

Your Year of

**Discovery**

**girl scouts**   
of the missouri  
heartland

**Renew Today**

Celebrate the big moments and look ahead to even more extraordinary ones with your troop. Join us for another exciting year in Girl Scouts!





The adventure doesn't have to end if you renew now.

Having your troop renewed early allows for Girl Scout activities to continue all summer long and straight into the new membership year without missing a beat! Make sure to reach out to each amazing girl in your troop to help them renew. This will help keep you and your girls on track, stay organized, and earn amazing individual girl and troop incentives you don't want to miss!

We have programs for every Girl Scout—just take a look!



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**Troop Leader Tip:** Prepare for an easy renewal by verifying your roster in myGS today!

# Visit Us at One of Our

# Spring Renewal Events

Your Volunteer Support Specialist will be available to you for girl incentive pick-up on or around April 1. If you still need to renew troop members, we can help with that too! Check out the schedule below and see how our team can help set you up for success.

## **April 1**

Location TBD | Columbia, MO  
Katie Roush | 3:00–6:00 p.m.

Springfield Service Center  
Heather Mize | 8:30 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

Cape Girardeau Elks Lodge  
Erin Ragan | 6:00–8:00 p.m.

## **April 2**

Springfield Service Center  
Heather Mize | 8:30 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

McDonald's | Lebanon, MO  
Dana Lix | 5:00–8:00 p.m.

## **April 3**

McDonald's | Houston, MO  
Dana Lix | 5:00–8:00 p.m.

## **April 4**

McDonald's | Rolla, MO  
Dana Lix | 5:00–8:00 p.m.

## **April 5**

Jefferson City Cookie Cupboard  
Allison Housewright | 3:00–6:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church  
Kennet, MO  
Erin Ragan | 4:00–6:00 p.m.

## **April 6**

Joplin Cookie Cupboard  
Audrianna Martin | 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

*Check out your Volunteer Support Specialist's schedule of events and book your time today!*



# Spring Renewal 2024

April 1–June 1, 2024

*Renew April 1 to get all the Spring Renewal Perks!*

## Troop Renewal Perks

*Renew on April 1, 2024 with 100% Girl Member Renewal and 2 Registered and Background Checked Adults*

Troop Size	Cash Deposited in Troop Bank Account	Additional 1-cent per box sold during the 2024 Cookie Season
3–14 girls	\$5 per girl	✓
15–24 girls	\$100	✓
25–30 girls	\$125	✓
31+ girls	\$150	✓

*Renew by April 6, 2024 with % Girl Member Renewal by Troop Size and 2 Registered and Background Checked Adults*

Troop Size	Percentage Girl Renewal	Cash Deposited in Troop Bank Account
3–14 girls	100%	\$5 per girl
15–24 girls	90%	\$100
25–30 girls	80%	\$125
31+ girls	70%	\$150

## Girl Renewal Perks

- The First 2,000 girls who are renewed will receive a Girl Scout Mental Wellness Toolkit: a Girl Scout Journal and Pen, Affirmation Stickers, Mental Wellness Activity Sheets, and a Mental Wellness Fun Patch.
- All girls that renew during Spring Renewal will receive the GSMH Spring Renewal Patch.
- All girls that renew during Spring Renewal have the chance to enter the Girl-Led patch design contest featured on page 8.

## Adult & Lifetime Members

Adults renewing and Lifetime members can receive a Spring Renewal patch by request.\*

*\*There are 150 adult patches available which will be dispersed on a first come, first served basis. Patches will not be available for purchase and only able to be requested using this form.*







# Eligibility Requirements

Ensuring legal troop status is an important part to the Spring Renewal process. Troops must consist of a minimum of 3 registered girls and 2 registered, background checked adults by the reward deadline to qualify. Troops with less than 3 registered girl members and 2 registered, background checked adults will not receive these incentives.

