

Seventh in an 9-week series of helpful emails for new Badgerland troop leaders.



# NEW TROOP LEADER

Week 7



## WELCOME NEW TROOP LEADER!

This is the seventh in a series of 9 emails you will receive from us recommending 'next steps' and what to do to help you become a confident leader. Watch for a new email weekly on *#TrainingTuesday!*

As the steward of your troop's money, you have a wonderful opportunity to teach the troop about budgeting and money management. Get your members involved in the spending decisions for troop funds.

It's important to be transparent about troop funds and communicating about finances at least 3 times per year, via email or through family meetings. You will submit a Troop Finance Report to Badgerland Council at the end of the year. Keep receipts for everything and track all troop spending and earning.

## 5 Tools to Review This Week

### 1. Managing Troop Finances Course

Take the [Managing Troop Finances](#) course in gsLearn for a deeper dive into all-things troop money.

### 2. Troop Dues

When a troop first forms, there are a few items that a Girl Scout usually needs to purchase. Some troops choose to fund those early purchases with Troop Dues. When requesting Troop Dues, be mindful that not all families are able to provide a troop with dues. Instead, scroll down to #5 for information on Financial Assistance.

### 3. Product Sales

The Girl Scout Cookie Program and Badgerland Fall Fundraiser (BFF) should be the troop's primary way to earn money for programs and activities. As Girl Scouts grow and plan larger activities, they may choose to participate in supplemental money-earning projects. For more information on those, [click here](#).

### 4. Tax Exempt Status

Girl Scouts of Wisconsin - Badgerland is a nonprofit organization and maintains tax exempt status. Girl Scout troops do not have to pay sales tax on purchases of Girl Scout supplies. Print out the the [Badgerland Tax Exempt Form](#) and bring it with you when shopping for troop supplies.

### 5. Financial Assistance

Financial Assistance is available for all Girl Scouts who qualify for the National School Lunch Program. This assistance can be

used toward Memberships, Uniforms, Programs, and even Camp! [Learn more and apply here.](#)

We are here to answer your questions!



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