Ready to start? Here are the key to-dos for you to check off in your first few months getting your troop started and where to find more information within this guide.

- Register yourself (and every adult helping with the troop) as a volunteer.
- Submit your CORI/SORI form (and one for every adult volunteer).
- Complete New Leader's Orientation for new troop leaders.
- Connect with your support network:
  - My Volunteer Support Specialist (staff) is ________________________________.
  - My community’s Service Unit Coordinator (volunteer): ________________________.
  - My community’s Service Unit New Leader Mentor (volunteer): _________________.
- Check your Troop Roster to see who is in your troop, including girls and other volunteers.
- Keep girls safe by ensuring you have enough registered, background checked volunteers.
- Meet with your troop co-leader(s) and volunteer team to decide:
  - your troop’s meeting location, frequency, and time.
  - how to best communicate with each other.
  - who will be on the troop’s bank account.
- Open your troop bank account with your troop’s co-leaders and/or troop treasurer.
- Funding the fun: Decide if your troop will collect dues, and learn about how to participate in the fall product and cookie programs.
- Host a parents and caregivers meeting, see page 11 and New Leader's Orientation.
- Plan your first troop meeting using the first meeting checklist on page 12 of the New Leader’s Guide to Success and the Volunteer Toolkit.

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- Continue to welcome new members to your troop, making sure that they register.
- Take the Essentials training course for your program level (Daisies, Brownies, etc.).
- Complete Financing the Fun training to learn more about earning and spending money with a GirlScout troop.
- Participate in a GSEMA Program.
- Help girls earn a badge or the Daisy petals.
- Flex your entrepreneur skills and participate in the Girl Scout Cookie Program.
- Go beyond your troop meeting with a field trip. Check Safety Activity Checkpoints first.
- Complete a community service project.

This Getting Started Checklist is an excerpt from the New Leader’s Guide to Success—a resource designed especially for new Girl Scout volunteers. Scan the QR code to view the full guide.