

Starting...



Brownies

What do Brownies need?

Your daughter won't need anything for her first few meetings to experience the fun of Brownies, though you should ensure that she wears suitable clothing and footwear. Girlguiding produces a range of Brownie items: your daughter can choose from a selection of Brownie uniform, and you can buy exciting Brownie books, Brownie-themed gifts and a Brownie Adventures bag for her to keep safe her Brownie mementoes. It is up to you and your daughter's Brownie Leader to agree when it would be best for your daughter to start wearing her Brownie uniform and using her books.

Everything a Brownie needs is available from Girlguiding. If you haven't already received one, ask your daughter's Leader for a copy of our free *Guiding Essentials* catalogue for parents or to let you know the location of your nearest volunteer-run shop, or visit www.girlguidingshop.co.uk. Buying directly from Girlguiding means that all the profits go back into supporting guiding in the UK.

What will Brownies cost?

Brownie units charge 'subs' weekly, monthly or termly to cover costs like equipment and the hire of the meeting place. There is also an annual subscription (which may be included in the subs), which is paid to cover the day-to-day running of the organisation. Your daughter's Leader will let you know the amount as well as how and when to pay. For events like camps, holidays or Adventure days, an extra charge is usually made.

If you pay income tax, your daughter's Leader can use Gift Aid to claim 25p for every £1 you give in subs or donations. All you need to do is sign the Gift Aid Declaration form included here. The money will be used for the benefit of your daughter's Brownie unit.

Support your daughter

Girlguiding encourages you to support your daughter's involvement in Brownies.

- Drop off and collect her at the appropriate times. Always ensure that an adult Leader is present before you leave your daughter, and inform a Leader if someone different will be collecting your daughter.
- Return forms and payments on time. It is understood that you give your permission for your daughter to take part in guiding activities during the normal meeting time, but your written permission is sometimes needed for her to take part in events, outings or more adventurous activities at a different time or place.
- Discuss with your daughter's Leader any matters that may affect your daughter's participation, such as changes in family circumstance or any additional needs/medical conditions, and inform her promptly of any changes to your contact details.
- Encourage your daughter to attend meetings regularly and take part in special activities. Occasionally she may also want to do things at home, so be ready to help out with these too.

If you have any difficulties please talk to your daughter's Leader, who will treat what you say in confidence.

www.girlguiding.org.uk/brownies

Visit the Brownie website to find more information about Girlguiding, what being a Brownie involves and how you can support your daughter and guiding, plus lots of great activities and games.

A further adventure

Brownies is just one section of Girlguiding. At any time after her tenth birthday your daughter can become a Guide. Ask your Brownie Leader for details of the Guide units in your area.

Welcome to Brownies

Brownies opens up a world of exciting challenges and the opportunity to try new things and make brilliant friends. Through regular meetings, special events, day trips, sleepovers, camps and holidays, Brownies learn new hobbies, play music, explore other cultures and get adventurous outdoors. Brownies are girls aged seven to ten who become a member of a Six and follow a programme called the Brownie Adventure. They make, or work towards making, this simple Promise, which they share with members around the world:

I promise that I will do my best:
To be true to myself and develop my beliefs,
To serve the Queen and my community,
To help other people
and
To keep the Brownie Guide Law.

Unit details

Unit name

Meeting place

Meeting time

Unit email address

The _____ unit subscription is _____.

This unit subscription includes excludes

partly pays for

the Girlguiding annual membership subscription.

Leaders

Unit main contact

Main phone number

Alternative phone number

Main email address

Unit secondary contact

Main phone number

Alternative phone number

Main email address

Area support

Your daughter's unit is part of a wider guiding family.
Her unit is part of _____.

This is within _____

County _____

in _____

Country/Region.

If you have any concerns that you wish to discuss with someone other than the Unit Leader, you can discuss them with the local Commissioner (see below for details) or whoever is responsible for guiding in your area.

Local Commissioner

Name _____

Main email address _____

Main phone number _____

Buying guiding uniform, gifts and resources

To find your nearest volunteer-run shop speak to your Leader or call 0161 941 2237.

Your local shop is _____

which is open from _____ to _____.

You can visit _____

or call/email _____.

Alternatively, you can shop online at www.girlguidingshop.co.uk or use the *Guiding Essentials* catalogue for parents to order by phone or post.

You can also visit Girlguiding shops at:

Girlguiding, Trading Service

Atlantic Street, Broadheath, Altrincham, Cheshire WA14 5EG

Open: Mon, Tues, Thurs 9am-5pm,
Weds 9.30am-5pm,
Fri 9am-4.30pm.

Telephone 0161 941 2237 or email tradingshop@girlguiding.org.uk.

Girlguiding

Egginton House, 25-28 Buckingham Gate, London SW1E 6LD

Open: Mon-Thu 9am-5.30pm,
Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, Sat 9am-5pm.

