



Girl Scouts is about sisterhood and helping others! With that in mind, we have featured some ways that your Girl Scout troop can help with the humanitarian crisis caused by the war in Ukraine in the Programs section of this newsletter. Also, the Mental Health & Awareness section features resources to help families navigate this situation.

Speaking of sisterhood, troops that were new for the 2021/2022 membership year are eligible to renew during our Early Bird Spring Renewal! Last chance to Early Bird is **Friday, April 29**. Troop incentives are still available and all members who renew can join their Girl Scout sisters for a **members-only virtual event with Girl Scout alum, Kristen Bell, on May 19**. Check out the Membership section of this newsletter for more details.

We have a NEW installation at The STEM Center featuring an interactive experience with [If/THEN Ambassadors!](#) Next Thursday, April 28 at 4pm, CW33 wants to film girls interacting with the If/THEN Ambassador installation table. If you would be interested in having your Girl Scout participate, please email media@gsnetx.org with the subject line **Girl Scout press opportunity - Thursday, April 28 4:00PM, STEM Center of Excellence**.

MAY NEW TROOP LEADER NEWSLETTER

TOPICS

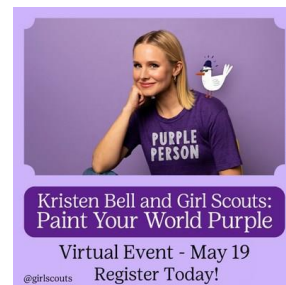
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MEMBERSHIP

Early Bird Spring Renewal 2022 – ends April 29

There's still time to participate in Early Bird Spring Renewal. Check out the incentives below:

- **Camp S'more** Sat, 5/21/22 & Sun, 5/22/22 – limited spots available on [Saturday morning](#) and [Saturday afternoon](#). Space is available for [Sunday morning](#) and [Sunday afternoon](#).
- **Paint Your World Purple** – an exclusive members-only virtual event with GS alum, Kristen Bell, co-author of #1 New York Times bestseller *The World Needs More Purple People*. Join us as she chats about what it means to be a Purple Person and complete fun activities to show off those Purple People skills. To register for the event, go to girlscouts.org/purplepeople.
- 16 more prize drawings for girls to win
- Exclusive Early Bird gear – including our Early Bird T-shirts and patch
- Awesome Troop Leader incentives:



3-5 girls renewed	Drawing for GSNETX Trunk Organizer & Cooler
6-11 girls renewed	Refund of your adult membership fee
12 + girls or 100% of troop renewed	Free ticket to this year's Women of Distinction Luncheon on October 28, 2023

Do you need help renewing? Call or text our **Early Bird hotline at (972) 349-2465** on select days for help between 8am-6pm. Refer to the calendar in the [Early Bird Guide](#).

Extended Membership

It's a great time to introduce new friends to Girl Scouts! They can participate in all the fun this summer! New members can purchase an extended year membership for the rest of this year and all next year for just \$35! To register click [HERE](#). Find out more information at gsnetx.org/join.

GS VOICES COUNT SURVEY



Girl Scout Voices Count Survey is LIVE through April 29. Please encourage your girls and caregivers to complete this national survey. The feedback you provide is so important as it helps us improve Girl Scouts programs and services.

As a thank you, everyone who completes the survey will have a chance to win one of twenty \$50 gift cards or a goodie basket. We can't wait for you to make your voice count!

VOLUNTEER LEARNING

Explore the content in gsLearn! Log into gsLearn, our new learning management system from within your [MY GS](#) account. Click on the course catalog and view classes and video tutorials, as well as registration for upcoming webinars.

Camp Training – TR301 GSNEX Camping: Participants will be certified to camp with girls at GSNEX owned sites with established sleeping and restroom facilities. This is also the certification you need to use fires in troop activities.

[TR301: GSNEX Camping Certification \(SAT\) - STEM 5/21/22 9:00 AM-4:00 PM](#)

TR401: First Aid / AED / CPR Certification:

This course is conducted by a certified First Aid / CPR / AED instructor whose First Aid course content has been reviewed and meets GSUSA course requirements. Any adult Girl Scout volunteer or parent may participate.