- New girls registered with the extended year membership options will not count toward Spring Renewal requirements.
- Girls cannot be removed from a troop if they participated in the 2024 cookie season with that troop.
- All Troop Transfers must take place on or before March 30, 2024. No girls will be removed from any troop for incentive earning purposes or other reasons until the completion of the the Girl Scout Cookie Program.
- 1-cent per cookie package reward for 100% girl renewal ends on April 1, 2024 at 11:00 p.m. CST.
- Spring Renewal troop cash rewards ends on April 6, 2024 at 11:00 p.m. CST.
- Spring Renewal troop incentives will be deposited via ACH in Summer 2024.
- Spring Renewal troop incentives will not cover any outstanding debt owed to GSMH from the Girl Scout Cookie Program, Fall Product Program, or otherwise.
- Troops will not earn incentives if troop maintains an outstanding balance on May 10, 2024.

*Don't let finances be a barrier to renewing, assistance is available.*

Visit [www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org](http://www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org) for all details about Spring Renewal eligibility.

Need help with renewal or accessing MyGS on the GSMH website? Email us at [info@girlscoutsmoheartland.org](mailto:info@girlscoutsmoheartland.org) and a member of our team will follow up with you!

# Renew Your Troop Online

As a Troop Leader, you can renew your girls through the online Member Community (MyGS) using your troop funds. Be sure parents have given written permission to renew all girls for the upcoming year.

**To Get Started:** Go to [mygs.girlscouts.org](https://mygs.girlscouts.org). Click on Login in the upper-right-hand corner. If this is your first time logging in, click the “Forgot Password” button. You should receive password reset instructions in your email. If you do not receive an email please email us at [info@girlscoutsmoheartland.org](mailto:info@girlscoutsmoheartland.org).

*If you're already registered as a troop leader, you can renew your troop members!*

**Renew Your Household First:** Before you renew the members of your troop, you must renew yourself and the individuals in your household that are continuing. Once your household members are renewed, you can renew other members of the troop through the My Troops tab (starting at step 1 below). **Do not register both your troop and your family in one transaction as this may cause registration issues.**

## Renew Your Troop Next:

1. To begin renewing your troop, click “My Troops,” then select the name of the troop you would like to renew from the drop down menu.
2. Select the check box next to members you want to renew. You can renew all at once or one at a time if any members are undecided. If you don't see a girl or adult on your troop roster, try clicking the “Show/Hide inactive members” text at the top of your page.
3. Add Renewals to the cart by clicking “Add Renewal.”
4. Make sure renewal information is correct for each member, then add payment details.
5. Click submit! You will receive an email receipt and your troop will be ready for the next year of adventures!
  - Payments can be accepted online via credit or debit card, program credits, or Financial Aid\*
  - \* Girls should be renewed by parents if requesting Financial assistance.

The screenshot shows the MyGS interface for renewing a troop. On the left is a navigation menu with options like 'Welcome', 'My Account', 'My Household', 'My Troop(s)', 'Troop Name', 'My Profile', 'My Events', 'Volunteer Toolkit', 'Contact Council', and 'Log Out'. The main content area is titled 'Meeting details' and shows '83706' and 'Program Level: Junior'. Below this is the 'Member details' section, which includes a table of members. The first member is a Leader/Advisor, and the second is an INACTIVE member. The INACTIVE member's row has a checked checkbox and a 'Not returning' checkbox. A red arrow points to the 'Not returning' checkbox with the text: 'Do not click this box unless you are positive a member is not returning.' At the bottom right of the member list are buttons for 'SAVE RETURN STATUS' and 'RENEW'. Annotations with arrows point to the 'Troop Name' dropdown, the '1 member selected' checkbox, the 'Not returning' checkbox, and the 'RENEW' button.

Participation	Caregiver of	Exp. date	CBC expiration	Status
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INACTIVE	N/A	09/30/2020	N/A	• ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Not returning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leader/Advisor		09/30/2020	N/A	• LAPSED





*From troop meetings to cookie booths to fun trips and events—nothing's better than having families as Troop Helpers!*

Girl Scouts is a

Family Affair

Troop Helpers play an important role in aiding leaders to ensure girls have safe and fun experiences at meetings and beyond. Each troop may utilize a Troop Helper differently, but all Troop Helpers must be registered, background checked members. This includes completing mandated reporter training and signing a Volunteer Agreement before assisting the troop and interacting with girl members. These volunteers count towards your volunteer-to-girl ratios for meetings and outings and can help all girls, not just their own.