Telephone 020 7592 1811.

Girlguiding Scotland

16 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh EH3 7AH

Open: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm,
Sat 9am-4pm
(school summer holidays 9am-1pm).

Telephone 0131 225 3483.

Essential information

Below is the information currently recorded for your daughter on the Girlguiding membership database (Go!). So that the Unit Team has the information it needs to ensure your daughter gets the most out of guiding, please amend any incorrect information below, fill in any blank boxes, sign the form and return it to your daughter's Leader within two weeks.

All information provided on this form will be stored securely in line with the Data Protection Act 1998, and protected against unlawful or unauthorised use. It is the policy of Girlguiding that all personal information will be used only for guiding purposes and should never be passed on to anyone outside the organisation without consulting with Girlguiding Headquarters first.

Membership number	
Name	Preferred name
Date of birth	School/University/College

Parent/carer's details

Name	
Address	
Main phone number	Alternative phone/mobile numbers
Main email address	

Emergency contact details

Name	
Address	Relationship
Main phone number	Mobile number

Permissions

Girlguiding enables girls and young women to take part in exciting events and activities. During these activities photos and/or videos may be taken. Please indicate below which statement you agree to.

<input type="radio"/> I am happy for photographs/videos to be taken of my daughter during guiding activities and used in national and local guiding publicity, communications, publications or digital channels (eg websites, social media)
<input type="radio"/> I am happy for photographs/videos to be taken of my daughter during guiding activities for use within the unit only, not used for national and local guiding publicity, communications, publications or digital channels (eg websites, social media)
<input type="radio"/> I do not wish any photographs/videos to be taken of my daughter while she undertakes guiding activities.

Please note that photo/video permissions differ for large-scale events (where over 100 participants are present). Consent forms will state clearly if an event is large scale, and will request you to make it known to your daughter's Leader if you do not wish photos/videos of her to be taken at the event.

Volunteering

Guiding is made possible by more than 100,000 volunteers. Every extra adult volunteer makes a huge difference. While Girlguiding recognises that not everyone can give time on a regular basis, any support that you or your family can offer is welcomed.

Are you willing to help at meetings? Regularly Occasionally Never

Can you help occasionally with any of the following? Transport Activities Camps or holidays

Other - please give details of any interests, skills, qualifications or equipment that you are willing to occasionally share with the unit:

Further information

Please tick the relevant box(es) and provide details of any medical condition, disability or special educational needs (SEN).

- Allergy
- Hearing impairment
- Learning difficulty
- Long-term illness/condition
- Special dietary requirement
- Physical impairment
- Mental health condition
- Sight impairment
- Other information
- None to declare

Please provide additional information:

Girlguiding occasionally has to provide details showing the diversity of its membership, for example for grant applications. To help your Leader provide accurate information, please tick the appropriate box to indicate your daughter's ethnic culture and native language.

Ethnic culture

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| <input type="radio"/> Bangladeshi | <input type="radio"/> Black Caribbean | <input type="radio"/> White and Black Caribbean |
| <input type="radio"/> Chinese | <input type="radio"/> Black Other | <input type="radio"/> Other mixed ethnic group |
| <input type="radio"/> Indian | <input type="radio"/> White | <input type="radio"/> Other ethnic group |
| <input type="radio"/> Pakistani | <input type="radio"/> White and Asian | <input type="radio"/> Do not wish to disclose |
| <input type="radio"/> Other Asian | <input type="radio"/> White and Black African | |
| <input type="radio"/> Black African | | |

Native language

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| <input type="radio"/> English | <input type="radio"/> German | <input type="radio"/> Turkish |
| <input type="radio"/> BSL | <input type="radio"/> Hindi | <input type="radio"/> Welsh |
| <input type="radio"/> Chinese | <input type="radio"/> Polish | <input type="radio"/> Other |
| <input type="radio"/> French | <input type="radio"/> Punjabi | |
| <input type="radio"/> Gaelic | <input type="radio"/> Spanish | |

The categories used are from the Equality and Human Rights Commission. No individual will be labelled from the information supplied.

I declare that the information above is correct to the best of my knowledge. I will inform the Unit Team if any of the above information changes in the future.

Signature of parent/carer

Gift Aid Declaration

Past, present and future donations to Girlguiding

Unit name:	Scottish charity no (if applicable):
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Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made

today in the past four years in the future

Please tick all boxes you wish to apply.

I confirm that I have paid or will pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give on or after 6 April 2008.

Donor's details (please print in blue/black ink)

Title	First name or initial(s)	Surname
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Full home address

Postcode

Signature

Date

Please notify Girlguiding if you:

- want to cancel this declaration
- change your name or home address
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

If you pay income tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your self-assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