[TR401: First Aid/AED /CPR Certification \(SAT\) - JAF, 5/7/22 1:00 PM-5:00PM](#)



Mental Health First Aid

Date and Time: Sat, May 7, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Level: Volunteers

Learn to identify, react to, and support a child experiencing mental health challenges or crises. This course introduces common mental health challenges, reviews adolescent development, and teaches a 5-step action plan on how to intervene. Participants must be 18 years or older. All registrants must complete all portions of the course (pre-quiz and 8-hour in-person training) to receive certification. Certification is valid for two years. Questions? Contact Brittany Kelly at bkelly@gsnetx.org.

CAMP

Summer Camp

Summer Camp registration is open, book their adventure now. Girls can customize their outdoor experience by participating in one or more Resident Camps, STEM Center Day Camps, or Day/Twilight Camps. This short [video](#) will show you how to register for Resident Camp and STEM Center Day Camps through [MY GS](#). Registration for [Day/Twilight Camps](#) is through Camp Doc.



Work at Summer Camp

Need a summer job? We have openings for summer camp. If you or someone you know is interested, but cannot commit to work the entire summer, that is okay...we are flexible. For information or to apply, check out our [career page](#) on our website and check out the [Camp Employment video.mp4](#). If you have any questions, please

feel free to reach out to Heather Hill at hhill@gsnetx.org or (972) 349-2413.

Day/ Twilight Camp Volunteers Needed

To make our Day/Twilight camps possible for the girls, we need volunteers. Any adult volunteer who commits to volunteering for a full week at a Day or Twilight camp will be eligible for \$30 of Girl Scout bucks that may be used in one of the following ways:

- Offset the cost of camper registration
- Membership renewal
- Shop credit for any items in the GSNETX shops

Resident Camp Transportation

For those coming to resident camp at Bette Perot, Gambill and Rocky Point, you can register for the bus to pick up girls to and from camp and JoAnn Fogg Service Center in Dallas. You can register on our website as you would register for camp. Here is a direct link - <https://www.gsnetx.org/en/events/event-list.html?q=transportation>.

Half Week Resident Camp

Experience all the magic of resident camp in a half-week session in early July! This is a great opportunity for girls to experience resident camp without the need to commit to a full week. Great for younger girls who are still testing the waters and for older girls who have busy summers. Find out more at <https://www.gsnetx.org/en/camps/summer-camp/resident-camp.html> or contact Sally Dover at sdover@gsnetx.org

GSNETX PROGRAMS

Girls Fundraising for Ukraine

Girl Scout troops can help with the humanitarian crisis caused by the war in Ukraine. Now through Friday, September 30, 2022, the fundraising restrictions have been lifted and Girl Scouts can raise money in support of our sister Girl Guides and their volunteers and families who are being impacted by the war in Ukraine. Here are some ways that girls can offer their support:

- [CARE – Ukraine Crisis Fund](#)—collecting funds to send immediate aid—food, water, hygiene kits, and services; prioritizes support for women, girls, and the elderly.
- [Doctors without Borders](#)—supporting with medical help and supplies
- [International Rescue Committee](#)—global humanitarian aid and relief organization that supports refugees around the world.
- [Save the Children – Ukraine Crisis Relief Fund](#)—international humanitarian organization that is focused on improving the lives of children around the world in addition to providing emergency aid in natural disasters, war, and other conflicts.
- [United Help Ukraine](#)—Maryland-based volunteer organization that funds first aid kits, humanitarian relief, and emergency medical care
- [Voices of Children](#)—Ukrainian organization supporting children with psycho-social support.
- [World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts Emergency Relief Appeal](#)—an emergency appeal fund to support Member Organizations involved in the crisis around Ukraine and to provide other humanitarian support in response to this emergency.

GSNETX Focus Group

GSNETX & Deloitte will host 2-3 focus groups in the coming weeks and we're inviting your girls to participate! Deloitte is wanting to interview a few Girl Scouts (any age) and non-Girl Scout girls (parent/caregiver can take part) in the coming weeks. They'll talk about their interests, Girl Scouts, what they like to participate in, etc. Interviews will be virtual and will be for 1 hour. Please email bcunningham@gsnetx.org if you are interested.

