

# Girl Scouts of the USA

## Becoming Me: Frequently Asked Questions

### About the Becoming Me Virtual Event

#### Is this event open to anyone?

The Becoming Me virtual event is open to any Girl Scout member (girl or adult) who:

- Joins for the first time by purchasing an **Extended Year** membership by April 30.
- Joins again after a year off by purchasing an **Extended Year** membership by April 30.
- Renews their current membership by purchasing a **2022 Membership** by April 30.
- Has already purchased or purchases a **Lifetime Membership** by April 30.

#### Where will I get my link to join the virtual events?

The email address that was used during registration will receive one invitation link in early May from "GSUSA [no-reply@hopin.com](mailto:no-reply@hopin.com)." If you do not see the email in your inbox, be sure to check your Junk/Spam folder.

#### Will this event be recorded?

The virtual event will be streamed on May 6 at 7pm ET with an encore presentation at 10pm ET to accommodate members on the west coast. A recording will not be made available immediately after the event.

#### Will I receive an email confirmation?

Yes, you will receive a confirmation email after you complete your membership purchase and register for the event.

#### I registered. How do I know I am confirmed?

You will receive an emailed receipt confirming your membership purchase and/or event registration..

#### Can I forward my link to a friend?

No, the virtual event link cannot be forwarded to a friend and can only be used once.

#### How do I register?

You can join or renew your membership all in one place [here](#) or if you prefer, you can [purchase your membership](#) first and then return later to [register for the event](#) before April 30.

#### Do I need any materials?

No additional materials are required to participate in the virtual event, except a digital device and connection to the Internet.

#### I am having trouble connecting to the event. What do I do?

Please [reach out to our customer care team](#) and we'll help you get connected.

### Is there a patch/badge for attending this event?

The Becoming Me patch is available for purchase through GirlScoutShop.com for girls who complete the Becoming Me program series. As part of the program series, girls will also earn 3 badges at their program level. The Becoming Me patch and three badges from the program series can be purchased as a bundle for \$10 from May 6 through August 3.

### When is the latest I can register for the event?

Registration for the virtual event closes on Friday, April 30 at 11:59pm Eastern Time.

### Do I have to purchase the *Becoming* book to attend?

No. While the Becoming Me program is inspired by Mrs. Obama's book *Becoming: Adapted for Young Readers*, you do not need the book to participate in the virtual event or program series.

### When will I receive information to log into the virtual event?

In early May, you will receive an email with detailed information to access the virtual event platform. Each email can only be used once to log into the event.

## About Girl Scout Membership

### What is an Extended Year membership?

A Girl Scout annual membership is valid from October 1 through September 30 of the following year. An Extended Year membership allows girls and adults to join starting April 1 and remains valid through September 30 the following year. A current Extended Year membership will be valid from April 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

### What are the membership requirements for girls?

Membership in Girl Scouts is granted to any girl who:

- is currently enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade;
- has made the Girl Scout Promise and accepted the Girl Scout Law;
- has paid annual or other applicable membership dues.

### What are the membership requirements for adults?

Membership in Girl Scouts is granted to any adult who:

- is at least 18 years old OR is a high school graduate (or equivalent);
- accepts the principles and beliefs as stated in the preamble of the Girl Scout Constitution; and
- has paid annual, lifetime, or other applicable membership dues.

### When will I get placed in a troop?

Girls who become members and participate in a troop that is already formed, meaning it has the minimum required number of girls and volunteers, can likely start meeting as soon as the next troop meeting. If the troop is newly formed, there may be a short waiting period for the troop leader to complete orientation.

### Will I hear from my troop leader?

If a girl joined an existing troop, her troop leader will likely reach out within 48 business hours by phone or email. Caregivers have access to the troop meeting details and troop leaders' contact information in MyAccount under MyTroops.

### How do I register as a troop leader?

When looking to become a troop leader please follow the prompts for adult membership and select a troop that has open positions for Troop Leaders.

### Can I get a refund?

There is no additional cost for Becoming Me virtual event so there is no refund available. Membership dues may not be transferred to another member and are not refundable.

### How is Girl Scouts handling safety?

Safety is a top priority for Girl Scouts. All activities are supervised, and we provide our volunteers with top-notch training and program resources. We also follow comprehensive safety guidelines tailored to individual activities and girls' ages. And right now, we're continually adapting our programming and activities to promote the utmost safety and follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state recommendations for social distancing.

We are also working hard to ensure that girls stay safe online. Different types of virtual events will have different protocols that keep girls safe, such as only identifying girls by first name and requiring registration or passwords to join. Plus, the names of the attendees are not shared with the audience, and access to registration information is limited to GSUSA and local council staff only. Each troop can also set its own safety practices for online troop meetings.