

## Core Learning Plan for Troop Pathway Volunteers

Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts (GSEM) provides troop volunteers with a strong learning plan to assist them in their work with girls. In order to provide our high standards of safety and leadership opportunities for girls, troops are required to have at least one fully trained volunteer present at all meetings and events. The steps of the required core learning plan are described below.

When you first Join Girl Scouts, Take	If you are a	Then Take
<p><a href="#">Girl Scouting 101</a> (40 minute webinar) This begins the core learning plan, introducing volunteers to Girl Scouts' inspiring national leadership experience, from Journey resources and The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting to cookie sales, safety guidelines, and much more. Members or prospective members can take the session at their convenience by logging onto <a href="#">Girl Scouting 101</a>. <b>Take as soon as you register as a member.</b></p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <p><a href="#">Troop Pathway Orientation</a> (2 hours) This session provides all the important information you need to start your troop successfully. Discuss membership requirements, council policies and procedures, meeting locations, troop budgets, uniforms and more! Leave with a detailed guide to plan your first three meetings. Troop Pathway Orientations are offered at the local and council level. Volunteers should consult the <a href="#">GSEM website</a> and/or their service unit for times and locations. <b>Must take before troop starts meeting.</b></p>	Daisy Volunteer	<p><a href="#">Daisy Essentials</a> (3 hours) The session prepares volunteers to facilitate the Girl Scout Leadership Experience with girls of that level and introduces them to the Journeys, the Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting, and other resource materials to enrich their troop's programs and activities. <b>For new volunteers. Take within your first three troop meetings.</b></p>
	Brownie Volunteer	<p><a href="#">Brownie Essentials</a> (3 hours) The session prepares volunteers to facilitate the Girl Scout Leadership Experience with girls of that level and introduces them to the Journeys, the Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting, and other resource materials to enrich their troop's programs and activities. <b>For new volunteers. Take within your first three troop meetings. If you have taken Daisy Essentials, you do not need to take Brownie Essentials.</b></p>
	Junior Volunteer	<p><a href="#">Junior Essentials</a> (3 hours) As girls move into Juniors they are ready to put their leadership skills into action and take on more responsibilities. In this session, learn how to guide and mentor them to success with strategies to encourage participation in a girl-led environment and how to implement Journeys and badges for a well-rounded and fun experience. <b>Junior Essentials is required for new troop volunteers and volunteers moving up from Brownies.</b></p>
	Cadette Volunteer	<p><a href="#">Volunteering with Cadettes</a> This online session offers strategies and examines resources to help you partner effectively with girls in middle school. You will review key components of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience and explore ways to approach and discuss sensitive issues with girls and their families. <b>These online sessions are required for new volunteers and suggested for volunteers as they continued to move up.</b></p>
	Senior or Ambassador Volunteer	<p><a href="#">Volunteering with Seniors and Ambassadors</a> This online session offers strategies and examines resources to help you partner effectively with girls in grade 9-12. You will review key components of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience and explore ways to approach and discuss sensitive issues with girls and their families. <b>These online sessions are required for new volunteers and suggested for volunteers as they continued to move up.</b></p>

Looking for more information to support you in your volunteer role? Check out [Volunteer Essentials](#) – the adult guide to Girl Scouting! Always consult the [Volunteer page](#) on the GSEM website for up-to-date information on session offerings at [www.girlscoutseasternmass.org/volunteer](http://www.girlscoutseasternmass.org/volunteer).