



Guidance for Troops

Troops Disbanding after 2020-2021 Girl Scout Year* (Updated 8/2021)

We realize that still being in the thick of the COVID-19 crisis, your troop may need to be a little creative about using troop funds prior to disbanding. As you are considering the options, it is important to remember that all Troop funds belong to the troop as a whole and must be used for the purposes of Girl Scouting.

**This guidance is for troops that are disbanding for reasons other than graduating seniors. If your troop is disbanding because girls are graduating, please see our guidance specific to graduating senior troops.*

Note: This guidance only applies to troop funds.

Guidelines for Disbanding Troops

- The first step is to encourage the girls to actively participate in the process of deciding how to celebrate and close-out their time with this troop on a positive note.
- There are many ways that troops can still spend down their funds before officially disbanding at the end of the Girl Scout year. Examples of ways girls might use funds before 9/30/21 include:
 - Identifying a special opportunity such as a day trip or celebratory activity that is safe and meets current CDC and Council guidelines.
 - Participating in Girl Scouts North Carolina Coastal Pines [events and activities](#) during 2021.
 - Using the funds to purchase supplies for activities that the girls can do together, virtually. Ideas here: <https://www.nccoastalpin.es.org/en/activities/girl-scouting-at-home.html>
 - Designing and executing a [Take Action](#) project to give back to the community.
 - Purchasing 2021 memberships for all girls in the troop – these would follow the girls to new troops or even if they choose to continue as Juliettes.
 - Donating funds to a charity based on the troop’s area of interest. Donations can also be made to an existing [Girl Scouts North Carolina Coastal Pines scholarship fund](#) or the [Girl Scouts Give](#) program, which helps provide Girl Scouts opportunities for families in need.
 - Working with Girl Scouts North Carolina Coastal Pines to create a new scholarship fund that the council can administer for an activity the girls are passionate about (e.g. a camp scholarship fund)
- All activities and use of funds must be directly tied to the mission of Girl Scouts. All funds “must be used for the purposes of Girl Scouting.” Funds cannot be used for private benefit. (For example: Girl Scout events/activities would be mission-related but use of

proceeds to provide individual college scholarships would be private benefit, and therefore not allowed.) Therefore, **troop funds may not be used for:**

- Gift cards of any kind.
 - Cash payments to girls or to girl's families.
 - Individual college scholarships.
- Continue your usual diligence to avoid individual accounting. Mixed-grade and multi-level troops/groups who have money-earned together should continue to make group decisions on use of funds together.
 - Troop funds will remain available to your troop to use **until the Girl Scout year ends on September 30, 2021**. Please keep in mind that each troop bank account is required to have a minimum of two unrelated adult signers who are currently registered members of Girl Scouts and have successfully completed the required background check. Disbanded troops, or troops who no longer meet these requirements, will not be eligible to have access to a troop bank account starting October 1.
 - When you have wrapped up your troop experience, you will need to complete the Disbanding Troop Funds Report found here: <https://gsnccp.wufoo.com/forms/disbanding-troop-funds-report/>. This will indicate to us your troop bank account is ready to be closed.
 - If there are funds remaining in the troop account at that time (or after September 30, 2021, if your troop becomes ineligible to have a bank account any longer), they will be distributed as follows per our Troop Banking Guidelines:
 - For girls continuing with Girl Scouts in another North Carolina Coastal Pines troop (not as Juliettes), the funds will be transferred by Council to the new troop(s).
 - If no girls are continuing with GSNCCP troops, remaining funds up to \$250, will be transferred to the local Service Unit to fund the Girl Scout mission in your local area.
 - Funds over this limit will be used by Council to fund financial assistance for all girls.