Getting Girls Outdoor Initiatives Trailblazer <u>Troops</u>

What is a Girl Scout Trailblazer Troop?

Girl Scout Trailblazer Troops are a special interest troop that offers adventure on trails and in wilderness areas. The Trailblazer program provides an opportunity to engage deeply in high-adventure outdoor activities in a broad range of modalities, geographies, and climates.

Trailblazers develop skills in:

- Diverse hiking styles
- · Types of camping
- Orienteering methods
- Conservation

- Outdoor preparedness and safety
- Survivorship
- High-adventure sports

When girls participate in Girl Scouts' outdoor programming, they benefit in four important ways:

- 1. Outdoor Competence
- 2. Outdoor Interest

- 3. Outdoor Confidence
- 4. Environmental Stewardship

If you have more interest in a Trailblazer Troop, please complete this form: Trailblazer Troop

Interest Form

Who Can Be a Trailblazer?

Trailblazers is for Girl Scouts in grades 8-12 of all ability levels with a willingness to complete the requirements of the Trailblazer pin within the first year of being a Trailblazer. It is recommended that Trailblazer troops meet a minimum of one time a month



Trailblazer Guidelines

- GSHPA 21st Century Guidelines
- Trailblazer Concentration and Pin Requirements
- Outdoor Progression Model

- GSHPA Event List
- Leave No Trace
- GSHPA Backpacking Program

Additional Resources

- Trailblazer Pin
- Outdoor Section of Girl Scout Shop
- Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- REI Co-Op

Trailblazers experience all that Girl Scouts offers through a focus on the great outdoors. Badge work, Journeys, higher awards, and trips and travel can all be completed through the lens of outdoors. Trailblazers participate in product program just as other troops do!

Trailblazer troops follow the GSUSA Outdoor Progression Model when planning and participating in outdoor-related activities (see Trailblazer Concentrations & Pin Requirements to get started).

Have questions about our Tree Promise initiative? Reach out to our Member Services team at 800-692-7816 or *MemberServices@gshpa.org*.