

Pre-K Early Registration FAQ

Starting April 1, 2020, Girl Scouts will offer parents of Pre-K or Transitional Kindergarten girls (who are entering kindergarten in the fall) with the option to register as Girl Scouts with the Extended Year Membership option. This option covers the remainder of the current membership year, and the entirety of the upcoming membership year.

While girls must be in traditional kindergarten and at least 5-years-old to participate in Girl Scouts, Extended Year Membership provides families of Pre-K girls with a head start on finding a troop for the upcoming membership year and provides parent volunteers with additional time to prepare for an amazing Girl Scout year.

What is the timeframe for Extended Year Membership?

The Extended Year purchase option covers April 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021. The traditional membership year is October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021. Extended Year Membership gives families the opportunity to take advantage of pro-rated membership.

What are the costs?

Extended Year Girl Membership - \$35

- \$10 to GSUSA for April 1 - Sep 30
- \$25 to GSUSA for Oct 1 - Sep 30

Extended Year Adult Membership - \$35

- \$10 to GSUSA for April 1 - Sep 30
- \$25 to GSUSA for Oct 1 - Sep 30

What do my membership fees cover?

Of the \$35 Extended Year Membership fee, \$35 goes directly to Girl Scouts of the USA to support Girl Scout programming at the national level, which includes the cost of fundamental services supporting the Girl Scout Movement, such as accident insurance, program development, research, training, technology, and service to councils.

Why is Extended Year Membership being offered for Pre-K/TK girls?

Understandably, girls and their parents are often excited to begin their girls' first year as a Girl Scout Daisy. Extended Year Membership for Pre-K/TK girls who will be entering kindergarten in the fall of 2020 provides Girl Scouts with the best chance to have a new troop formed and ready for the next school year. Girl Scouts may also be able to participate in Day Camps and council-led events right away.



Additionally, Extended Year Membership allows parents of new Girl Scout Daisies to get a head start on their volunteer experience. Parents can register, get background screened, and complete training to be troop leaders in the spring and summer, and start planning troop activities!

Will Pre-K/TK girls who register with Extended Year Membership be able to participate in Girl Scout programming prior to the start of the traditional membership year?

Yes! As soon as girls register with extended year, they can begin participating fully in the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

How do I sign my Pre-K/TK girl up?

Between May 1 and July 1, 2020, parents will see the option to choose “Pre-K” as a grade. To sign up:

1. Go to join.gs-top.org, and click on the “Join Today” button.
2. Complete the Get Started page and select ‘Pre-K’ for “Grade as of Fall 2020.”
3. On the next screen, select the ‘Extended Year Membership’ option.
4. After selecting ‘Continue’ on the Get Started page, you will be directed to the Get Involved page where you can select a Pre-K troop. There may only be one troop in your area to select, as we are just beginning to identify troop leaders for new Girl Scout Daisy troops. A council staff person will contact you to get more information and provide details on how you can help get a troop started.

After July 1, 2020, the registration form will change to Grade as of Fall 2020 and parents of new Girl Scout Daisies for the 2020 – 20120 Membership Year will select ‘Kindergarten’ as their grade.

I would like to start a Girl Scout Daisy troop. How can I get started?

1. When registering your girl, select ‘Add Another Membership’ on the Registration Summary page.
2. When prompted to search for a volunteer role, select “I Want to Be Troop Leader for Kindergarten Daisies in Fall 2020.”
3. Adults should then select the Extended Year Membership option.
4. Complete the background screening and sign up for training, which will cover everything you’ll need to know to start your troop.
5. You’ll have the spring and summer to prepare and plan for all of your exciting Girl Scout adventures for the upcoming Girl Scout year!