

## **2024 Early Bird Packet**

#### For Individuals, Troops and Service Units

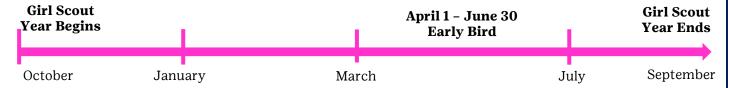
Thank you for your dedication to your girls, service unit, council, and the Girl Scout Movement. We could not build girls of courage, confidence, and character without the countless hours you have contributed as a volunteer. Congratulations on completing another year of fun, growth, and sisterhood with your troop!

Think back to all you have accomplished throughout your Girl Scout journey. You have helped your community, faced big challenges, discovered new passions, and made forever friends. So, what is next? Anything you can dream up! There is so much more to explore with your Girl Scouts. Sign up for another year today and keep the excitement going.



This 2024 Early Bird Packet is your invitation to become an **Early Bird Troop** and **Early Bird Service Unit** to earn **Early Bird Perks**! Included in this packet is everything you need to prepare for another great Girl Scout year—early!

#### What is Early Bird?



The Girl Scout year begins on October 1 and ends on September 30 each year. The Early Bird renewal period is a time for troop leaders and parents to renew their Girl Scout memberships. Beginning April 1, you can renew your membership for the upcoming membership year (beginning October 1).

#### Why Early Bird?

- 1. Get a jump start on all the fun!
- 2. Troop leaders will know whether girls will be back when school resumes and if there are openings in the troop.
- 3. Parents can make sure their daughter(s) will be back in the same troop by fall. Plus, it will be one less item on your very full list when you are deep in back-to-school mode.
- 4. Troops will be ready for the fall product program.
- 5. Service units can better plan for the year.
- 6. Your troop will be eligible for Honor Troop.
- 7. Bragging rights!
- 8. Receive early bird perks!

## **Early Bird Perks**

#### **Individual Perk**

• Every girl renewed by June 30, 2024, receives a free Early Bird patch.

#### **Troop Perks - Be an Early Bird Troop!**

Your troop **must** be in good standing and meet the following criteria:

- 1. Renew at least 70% of the girls (as of your troop roster on March 31).
- 2. Renew at least two registered and approved volunteers (Girl Scout membership, background check eligible and position assigned: each in the leader position).
- 3. Turn in **complete** troop financials to council by June 30, 2024.
  - a. Your troop's financial report MUST include your summary financial report, ledger, all bank statements, and all receipts.
  - b. All documents must be legible to be considered complete.
  - c. Please see <u>Troop Finances</u> on our website for details.

### What are the Early Bird Troop Perks?

- 1. Fall product program base troop proceeds for nut and candy items will be an additional .10 per item.
- 2. Cookie program base troop proceeds will be an additional .05 per package.
- 3. Earn one early booth choice prior to booth selection opening. This year, we will be calling each troop in order of when they early birded based on when you submit your early bird troop application online. If you were the first troop to early bird, you will get first selection. If you were the last troop, you will be last in the early choice selection process.

#### **How Does My Troop Receive Our Perks?**

Submit your Early Bird Troop Application by June 30, 2024

\*Individually Registered Girls (IRG's) and Service Units do <u>not</u> need to submit Early Bird Application to receive Early Bird Perks.

#### Service Unit Perks - Be an Early Bird Service Unit!

<u>Active service units</u> meeting the following criteria will receive a \$100 gift certificate to our council shop.

• 70% of your troops earned the Early Bird Troop distinction.

\*Service Unit must be in good standing with financials turned in by June 30, 2024.

\*Service Unit Perk must be redeemed by September 30, 2024.

# Make Sure to Early Bird to Start Your Journey to be an Honor Troop

Don't miss out on earning Honor Troop because you forgot to Early Bird. Early Bird renewal is a part of the Honor Troop requirements. See our Honor Troop Application at <a href="https://www.gsdsw.org">www.gsdsw.org</a> under <a href="mailto:Forms and Documents">Forms and Documents</a> for full details.

#### What is Honor Troop?

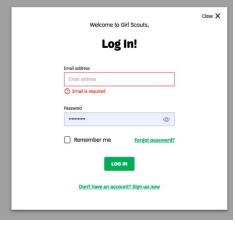
The Honor Troop program serves as a guide for troops to ensure a well-rounded year of Girl Scouting. It allows your troop to successfully ensure girls are exposed to diverse girlled leadership opportunities. It is a distinction given to troops that are active within Girl Scouting and are in good standing at the council level. This includes renewal and financial reports, as well as participating in Girl Scout activities and traditions, within the period of that membership year.

#### **How Do I Renew Registrations for My Troop?**

Renewing your troop is fast and easy! Follow these instructions to renew your troop. If you have any questions, contact Customer Care at <a href="mailto:info@gsdsw.org">info@gsdsw.org</a>.

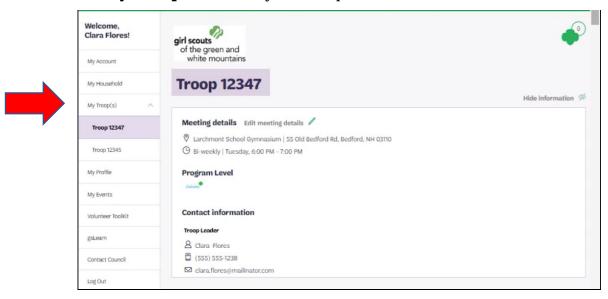
1. Login to your **MyGS** account from the council website at <u>www.gsdsw.org</u> and click on **My Account**.



