

Volunteer Toolkit Tips

How to Access New Badges & Journeys

The Girl Scout Volunteer Toolkit (VTK) is a great tool to access the newest Girl Scout Program content and is accessible on multiple devices. GSUSA has rolled out several new Journey Year Plans and badges for your girls to choose from, with some of the new content only being accessible through the VTK. This short tip sheet will help you access all of our newest Badges and Journeys.

New Journey and Badge Overview

What are the Journey Year Plans?

What are the New Badges?

How to Access the New Badges and Journeys

Please note that this national tool is updated frequently. We encourage you to not print this resource but rather access it digitally. We will keep it up-to-date with material changes as needed.

1. New Journey and Badge Overview

The charts below shows all Journeys and badges available for 2018. The criteria to earn these awards can be accessed through the <u>VTK</u> or can be purchased in the council or <u>online store</u>.

Journey's 2018-2019							
- VTK only - VTK and Print	Advocacy: It's Your World – Change it!	Creative Expression: It's Your Story – Tell it!	Environ- ment: It's Your Planet – Love it!	Outdoor	STEM: Think Like an Engineer	STEM: Think Like a Programmer	STEM Outdoor: Think Like A Citizen Scientist
Daisy	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Brownie	New New	•	•	•	•	•	•
Junior	New New	•	•	•	•	•	•
Cadette				•	New	New	
Senior				•	New	New	
Ambassador				•	New	New	
Multi-Level (K-5)				•	•	•	•
Multi-Level (6-12)					New	New	
Available for download in online store	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Available for sale in council store	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No

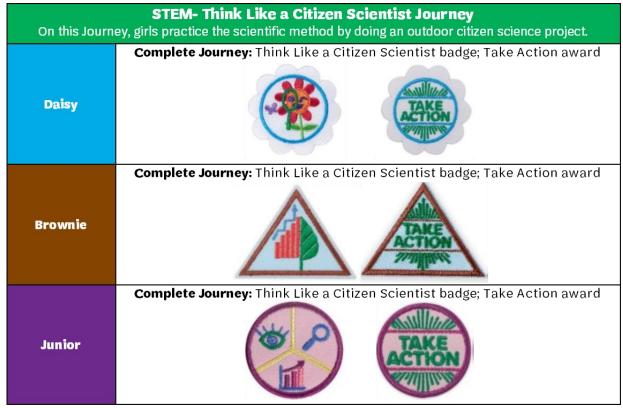
Note: New Journey content released July 2018.

		Ne	w Badge	e's 2018-	-2019			
	Civic Engagement	Robotics	Troop Camping	Cyber- security	College Preparation	Environmental Stewardship	Mechanical Engineering	Space Science
Daisy	•	•	•	New		New	•	New
Brownie		•	•	New		New	•	New
Junior		•	•	New		•	New	New
Cadette		New	•			New		
Senior		New	•			New		
Ambassador		New	•		New	New		
Available for down- load in online store	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Available for sale in council store	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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2. What are the Journey Year Plans?

Each Journey Year Plan is pre-populated with 15 meetings (6 for Multi-Level). A Journey isn't complete until girls have completed the requirements for both the Journey and a Take Action Project. Each Journey Plan also comes pre-populated with supplemental badges that complement the Journey.



STEM- Think Like an Engineer Journey On this Journey, girls learn how to think like an engineer by participating in hands-on design challenges. Complete Journey: Think Like an Complete Journey: Think Like an Engineer badge; Take Action award Engineer badge; Take Action award Daisy Cadette Complete Journey: Think Like an Complete Journey: Think Like an Engineer badge; Take Action award Engineer badge; Take Action award **Brownie**

Junior





Senior





Complete Journey: Think Like an Engineer badge; Take Action award





Complete Journey: Think Like an Engineer badge; Take Action award





Ambassador

STEM- Think Like a Programmer Journey

On this Journey, girls learn how programmers solve problems through fun activities and games. Complete Journey: Think Like a Complete Journey: Think Like a Programmer badge; Take Action award Programmer badge; Take Action award Daisy Cadette Complete Journey: Think Like a Complete Journey: Think Like a Programmer badge; Take Action award Programmer badge; Take Action award **Brownie** Senior Complete Journey: Think Like a Complete Journey: Think Like a Programmer badge; Take Action award Programmer badge; Take Action award Junior **Ambassador**





	Outdoor Journey On this Journey, girls will learn about and have fun in the great outdoors.
Daisy	Complete Journey: Outdoor Art Maker, Buddy Camper badges; Take Action award
Brownie	Complete Journey: First Aid, Hiker, Cabin Camper badges; Take Action award.
Junior	Complete Journey: Animal Habitats, Camper, Eco Camper badges; Take Action award.
Cadette	Complete Journey: Night Owl, Trailblazing, Primitive Camper badges; Take Action award.
Senior	Complete Journey: Adventurer, First Aid, Adventure Camper badges; Take Action award.
Ambassador	Complete Journey: Outdoor Art Master, Water, Survival Camper badges; Take Action award.

This information listed is for Journeys only available through the VTK. For information on additional Journeys available, visit the <u>online store</u>.

Journey Series not listed:

- Advocacy: It's Your World, Change It!
- Creative Expression: It's Your Story, Tell It!
- Environment: It's Your Planet, Love It!

3. What are the New Badges?

Below are the newest badges added to our Girl Scout Program. There are plenty of badges for girls to earn. Check out GSUSA's <u>Badge Charts</u> and <u>Badge Explorer</u> to learn more about the badges that are available to help your girls choose the badges they would like to work on.

