



Girl Scout Daisy Pilot Program and Monthly Supply Boxes Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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Thank you for being a Girl Scout Daisy Troop Leader and participating in this pilot program designed to give leaders of new Daisy-level troops the supplies needed for a comprehensive year of activities. To help make this program a success, we are providing the answers to some **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**.

Q: What is the Girl Scout Daisy Monthly Supply Box pilot program?

A: Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey is one of 14 councils out of 111 nationwide that has been selected to participate in a pilot program designed to give new Girl Scout Daisy troops and their troop leader volunteers (of girls in Grades K-1) complimentary monthly resources to help them easily lead troop meetings, facilitate friendships, build their own confidence as leaders, and have tons of fun as they establish new troops in their community. Starting in Fall 2023, new Daisy troop leaders in participating councils will receive a **complimentary monthly supply box** of resources that follow the [Daisy First Year Troop Plan](#) and will be shipped directly to them from Girl Scouts of the USA.

New and experienced leaders who are starting a new Girl Scout Daisy-level troop for the 2023-2024 membership year (for girls in grades K-1) will automatically be included in the program.

Q: Are the Monthly Supply Boxes appropriate for existing Girl Scout Daisy troops that have completed the Daisy petals requirements?

A: The monthly supply box contents and order of distribution closely follow the new [Daisy First Year Troop Plan](#). If troops have already earned their Girl Scout Daisy petals, the monthly supply boxes will be redundant. We recommend that Troop Leaders connect with their Troop Support Managers at GSNNJ for guidance on what to focus on during their second year as a Girl Scout Daisy troop.

Q: What are the requirements for a troop to participate in the pilot program and receive the Monthly Supply Boxes?

A: To qualify for the monthly supply boxes a Daisy troop must have a **minimum of two registered leaders** with **background checks** submitted and a **troop number**. Additionally, participating troops must provide **one mailing address** where boxes are to be shipped. Troops that form up until 1/31/24 are eligible to participate.

Q: What address do we provide for the Monthly Supply Boxes to be delivered?

A: Boxes will be delivered to the **one** mailing address that the troop provides, which can be decided on by the leaders. Boxes cannot be delivered to P.O. Box addresses. Contact **Customer Care** at customercare@gsnj.org with the mailing address of your choice. If you want the boxes shipped to a different address than was originally submitted, please contact Customer Care to make a change.

Q: Is there a minimum number of girls required for a troop to participate?

A: No, there is no minimum number of girls required to qualify for participation in the pilot program. We recommend, however, that new troops begin with a minimum of 5 girls. Note that all new troops are automatically displayed in the Participation Catalog with openings for up to 12 girls, unless a larger troop size is requested by leaders or Service Unit Manager.

Q: My Daisy troop is participating in this pilot program! How do we recruit more girls to join our troop?

A: Your GSNNJ Membership Recruitment Manager can help you with that! We can provide you with customizable flyers for you to distribute and invite others to join your troop. Your Service Unit team can also assist you with recruiting more girls and/or adults to join your troop.

Q: Can Multi-level troops qualify and participate in the pilot?

A: The monthly supply boxes are designed with activities for Girl Scout Daisies (in grades K-1) only, however, in a Multi-level troop if there are more Daisies than girls of other levels or if the troop is estimated to grow in Daisy girl members, a Multi-level troop may be able to receive boxes at the Council's discretion.

Q: How many girls will the boxes serve?

A: Each box will have enough activity supplies for up to 18 registered Girl Scouts. Based on your troop size at the time of shipping, supplemental boxes that serve an additional 5 girls will be included.

Q: What can we do with supplies we may not use?

A: Any supplies you do not use can be shared with other new Daisy troop leaders, members of your Service Unit or with Council.

Q: This sounds great! How will I know the contents of each box and when the boxes will be delivered?

A: All troops will receive Box #1 (Welcome Box), which includes foundational supplies (scissors, markers, etc.) for troop meetings, script suggestions on how to hold a family meeting, as well as everything needed to lead your first troop meeting. Girls can play games to get to know one another, learn some Girl Scout traditions, and earn their first badge (the Promise Center) during the first troop meeting.

Petals/badges are not provided within the box and can be purchased at our Council shops or online. Activities and thoughtful script suggestions to earn the petals/badges are included in the boxes.

The second box leaders will receive, and all boxes thereafter, will depend on the month the troop forms and when the **Troop Mailing Address** (where boxes are to be shipped) has been provided to GSNNJ. **Boxes should arrive within 3-5 business days from the Box Shipping Date.** Refer to the Box Content & Shipping Schedule chart for important dates and information.