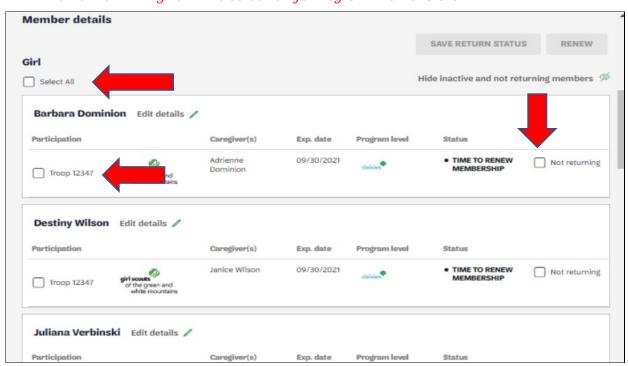


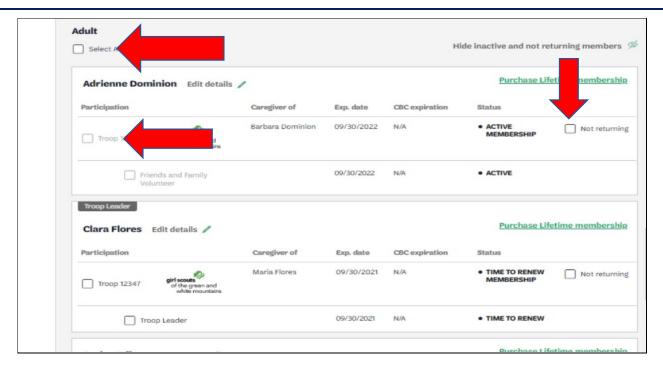


2. Choose My Troop and select your troop number.

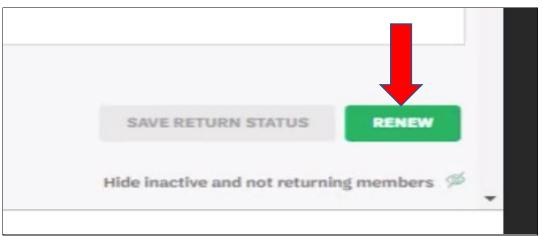


3. Go to the member details and select all (girls and adults) that are NOT returning. Click save to save return status. Check the box next to each girl and adult that you will be registering, or you can click the select all box. \*You can hide all the members that are not returning to make selection for registration easier.

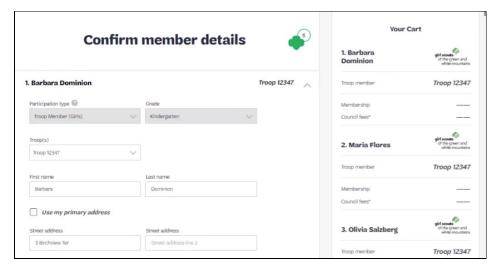




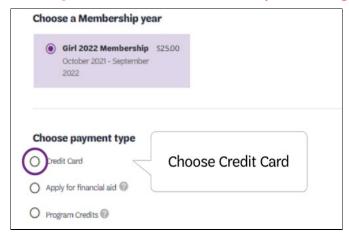
4. Click **Renew** at the top of the screen after you have selected all members to be reregistered.



5. Verify each member's details and update as needed. Some fields can only be updated by Council, please send an email to <a href="mailto:info@gsdsw.org">info@gsdsw.org</a> to update that information.



6. Click the correct membership year and choose the payment type: credit card in most cases \* You will repeat this for each member you are registering.



7. After completing one member, click on next participant to update the next member and repeat until all members have been updated.



8. Click on **Review Cart** to see all pending memberships for the troop.

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2. Jenifer Salzberg	Troop 12347 🔮	
3. Barbara Dominion	Troop 12347 🔮	•
4. Maria Flores	Troop 12347	•
5. Olivia Salzberg	Troop 12347 🥥	•
6. Clara Flores	Troop 12347 🔮	
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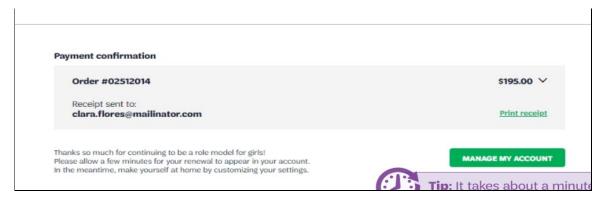
9. Click the box in the right-hand column to accept the **Promise and Law**. Then click **Add Payment** details at the bottom of the screen.

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Please note that Membership fees are non-refundable.			
Your membership fees power life-changing experiences for girls, to another person.	, locally and nationally. Membership is not refunde	lable or transferrable	
*Council fees help power amazing experiences for girls in your co	ommunity and are non-refundable.		
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10. Complete payment information and **Submit Payment**.

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11. Print receipt for troop records and click **Manage My Account** to verify the memberships went through. This may take a few minutes to update in the system.



Congrats—You are an Early Bird Troop!