



Volunteer Systems “How To” Joining Girl Scouts!

WELCOME! Girl Scouts are always counting down the days to the next adventure they’ll share. Maybe it’s something artistic. Maybe it’s a science experiment. Maybe it’s getting outside and helping the community. The possibilities are endless and you’ll make a bunch of new friends who are just as excited as you are. Together, you’ll find out that you’re capable of more than you ever imagined. Whether you participate as part of a traditional Girl Scout troop, or as an Individually Registered Member (IRM) where you can explore badges at your own pace, or if you just want to attend fun Girl Scout programs - here’s how to start!

Joining Girl Scouts as a Girl!

You will want to start by exploring the gshnj.org website if you haven’t already. Here you can find tons of information for interested girls and volunteers about the great stuff Girl Scouts do every day. **Click on any of the JOIN links on the website** – you’ll see them on many pages.



Tell us about Your Scout

Enter some basic information about your family such as the grade of your new Girl Scout, the zip code where you’d like her to participate, and how we can contact you.

Clicking CONTINUE will allow you to search a listing of troops at her grade level nearby that have room for new girls.

Ways to Participate

If you know the number of a troop you are interested in enter it into the ‘Troop #’ search box, or

If you want to find a troop that has openings enter a zip code & a radius that you are willing to drive, or

Consider participation without being committed to a troop as an Individually Registered Member (IRM), just enter your home zip code.

Contact our Customer Care Team at info@GSHNJ.org or (908) 518-4400. Our standard support hours are Monday - Thursday from 9am-5pm, Friday from 9am-3pm.

At the bottom of the page you'll see the a list of troops based on your search including what grades participate in the troop and when they meet so you can choose a troop that fits your family's calendar. Read the section below on IRMs for more information on participating independently.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Your search may be large enough to find troops in neighboring towns and even different Girl Scout councils. We think it is great to make new friends in different places!

Click the **GREEN** troop number link to view a description of that troop. *Troops may have special requirements or limitations so you'll want to be sure you know these before signing up!*

Your Selection for Mary Smith

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10	31898	2,3	Serves Westfield meets in a church	Weekly Tue	October 1, 2015 6:00 PM	2	1
19	60898	2,3	Serves Westfield meets in a school	Weekly Thurs	October 8, 2015 6:00 PM	1	1
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Name : Troop 31898
 Grade : 2,3
 Description Detail : This is a co-op troop. All parents are expected to complete all required leader training courses, and take responsibility for two meetings and one outside event every year. If you are excited to be very involved in your daughters girl scout experience, please
 Number of volunteers needed: 3
 Meeting Location : Elementary School

If troops are not available in your area, **why not consider becoming a leader?** You'll be able to share Girl Scouting with your special girl and help others in your community. Find out more at gshnj.org; click VOLUNTEER at the top of our home page to learn more.

Once you find that perfect troop, click the checkbox next to the troop number and that troop will pop up to the "Your Selection for..." section of the screen. Click NEXT to continue purchasing a membership. **IMPORTANT: Only select one troop!**

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The IRM Pathway allows girls to participate at their own pace without being committed to a traditional troop. With the help of an adult mentor, a scout can

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0	Troop 320xx	K;1;2;3;4;5;6;7;8;9;10;11;12	An Individually Registered Member (formerly known as "Juliette") customizes her Girl Scout experience without being committed to a troop.	Monthly TBD		43	0

earn badges, sell cookies, and attend fun girl programs. To register as an IRM enter your zip code in the search and look for troops starting with 320 – the last two digits of the troop number indicate the Service Unit (SU) you are in based on the town where you participate in scouting. To find your town's IRM Troop number click [here](#) or go to the FORMS page of GSHNJ.org and search for "IRM". Once you identify the correct IRM Troop, click on the box to the left of that 320xx troop in your area to select it and continue on to purchase her membership.

If you don't see the troop you are looking for, choose **UNSURE** from the list. You'll have a chance to tell us why you are unsure and someone will be in touch to help! If you don't see **UNSURE** – click on the TROOP/GROUP header to re-sort the list so **UNSURE** comes to the top.

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Thank you for your interest in Girl Scouts. At GSHNJ we love helping our girls be G.I.R.L.s – Go-getters, Innovators, Risk-takers, and Leaders and making our world a better place!