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## New Leader Newsletter-April 2019

Spring is in the air and it's time to think about getting outdoors with your troop. This is a wonderful time of year to plan a hike or a camping trip. Is your troop ready for an outing? Review the [Venture Out](#) or [Elliot Wildlife](#) online learning sessions.

### **Girl Scout Cookie Program comes to a close**

Congratulations! Your troop has made it through their first Girl Scout Cookie season! Your girls can now reap the rewards of a successful cookie sale. A few things to consider:

- Reimburse those who have paid in advance for supplies. Collect receipts. If the troop owes you money, be sure to have your treasurer/co-leader reimburse you.
- Map out what the girls want to do with their money. What outings/activities have they voted on? It's important that the girls celebrate their success by doing something fun.
- Strive to have your troop self-sufficient. Consider paying membership fees for the troop from cookie proceeds..
- Keep a small amount of money in the troop account so your troop has money to get going in the fall
- If your troop has more cookies to sell, you have until the end of May before they expire.

### **Spring Renewal**

Spring Renewal is when a troop can register for the next year. There are several advantages to renewing your troop early.

- 1.) When your troop returns in the fall, you are ready for next year.
- 2.) You know who is returning for next year and how many spots in the troop are available for new members.
- 3.) Council incentives! Girl Scouts of Central Indiana offers free or reduced rate incentives. Some service units also have incentives for those that renew their troops, so check in with your service unit.

Watch your email for more details about [spring renewal](#). **There is no greater gift than to give a girl another year of Girl Scouting.**

## Volunteer Toolkit

By June 18, every troop is required to submit a Troop Annual Report, and this is done through the Volunteer Toolkit. Log onto the Volunteer Toolkit, select the finance tab and complete all required fields. Questions? Contact the Helpdesk@girlscoutsindiana.org

## Monthly Challenges

1. Is your troop using a portion of your cookie profit to renew your registration for next year? We are excited for the girls to continue the great Girl Scouting experience that they have received this year.
2. Are any of your girls planning to attend a summer camp program? Girl Scouts of Central Indiana has wonderful summer camp programs at very reasonable prices. Learn more about this through the [camp section](#) of our website.
3. Will your troop be [bridging](#) this year? Bridging years are those troops that are Daisies (grade 1), Brownies (grade 3), Juniors (grade 5), Cadettes (grade 8), Seniors (grade 10) and Ambassadors (grade 12). Find out if your service unit is doing a bridging ceremony or if you will be organizing one for your troop. Volunteer Services offers [online learning](#) on each grade level that is bridging.

Want more? Check out GSUSA's [Tips for Troop Leaders](#)