## Registered parents can help in many ways.

Ask parents or caregivers how much free time they have each week – whether it's 30 minutes or two hours – and **think about how you may be able to use their help**. Could they arrive early and set up activity stations before the meeting? Could they chaperone on a day trip or overnight event? Think about ways you need help and don't be afraid to delegate tasks.

Do they have **a job that relates to one of the four program pillars** of Girl Scouting (STEM, Life Skills, Outdoors, or Entrepreneurship)? Could they lead an activity around what they do? Could they be a guest speaker and answer questions the girls may have about the job?

**Inquire about their skills** and think about ways you could use their help with the troop. Can they keep track of troop finances? Can they put together a group chat for all the parents in the troop? Can they work with you to plan an outing with the girls? The possibilities are endless!

# 2024 Spring Renewal

## Winning Patch Design

Introducing the Make New Friends Patch, the winner of our 2024 Spring Renewal contest designed by Girl Scout Quincy. This patch celebrates all the friends made in Girls Scouts, and all the friendships of the future! Want to be the next Girl Scout to design a custom patch? Check out the next page for all the rules!

The first 2,000 girls that **RENEW** between April 1–June 1 will receive a Mental Wellness Toolkit. This toolkit will include: a Girl Scout Journal and Pen, Affirmation Stickers, Mental Wellness Activity Sheets, and a fun patch.

All girls that renew during Spring Renewal April 1 – June 1 will receive the Spring Renewal Patch and the chance to enter the Girl-Led patch design Contest!

*Designed by a  
Girl Scout!*



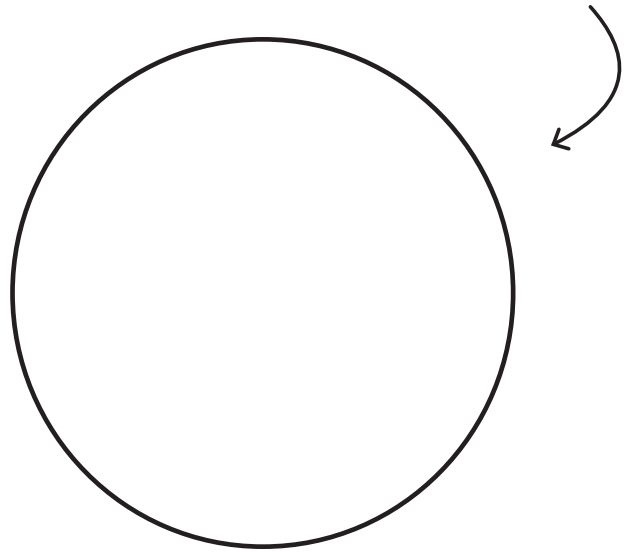
**Troop Leaders, feel free to make photo copies of the next page to give to the girls in your troop!**





Use this as a template for your design.

It's time to show off your creative side in this Girl-Led patch design contest! Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland members who renew this spring are invited to design the Spring Renewal patch for 2025—imagine seeing your patch design on the sashes and vests of hundreds of girls! The winner will also receive their 2025-2026 membership for free and a certificate signed by our CEO.



### Contest Rules

- Submission Deadline: June 1, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.
- One entry per girl.
- Only active, registered members of GSMH for MY25 in grades K-12 are eligible to enter.
- Designs must include “Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland” or “GSMH” and the year “2025.”
- All designs must be original and cannot contain copyrighted photos, illustrations, or renderings.
- If the trefoil is used in design, the trefoil may not have any writing or pictures inside of it and can only be used once.
- GSMH has the right to make needed changes or updates to the size, shape, colors, and/or design of the final chosen patch design.

### How to Enter & Win

1. Create your design within a 3” circle using any medium you like!
2. Fill out the form, scan, and upload your design using the QR code below.
3. A committee will choose the top three designs, then hand it over to you! Public voting for the final winner will be on the Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland Facebook page in June.
4. The winner and the final patch design will be announced in Summer 2024!



Submit your design here.