Girl's Choice- Troop Camping Badges

Girl's from across the United States had the chance to vote for their favorite badge category and topic, and the winner is... Troop Camping! There's nothing quite like camping, it's a chance to spend time in nature and have fun with your friends or family. Every camping trip is a new adventure with your Girl Scout friends or family members.

Activities and badge requirements are available in the <u>Volunteer Toolkit</u> for troop leaders for free or for purchase as a printed or digital copy in our <u>online store</u>. It's recommended to use both the VTK instruction as well as the downloadable girl packets.

Note: These badges can be earned individually or as part of the new Outdoor Journey Year Plan.



Available For: Daisy Brownie Junior Cadette Senior Ambassador

Robotics Badges

Girls design their own robots after learning how they're built and programmed. "Unplugged" activities allow girls to earn badges without buying kits.

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Note: These are progressive badges that must be earned in order.



Available For: Daisy Brownie Junior Cadette Senior Ambassador

Mechanical Engineering Badges

Girls complete hands-on engineering activities, such as building and testing roller coasters, race cars, and jumping robots.

Activities and badge requirements are available in the <u>Volunteer Toolkit</u> for troop leaders or for purchase as a printed or digital copy in our <u>online store</u>.

Note: These are progressive badges that must be earned in order.



Available For: Daisy Brownie Junior

Cyber Security Badges

Girls learn how computers and the internet work and apply the concepts of safety and protection to the technology they use every day. Badges are developed in partnership with the Cyber Innovation Center.

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Brownie Junior

Available For: Daisy Brownie Junio

Space Science Badges

Like real space scientists girls explore and investigate the complexities of the solar system and beyond.

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Available For: Daisy Brownie Junior

Environmental Stewardship Badges

Girls learn how they can protect the environment through research and advocacy as they explore nature all around them.

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Available For:

Daisy

Brownie

Junior

Cadette

Senior

Ambassador

New Daisy Badges

New Daisy badges, **Outdoor Art Maker** and **Good Neighbor**, give Daisies a chance to get in on the creativity other Girl Scouts already enjoy and discover all about their school, city, town, and state.

Note: The Outdoor Art Maker Badge can be earned individually or as part of the new Outdoor Journey Year Plan.





New Ambassador Badges

From test prep to financial aid, Ambassadors walk through all the steps of the college admission process and get ready to attend the school of their choice with **College Knowledge**.



4. How to Access the New Badges and Journeys

When you first log in to the VTK, you will need to choose a Year Plan. You can choose any of the prepopulated year plans, or you can choose to Create Your Own Year Plan. View our <u>Navigating the Member Community</u> User Manual for more detailed information.

Log in to the VTK

- 1. Login to the Volunteer Toolkit (VTK)
- 2. You can access the VTK through the MyGS link at the top corner of our website.
- 3. Login using your GS Member Community login. If you do not have a login, please contact Customer Care at (213) 213-0123.

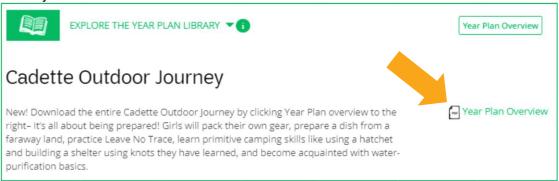
Choose a Year Plan

Daisy, Brownie, Junior, & Multi-Level troops:

- Select a year plan (Badge Year Plan, Journey Year Plan, or Create Your Own)
- Journey Year Plans will show you the new Journeys available. Look for this **NEW** icon.

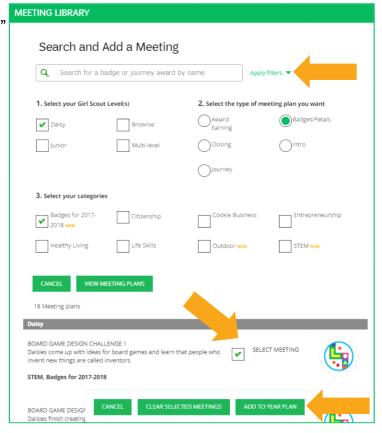
Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassador troops:

The new Journeys for Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors can be accessed from the "YEAR PLAN" tab. Under the "EXPLORE THE YEAR PLAN LIBRARY" section, you can choose the "Year Plan Overview" link and download the Journey PDFs.



To access the new Badges:

- 1. Go to the "YEAR PLAN" tab.
- 2. Select "ADD MEETING."
- 3. Search by Badge Name or use "Apply Filters" to select Grade Level from the Meeting Library meetings for Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, and Multi-Level are available.
- 4. Select the type of meeting.
- Select category or Journey if needed. If you don't know the category of the badge you are looking for – select them all. Look for the NEW icon to view the new badges.
- 6. Click on "VIEW MEETING PLANS."
- 7. Choose the meeting that you would like to add by clicking "SELECT MEETING". You can select multiple meetings.
- 8. Click on "ADD TO YEAR PLAN."
- 9. New meetings are added to the end of your year plan.
- Drag and drop it to the place you want it to be in the plan. The meeting dates will adjust.
- 11. Click on the title of the meeting to be taken to the "MEETING PLAN" tab to view all the resources available for that meeting.



TIP – If you find out your girls do not want to earn a particular badge, you can delete or replace the meeting. Meeting plans can also be combined for multiple levels in one meeting. See the <u>Navigating the Member Community</u> User Manual for guidance.