



Mariner and Trailblazer Troop FAQ

How can I start a Mariner or Trailblazer Troop?

To start a Mariner/Trailblazer troop, contact info@girlscoutsdiamonds.org.

Can a girl be a part of a Mariner/Trailblazer troop and still participate in their current troop?

Yes, the Mariner/Trailblazer troop will be the girl's secondary troop.

What if a girl only wants to join a Mariner/Trailblazer troop?

Girls can join a Mariner/Trailblazer as their only troop. However, some Mariner/Trailblazer troops may decide to opt out of individual product program rewards. Girls should verify this with the troop leader.

How does fundraising for the troop work?

Girls may participate in the product sales program. However, the girl must "opt out" of individual rewards in her Mariner/Trailblazer troop if that is her secondary troop. Girls are registered in the eBudde system once. Therefore, girls that wish to earn rewards for sales can still do so via their primary troop. Mariner and Trailblazer troops are required to participate in the Cookie sales program (but not Fall Product) in order to participate in additional fundraising activities. For more information about fundraising, contact fund development at funddevelopment@girlscoutsdiamonds.org. Contact product@girlscoutsdiamonds.org for information on how your troop can participate in product sales.

Why are Mariner/Trailblazer troops not required to participate in Fall product sales?

Due to the nature of Fall Product, it is not possible for a girl to sell in two different troops as she would with cookies. We understand that Mariner/Trailblazer troops participate in higher cost activities. Therefore, Mariner/Trailblazer troops can focus fundraising efforts toward activities that produce a greater return.

Who can participate in Mariner/Trailblazer troops?

Mariner/Trailblazer troops are open to Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors.

What certifications/trainings will leaders need?

Certifications (other than the standard new leader training path) are not required in order to lead a Mariner/Trailblazer troop. However, please refer to [Safety Activity Checkpoints](#) to verify certifications/trainings needed for specific Mariner/Trailblazer activities. Leaders may either take these trainings themselves or connect with other adults or experts who have the necessary trainings.

Examples of certifications/trainings to consider:

- Trailblazer: VOII, Wilderness First Aid (optional)
- Mariner: VOII, Small Craft Safety, lifeguard (mainly available during summer months)

For more questions about certifications, please contact info@girlscoutsdiamonds.org.

Where can my Mariner/Trailblazer troop participate in high adventure activities?

We empower you and your girls to explore and utilize the great resources in our council geography, connect with your local state parks, sailing clubs, dive shops, and outdoor adventure groups. Feel free to check out our [Field Guide](#) to check out our program partners that offer fun outdoor programming. For other questions concerning programs and activities for your troop, contact the program team at program@girlscoutsdiamonds.org.