things encampment (reservations, forms, and guidelines) We look forward to supporting you throughout your Girl Scout journey!

Ready to sign up? Scan this QR code to explore and register for upcoming trainings on our Event Calendar!



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Supporting leaders as they take flight in their second year of Girl Scout leadership.

<p>February: Retention & Bridging Best Practices</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping girls engaged across levels • Planning and hosting a meaningful Bridging Ceremony • Creating multi-year troop experiences
<p>April: Girl-Led Troop Planning & Goal Setting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What girl-led looks like at different age levels • SMART goal setting with your troop • Tools and templates to involve girls in planning meetings, events, and trips
<p>June: Beyond Cookies: Non-Product Fundraising & Sponsors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council-approved fundraising activities beyond cookies/fall product • Intro to small-scale sponsorships for troop enrichment • How to fill out and submit Extended Money-Earning Requests
<p>August: Engaging Families & Building Troop Community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating a positive, inclusive culture for troop families • Creative ways to delegate and involve caregivers • Hosting family nights, potlucks, or troop celebrations
<p>October: Event Planning & Community Partnerships</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning troop or service unit events • Safety Activity Checkpoints: what you need to know • Partnering with local organizations for field trips, service, or enrichment

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November: Retention Roundtable & Panel

- Panel of experienced leaders sharing tips on longevity and troop health
- Open forum for new leaders to ask questions, brainstorm, and collaborate

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