

Teen Leadership Opportunities

Be a hero to younger Girl Scouts as a teen volunteer! There's nothing like watching a girl's face light up with joy as guide her through a new activity. Here are some exciting opportunities to help younger girls by sharing your skills, passions, and expertise. **Register** today for the opportunities below or contact customercare@gswise.org for more information.

Program Aide (PA)

Grades 6-12

Program Aides have fun, strengthen their leadership skills, and meet new friends while working directly with younger girls under the supervision of an adult volunteer or staff member. Program Aides share their expertise with other Girl Scouts on a variety of topics. See the Cadette *Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting* for steps to earning the Program Aide pin.



PA by Pathways

- **Camp Pathway**

Share your talents as you lead younger campers and adults. Work with an adult mentor to fine tune the skills that make you great. There is no fee to serve as a PA at day camp, with a nominal fee for overnights. PA Core training is required your first year of being a PA. Day Camp Specific training is required each year. **Register** as a PA for camp. Camp programs should be chosen based on the grade your Girl Scout is *entering in the fall*.

- **Event Pathway**

PAs lead or assist activities at council events. PAs need to be at least two years older than the girls they are working with and don't pay registration fees to attend. PA Core Training is encouraged and helpful to support PA success but not required. View PA event opportunities [here](#), in *Connections*, or the *Summer Camps and Events Book* with the PA icon, or in the *Event Volunteer Opportunity* seasonal brochure (find at gswise.org or email CustomerCare@gswise.org). **Register** as a PA for the events you are interested in.

- **Troop Pathway**

PAs assist a younger troop in their area and gain practical skills and tips for working with girls and troop leaders. PA Core and Troop Specific Trainings required.

PA Trainings

- **PA Core Training**

Includes leadership skills, strategies for working with younger Girl Scouts, the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, girl/adult partnership, teaching methods, and more. The council provides this training and some camps offer their own. Training is required for day camp PAs and strongly encouraged for event PAs.

- **Day Camp Specific Training**

Each day camp facilitates their own day camp orientation for PAs and CITs. See your day camp's information at gswise.org for training dates.

- **Troop Specific Training**

Contact CustomerCare@gswise.org for training information and to get connected with a younger girl troop in your area.

Special offer for PAs at events

Troops or girls with adult supervision who PA at both Friday evening and Saturday events have the opportunity to spend that Friday night at the council property for free. Troops must adhere to program property rental procedures and safety requirements for troop camping. Please notify CustomerCare@gswise.org if you are interested.

Counselor-in-Training (CIT)

Grades 10-12

Provides a progression in leadership for girls ready to assume more responsibility at camp. Master your skills by leading activities or a unit. Be the role model who is confident to dress up and sing silly songs, mediate a dispute, or make an impression that girls remember decades later. See the [Summer Camp and Event Guide](#) for details. See the Senior or Ambassador *Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting* for how to earn the CIT award if desired.

Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Training

Take your leadership skills to the next level by reflecting on your experiences and building on them with other CITs. Prior to your first summer as a CIT, attend CIT Training through the council (dates listed below) or your PA Coordinator (not all day camps offer this training). View the [Activities Calendar](#).

Please note: teens enrolled in a CIT session at overnight camp do not need to attend additional training prior to camp.

Volunteer-in-Training (VIT)

Grades 10-12

This award is for girls who want to mentor a Girl Scout Daisy, Brownie, Junior, or Cadette troop in a pathway other than camp. See the Senior or Ambassador *Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting* for how to earn the VIT award if you are interested.

VIT Training

A girls' VIT project should span a 3-6 month period, and includes the following steps:

1. Find a mentor volunteer who is currently the adult volunteer for a group of girls at the level you'd like to work with. This volunteer will help you through the VIT process.
2. Complete *Leadership Essentials* [gswise.org/Volunteer>Learning & Support>Leadership Essentials](http://gswise.org/Volunteer/Learning%20&%20Support/Leadership%20Essentials) training for the level of girls you have decided to work with.
3. Create and implement a program based on a Journey or badge.

Camp Advisory Groups

Share your opinions and use your leadership skills to help us make camp even more awesome than it already is!

By joining a Camp Advisory Group, you will:

- Get a free camp t-shirt after you attend two or more sessions
- Help design the camp t-shirt, patch, and theme (for Day Camps)
- Share your ideas on improving camp
 - Make new friends
- Be part of a tradition
- Make a difference
- Be a leader!

Day Camp by Community

PAs and CITs of Day Camps are welcome to join Day Camp Designers. See *Activities* at gswise.org to sign up.

Camp Alice Chester Camper Council

Camp Alice Chester's Campers in grades two through 12 are welcome to join.

Silverbrook Camper Council

Silverbrook campers in grades two through 12 are welcome to join.

Contact CustomerCare@gswise.org for meeting dates and times / registration information.