



Super Troop (Cadette/Senior/Ambassador)

REQUIREMENTS for 2020-2021

Participate in the Cookie Program, turn in Troop Financials (these two requirements are already checked for you), and additionally complete at least 5 of the remaining requirements listed below.

- PARTICIPATE IN THE COOKIE PROGRAM**
Your troop must participate in Cookies to be eligible for this award.
- REPORT YOUR FINANCIALS**
You must turn in Troop Financials by May 1, 2021, through the VTK finance tab to be eligible for this award.
- BE A STRONG AND SUSTAINABLE TROOP**
By April 2021, add at least one new girl to your troop. Throughout the year, keep your troop visible with open spots in the Participation Catalog for prospective girls to register into.
- ENCOURAGE EVERY GIRL TO BE A GIRL SCOUT**
Invite non-GS girls to join your troop activities three (3) times throughout the year, virtually or in-person, as guidelines allow.
- REGISTER AS EARLY BIRDS (OR ONTIME)**
Have at least two troop leaders in your troop registered with current CBCs along with over 75% of returning girls and adults in the troop registered for the 2021 membership year by November 1, 2020.
- HOLD A GIRL MEETING**
Have the girls meet at the beginning of the year to decide what will be accomplished for the year, set expectations, explain how communication will occur, and work with adults to fill open volunteer positions in the troop. Hold virtually or in-person, as guidelines allow.
- GET TRAINED**
All troop leaders should log onto gsLearn and take "Welcome to gsLearn." Returning troop leaders should take at least one additional course of their choice; New troop leaders should take all courses in gsLearn on the "New Troop Leader Learning Pathway." More information on gsLearn can be found at www.gsctx.org/training.
- USE THE VOLUNTEER TOOLKIT (VTK) TO PLAN YOUR YEAR**
Login and create a year-long plan using Volunteer Toolkit. Visit www.gsctx.org/VTK for more information.
- PARTICIPATE IN THE FALL PRODUCT PROGRAM**
Attend a Fall Product Program training, virtually or in-person, as guidelines allow, and have 50% of girls in your troop participate in the Fall Product Program.
- DO SOMETHING FUN**
Host an average of one engaging activity every month between October 2020 and May 2021 for girls in your troop, virtually or in-person, as guidelines allow. Examples – host a troop social hour for girls to chat/have fun, host a virtual speaker, host a virtual backyard campout, or participate in a socially-distanced hike.
- DO A GOOD TURN**
Encourage your troop to help out other Girl Scout troops and/or participate in community service, virtually or in-person, as guidelines allow; tally the collective number of troop service hours and include in the award application.
- TELL US WHY YOU ARE A SUPER TROOP**
It's a "Write-In" Option. In a few sentences, share a bit about what makes you a Super Troop.

See pg. 2 for FAQ & Visit www.gsctx.org/super for more info

Super Troop (Cadette/Senior/Ambassador) – FAQ

What does a troop need to do to earn the Super Service Unit award?

To be awarded the Super Troop and earn an extra 5-cents per box of cookies sold in the troop, a troop must participate in the Cookie Program in any capacity (i.e. sell at least one box), must turn in Troop Financials using the VTK Finance Tab, and additionally complete at least 5 of the remaining requirements.

How were the overall requirements determined for Super Troop?

Using data from various sources, including feedback from the Girl Scouts Voices Count survey of girls, caregivers, and adult volunteers, GSCTX chose the requirements that would potentially have the biggest impact in ensuring a successful Girl Scout year for a troop. Requirements this year were also adjusted to allow for virtual or in-person settings, as guidelines allow.

What do troops get for being a Super Troop?

The Super Troop award will allow troops to gain an additional 5-cent bonus per box of cookies sold by the troop. Super Troop adults and girls can also purchase a “Super Troop” pin at the GSCTX shop.

Our troop has only completed some of the requirements, can we still be designated a Super Troop?

Troops will not earn a partial bonus for partially fulfilling requirements. The first two award criteria are required, then troops must complete 5 of the remaining requirements.

How does a troop apply for the Super Troop designation?

A troop leader fills out the Super Award HTML form online at www.gsctx.org/super. The form will be available by March 1, 2021.

What is the deadline to apply for the Super Troop award?

The deadline to complete and submit the application for the award is May 15, 2021, (15 days after Troop Financials are due). Troops will not receive the Super Troop cookie bonus money if the award application form is late. Troops will be notified in June 2021 if they earned Super Troop.

Will someone be checking to see if our troop has completed the requirements for Super Troop?

Requirements will be verified by staff to receive the additional 5-cent cookie bonus per box of cookies sold by the troop. The GSCTX shop will sell Super Troop pins based on the honor system.

How do the pins work for Super Troop?

The Super Troop pin consists of the original All-Star Trooper gold Texas pin. It has an embroidered star backing, with a different colored embroidered star color for each program grade level. Pins can be worn with pride by girls on the front of the uniform. Adults can wear them on their “green-necks,” lanyards, etc.

How often can this award be earned?

This award can be earned by a troop once each membership year.