GSNETX PROGRAMS, WORKSHOPS AND JOURNEY IN A DAY EVENTS Activities and events for girls, troops, and families that provide a fun and engaging Girl Scout experience.		
Daisy, Brownie, Junior (D,B,J)	Cadette, Senior, Ambassador (C,S,A)	All Program Grade Levels (All)
Teddy Bear Clinic @ Plano Date: Sun, May 1 Level: D,B Fun for He & Me at Camp Rocky Point Date: Fri, May 6-8 Level: B,J Teddy Bear Clinic @SSSC) morning afternoon Date: Sat, May14 Level: D,B Okay to Say Patch Workshop - Zoom Date: Thurs, May12 Level: D,B,J	Fun for He & Me at Camp Rocky Point Date: Fri, May 6-8 Level: C,S,A Okay to Say Patch Workshop - Zoom Date: Tue, May 10 Level: C,S,A My Ascension: Virtual Film Screening - Zoom Date: Tue, May 17 Level: C,S,A	STEM Center Troop & Family Camping Date: Fri, May 6-8 Level: All, Adults Dallas Area Grand Prix Date: Sat, May 7 Level: All, Adults Camp In Camp STEM – Zoom Date: Sat, May 7 Level: All, Adults STEM Center Troop & Family Camping Date: Fri, May 13-15 Level: All, Adults
<i>Find detailed descriptions of the workshops listed above at gsnetx.org/events.</i>		

Check out [this additional events calendar](#) for more opportunities provided by our approved Program Partners.

PATCH OF THE MONTH

Celebrate Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month by having fun learning about all the communities it represents while earning a new patch!



The Girl Scout Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month Fun Patch is designed for Girl Scouts of all levels and their leaders, to celebrate the cultural richness of all people in the U.S. whose ancestors came from the Pacific Islands or the Asian diaspora, and to acknowledge the many contributions of the AAPI community to our nation. Girls and leaders have plenty of activities to choose from to earn this fun patch, and we encourage girls from all ethnic backgrounds to participate. Order patch [here](#).

[Fun Patch Activities \(PDF\)](#)
[Actividades en Español \(PDF\)](#)

You can find free patch programs [here](#).

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS

May is Mental Health Awareness month. Be sure to check out the [Mental Health and Wellness](#) page for programs and resources or learn a new wellness technique from the [Mindfulness Monday](#) series on the Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas Facebook page.

Here is a resource to share with families to help navigate this situation with the war in Ukraine: [Girl Scouts Raising Awesome Girls—When Violence on the News Shakes her World](#)



[My Ascension: Virtual Film Screen – Zoom 5/17/22](#)

Date and Time: Tue May 17, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Level: Junior, Cadette

Join Girl Scouts Northeast Texas for a virtual screening of My Ascension, a documentary film and movement to spread hope and fight suicide. The screening will be followed by an interactive dialogue with mental health experts and Emma Benoit, who is featured in the film. Girl Scouts earn the Okay Okay to Say™ patch by participating in this event. This event is open to all Girl Scouts, Caregivers, and Community Members. View the [trailer](#) to learn more about the film.

TROOP LEADER RESOURCES, TIPS, AND REMINDERS

Reminders

- **April New Leader Virtual Meeting Tuesday 4/26 at 7 pm and Wednesday 4/27 at noon** – Topics to be discussed will include cookie awards & finances, end of year planning, troop financials, GS ceremonies, and more. <https://zoom.us/j/93252268737> Passcode: 521595
- **Troop Financial Report (TFR) is now LIVE!** Log into MY GS, click on My Account, and select the Volunteer Toolkit (VTK). Once you are in the VTK, click on the Finances tab. **Due June 15.**
 - You can view the previous year's TFR in the VTK to get your ending balance, which will be this year's beginning balance. New troops beginning balance will be \$0.
 - You will be reporting finances from June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022.
 - Use the [Troop Financial Ledger](#) to track and share the troop's spending and income with your girls and their families. It is designed to work in conjunction with the annual TFR found in the VTK.

Tips and Resources

- **Planning a Bridging Ceremony?** [Check out this blog](#) and this [Bridging Guidebook](#) on how to plan your bridging ceremony. You can order [Bridging Kits](#) at any of our [shop](#) locations.
- [How My Daisy Troop Earned All 11 Petals In 1 Year](#)



- Troop Support Coordinator – This is your point of contact for questions, resources, and to help guide through your first year as a troop leader. Click [here](#) to find your Troop Support Coordinator.

Find resources for new leaders at <https://www.gsnetx.org/newleader>.