Box Content & Shipping Schedule

Box Number	Petal/Badge	Deadline to Submit Mailing Address	Box Shipping Date	Troop Mtgs Take Place
1	Welcome Box – Parent Meeting & First Troop Meeting	Sept 1	Sept 25	Early Oct
2	Honest & Fair Friendly & Helpful	Sept 11	Oct 2	Late Oct Early Nov
3	Money Explorer 1+2	Oct 16	Nov 8	Late Nov Early Dec
4	Cookie Family Pin My First Cookie Business Considerate & Caring	Nov 6	Dec 8	Early Jan Late Jan Early Feb
5	Courageous & Strong Responsible for What I Say & Do	Jan 12	Feb 8	Late Feb Early March
6	Respect Myself & Others Respect Authority	Feb 9	March 8	Late March Early April
7	Use Resources Wisely Make the World a Better Place	Mar 18	April 8	Late April Early May
8	Be a Sister to Every Girl Scout EOY Celebration	Apr 22	May 8	Late May Early June

Description of Columns in Box Content & Shipping Schedule Chart

Box Number: A total of 8 boxes covering 9 months of troop meetings will be shipped in the specified order listed in the chart. All new troops regardless of when they start will receive the Welcome Box (Box #1), which includes foundational supplies (scissors, markers, etc.) to be used at troop meetings.

The next Box # a troop will receive depends on the month the troop was formed, and when a Troop Mailing Address was submitted by the Estimated Deadline for Addresses listed in the chart. Boxes are shipped out according to the schedule in the chart, and those boxes that were mailed earlier than your start date will not be shipped to you.

Badge: This column describes the specific Daisy petals, badges, and/or awards that will be covered in each monthly supply box. Each box will include step-by-step instructions, ready-to-go supplies, and thoughtful script suggestions to help you lead your Girl Scouts in earning petals and badges. Actual petals/badges are not provided within the box and can be purchased at our Council shops or online.

Estimated Deadline for Addresses: Once a troop has been formed, the troop leaders must submit **one** mailing address to GSNNJ by the deadline noted in this column so that your next box will be ordered, assembled, and shipped to you.

Estimated Shipping Date: This column notes the date boxes will be shipped. Boxes should arrive within 3-5 business days from the shipping date.

Troop Mtgs Take Place: These are suggested timeframes during which troop meetings should be held based on two meetings per month.

Q: How many Monthly Supply Boxes will we receive in total?

A: In total, there are 8 boxes to cover 9 troop meetings. The number of boxes you receive will depend on when your troop is formed and if a Troop Mailing Address was provided before the estimated deadline on the box shipping schedule. Boxes are shipped according to the schedule and earlier boxes than your start date will not be shipped to you. GSNNJ will assist in providing you with supplies you may not have received from GSUSA.

Q: Where can I find information on the Daisy Pilot Program and the Monthly Supply Boxes on the GSNNJ website?

A: Check out the Monthly Supply Box link here: www.gsnj.org/daisybox More information on the pilot program will become available as we continue to build this webpage.

Q: Do we have to wait for our first box to arrive in order to hold a parent meeting or our first troop meeting?

A: No, you do not have to wait for a box to arrive in order to hold a meeting. We are all here to help you! If you want to hold a meeting before your first box arrives, contact your Service Unit Manager or your Troop Support Manager at GSNNJ for assistance and resources. Check out **gsLearn** and the [Tips for your Parent Meeting](#) and [Troop Management](#) links found on our website for additional suggestions and ideas on holding meetings.

Q: What can we do with the girls as we wait for our box to arrive?

A: Check out activities and events your Service Unit might be holding that your troop can attend. Contact your Service Unit Manager or Service Unit team for more information. A listing of GSNNJ program activities for Girl Scout Daisies are available on our website www.gsnnj.org. You can get ideas from attending the Green Table Talk sessions too!

Q: Will I know what is in each box before it arrives? How can I provide input?

A: Yes! Troop **leaders will receive an email from GSUSA prior to the boxes being shipped** providing information about what to expect in your next box plus additional resources. This email will go out monthly in anticipation of your upcoming monthly supply box. **You will also receive email communications from GSUSA** throughout the pilot program with **periodic surveys** for your troop to complete. Your participation in the surveys is critical to the program's continued success.

Q: What support will we receive from GSNNJ during this pilot program?

A: Your main point of contact during the first year of your volunteer experience and throughout the pilot program is **Lissette Tufaro**, Associate Director of Member Experience, who can be reached at ltufaro@gsnnj.org with any questions or concerns.

Troop Leaders will be invited to attend **Green Table Talk** sessions throughout the year, along with other participating Daisy Pilot Troop Leaders. These sessions will be held (virtually or in person) for new leaders as a platform where you can ask questions, hear from some great guest speakers on different topics, network with other volunteers and receive updates on the Daisy Pilot Program.

Leaders will also receive **e-newsletters** with topics of interest, important updates, and new information for participants in this pilot program. Communications will be coming to you via emails from Lissette Tufaro, your Associate Director of Member Experience.

Q: What if we no longer want to receive the boxes?

A: Participation in this pilot is not required. If you do not want to receive the complimentary monthly supply boxes, please notify Lissette Tufaro at ltufaro@gsnnj.org to

opt out of the program, and we would appreciate any feedback you could provide as to why you no longer want to participate.

If you have additional questions regarding this program, contact Lissette Tufaro, Associate Director of Member Experience, at ltufaro@gsnj.org or our Customer Care staff at customercare@gsnj.org or (973) 248-8200.