

Basel Girl Scouts - Volunteer FAQs, 2022/23 Troop Year

What is Basel Girl Scouts?

We are a leadership development organization for girls in the Basel region. We are part of USA Girl Scouts Overseas (USAGSO), which serves over 12,000 members in 90+ countries. USAGSO is part of the US-based Girl Scouts, which has over 2.5 million members (1.7 million girls and 750,000 adults).

Who can join?

Basel Girl Scouts has troops for girls ages 5-18. Adults (female and male) can join as volunteers. While our activities are conducted in English we have many members who speak multiple languages.

What do Basel Girl Scouts do?

Girl Scouts is girl-led; girls work together on the activities they want to do. The Girl Scouts program has four pillars: STEM, Outdoors, Entrepreneurship and Life Skills. Girls can pursue:

- ✓ Patches – these one off adventures are a chance to bring girls together to have fun.
- ✓ Badges – activities aimed at exploring interests and learning new skills.
- ✓ Journeys – longer term activities with a topic that culminates in a Take Action project.
- ✓ Awards – earned by girls 9 and up, awards are bigger projects aimed at solving problems and making the world a better place.

Recent Basel Girl Scout activities include horseback riding, geocaching, hiking, escape room adventures, pottery making, baking, and 3D design and printing.

How is Basel Girl Scouts organized?

Girls are organized into troops by age/grade and each troop has 2-3 adult leaders. Currently, troops meet 1-2 times per month. The day and time vary by troop. Troop schedules and activities are determined by the leaders' availability and girls' interests. In addition, Basel Girl Scouts offers a variety of cross troop activities including our Investiture Ceremony and annual overnight camp. The troop year runs from late August through June.

What are the different ways I can volunteer?

Adults may volunteer in one of three main ways:

- Troop leader: Leaders are responsible for supporting troop activities and ensuring those activities follow USAGSO guidelines.
- Overseas Committee Management Team (OCMT member): Members are responsible for supporting troops, planning cross troop events, and coordinating with USAGSO. Positions include Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar and Events/Recruitment.
- Parent volunteer: Parents can volunteer for one or more troop or cross troop events.

All volunteers must be registered with USAGSO and will undergo a background check.

What is the time commitment?

The time commitment varies based on the troop and/or position. A recent survey of volunteers indicated a commitment of 5-10 hours per month as it varies based on the time of year and position.

Do volunteers receive any training?

Troop leaders and OCMT members are required to take a basic level of online training to introduce them to Girl Scouts and its processes. The training is self paced. In addition, Basel Girl Scouts offers additional training as necessary and there are many online trainings that volunteers can choose to take to supplement the basic introduction.

Do volunteers get any discounts for their daughters?

Yes! Volunteers pay only CHF 100 per girl member registered compared to CHF 250 for new members and CHF 150 for returning members.

What positions are you looking to fill for the 2022/23 troop year?

We are looking to fill the following positions for the 2022/23 troop year:

OCMT Chair: Facilitates the operation of the OCMT, supports troop leaders and serves as a liaison between Basel Girls Scouts and USAGSO as well as the broader Basel community.

OCMT Secretary: Helps the OCMT stay organized and communicates key information with the broader Basel Girl Scout community.

Recruiter: Helps the OCMT recruit volunteers and girls and manages the Basel Girl Scout website and Facebook page.

Troop Leaders: We are recruiting leaders for all troop levels. Once we see who is interested in leading a troop we will confirm which troops will run in the 2022/23 year.

How do I register my interest to volunteer as a leader or OCMT member?

Please fill out this [form](#) by April 8 2022. The OCMT will be in touch with all those who register in April.

Where can I get more info?

Visit us at baselgirlscouts.ch or email baselgirlscouts@usagso.org.