

TOP 10 | November 2020



1. Community Service

Has your Service Unit made plans to help your community this year? If not, November is a great time to give back to those in need! There are still so many things that your troops can do at this time of year. Supply drives for local food pantries and animal shelters are both great options to try while social distancing. Maybe troops could rake leaves for neighbors, make placemats for nursing homes, or decorate downtown for the holidays? We know your troops are creative, so please send any pics of community service to marcomm@girlscoutstoday.org to be featured on social media. Of course, keep [COVID guidelines](#) in mind with any planning.

2. President's Award Recipients

It is with great pleasure that we announce the Service Units that met the criteria for the President's Award! Each Service Unit Director was sent a congratulations letter from Diane Nelson and Missy Sweeney, and they will be honored at the upcoming Leading the Way in the spring. Find a [full list](#) of the 30 Service Units that achieved this honor. Congrats to all!

3. Our Offices are Open

If you haven't heard, through December 19, 2020, troops can reserve a meeting room at one of our council offices or Camp Liberty and Camp Little Cloud for troop meetings for free. There are some restrictions on the number of girls due to COVID guidelines, but check it out to see if it will work for your troop. [Make your reservation today!](#) Call 800-798-0833 or [email us](#) with any questions.

4. Blueprint for an Amazing Year

With the restrictions we face in person and online, GSUSA has come up with meeting plans to help new leaders and even those who are not comfortable making a transition. Encourage your leaders to check out the new pages on our website called [Your Blueprint for an Amazing Troop Year](#) for ideas.

5. Give the Gift of Girl Scouts

Troop leaders, we need your help! In early November, we will be sending out a letter to all leaders inviting their troops to participate in the Gift of Girl Scouts! You know better than anyone that now is the time when all girls need a sense of structure, mental and physical support, and a connection to other girls! But we find that some families don't have the necessary resources to join, and your troop can help. The girls in your troop are very fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in Girl Scouts and have amazing leaders such as yourself. Please take the time to have this conversation with your girls and consider donating a troop to provide other girls in their community with a Girl Scout membership. Every troop that chooses to donate will receive a Gift of Girl Scouts patch for each girl in the troop.

6. Fall Product Program

As online sales continue through November 22, customers can still have snacks and magazine orders shipped directly. Girls will continue to earn recognitions and program credit for their sales in November, too! While girls are selling online digitally, they can use the [new marketing kit](#) for social media graphics!

7. Cookie Program

Do you have any new leaders to the Cookie Program? We've got you covered! [Register for the Cookies 101 course](#) on November 18 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. to participate in the live session or watch the recording after for all of the important details. The training will give an overview of cookies, so volunteers feel ready to jump in when their troop begins.

8. Software Updates

We are getting new software for registration, keeping up with volunteers, and more! We are very excited, but there will be a few times that online tools will be unavailable:

- Volunteer Toolkit - November 18-December 7
- Looker - November 21-December 7

While online access will not be available for member registration, event registrations, or volunteer onboarding, our council team is committed to supporting our girls, families and volunteers during this time of system transition. Contact us by calling 800-798-0833. You will love these new updates!

9. Volunteer Toolkit

The Volunteer Toolkit is your go-to place to plan your troop year! Find out about new updates to help with in-person and virtual planning.

- There is a feature called "walk-me" that will guide volunteers through setting up a year plan, registering for activities, editing your plan, and more.
- There is a new year plan called "Great for First Year" available for Daisies and Brownies. This plan gives troops a well-rounded look at Girl Scout programming and is an ideal plan for first-year Daisy and Brownie troops.
- On the Explore tab –you can now browse full meeting plans BEFORE you set up a year plan.
- Meeting Plans now have an "Additional Resources" section where you can find national events that relate to a specific badge and related Shop links. There is also information on making it virtual as well!
- Volunteers can now save their OWN links into the Additional Resources section.

10. Upcoming Events

Leader Low Down | November 6-7

Family Life Skills Night | November 15

Learn to Lead | November 21

Find more at www.girlscoutstoday.org/events!

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