You Could Design

Next Year's Patch



# Spring Renewal

## FAQs

### **What is Spring Renewal, when does it start, and why should we participate?**

Spring Renewal is an exciting time for Girl Scouts! On this day, GSUSA opens membership renewal for all councils so that girls can renew their membership in the spring to get a head start on all the fun for the next year. Participating in Spring Renewal offers incentives for your girls and your troop, allows your girls to continue in Girl Scouts without missing a beat in the fall, and helps GSMH get a leg up on planning for the upcoming year!

### **What is a Legal Troop? If I am not a Legal Troop, can I still receive the Spring Renewal Incentives?**

At Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland, a legal troop consists of 2 registered and screened volunteers in active status and 3 registered girls. If you are not a legal troop by March 31st, your troop will not be eligible for Troop incentives, but any girl who renews and qualifies will be able to earn incentives, patch, and participate in the patch design contest.

### **Can I pay for all Adult Renewals with troop funds? Can I use cookie credits/program credits to renew my adult membership?**

Adults who are registered and regularly participate or hold leadership roles in a troop can be renewed with troop funds. Adults can be an investment for your troop who maintain adult to girl ratios, support girl ambition, and serve in leadership roles. Adults cannot be renewed with cookie credit or fall funds. Program credits are non-transferrable and belong to the girl listed on the credit.

### **What if a girl participated in the 2024 cookie program but has decided not to come back for 2025? Can I get a refund for a membership if I pay, and they decide not to continue?**

If a girl participates in the 2024 Cookie Program, she is considered an active member of Girl Scouts and will need to renew for the 2025 membership year in order for the Troop to receive the 100% Troop Renewal status. If members have decided not to join in the next year, please do not renew them. Memberships cannot be refunded.





**Can I participate in Spring Renewal with cookie credits from the 2024 Cookie Season? If I lost fall Funds/Cookie Credits from the past product programs is there a way for me to access those funds? Can I use another girl's Cookie Credits to renew?**

Cookie Credits that girls have earned for the 2024 Cookie Program are still being processed and are going to hit email inboxes over the summer! Because of this, Cookie Credits earned during this cookie season can not be used for Spring Renewal. If you are missing your Fall Funds or Cookie Credits from previous years, please email us at [info@girlscoutsmoheartland.org](mailto:info@girlscoutsmoheartland.org) and we will do our best to help you locate them. Program credits are non-transferable, meaning they belong to the girl that originally earned them and cannot be moved to another girl.

**How do I renew my volunteer role with my membership?**

Volunteers should renew their roles when they go to renew their membership! After you select the box that says membership in your MYGS, also select the check box located next to the volunteer role. This will add the volunteer role renewal in your cart! You will see two items in your cart, but you will only be charged by membership added, not role. Please note volunteer roles are appointed by GSMH on a yearly basis. Renewal of a role does not guarantee the volunteer the ability to serve in that role.

**Can I renew with Extended Year Membership? If a girl gets added to my troop does that count towards my 100% Renewal?**

Extended year membership is only offered for unregistered girls and adults with no active membership or previous registrations. Extended year membership is offered for a limited time between April and August for MY25 and is provided at the discounted price of \$35. A girl added to your troop with an extended year membership will not count toward your 100% renewal as they do not have a full annual membership for the previous year. New girls who register with Extended year memberships may start participating with their troop immediately, but will not count as a renewed membership until October 2024 and therefore are ineligible for incentives.

**As a Troop Leader, am I allowed to apply for financial aid for all of my members?**

Financial aid should only be requested on a girl by girl basis by parents or guardians. Parents who need to request financial aid will need to log into their myGS account and process the renewals for their household. At payment, an option to select financial aid will appear. Troop Leaders should not request Financial Aid in the troop renewal check out process.

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Elevate your volunteer experience at the **2024 Volunteer Leadership Summit**. At this weekend-long event, be prepared to experience outdoor adventures, hands-on workshops, mental wellness activities, networking, and a celebration of exceptional volunteerism! Volunteer Awardees will receive a registration discount via email prior to May 1.

**August 9-11, 2024**  
Finbrooke Program Center

Summit registration will begin on May 1. The first 40 members to register will receive a special gift.