

Short and Snappy

Topic: gsLearn

What is a Short and Snappy?

- A short interactive group discussion provided at a Service Unit meeting for volunteers to share at the troop level.
- Any Service Unit team member, volunteer, or learning facilitator may guide a Short and Snappy.
- Ideas for presentation: One person can facilitate to a group, or small groups can present an assigned section to the room.

What is gsLearn and how to access your account

Leaders and volunteers can now take their experiences to the next level with gsLearn, our online training forum. Just <u>sign in to myGS</u> here on Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois' website, choose gsLearn on the left-hand menu and get ready to gain more information all about Girl Scouts. <u>Click here</u> for a step-by-step tutorial on how to get started with gsLearn!

All registered adult volunteers who have selected or have been assigned a volunteer role have access to gsLearn. <u>This video</u> offers a nice walkthrough of using gsLearn for the first time and how to navigate the tabs.

The benefit of gsLearn

gsLearn organizes important information and brings training opportunities straight to you at your convenience! You can use gsLearn on your desktop computer or your mobile device, at whatever time is convenient for you! gsLearn houses all of GSofSI's online training opportunities and tracks all online or virtual courses in the system. Using gsLearn on a mobile device looks a little different than using a laptop. This video shows a mobile view walkthrough that can make it more user friendly.

You will have access to your own training history or all the programs you completed on gsLearn. The great thing about gsLearn courses is that they can be easily paused, rewound, exited, and restarted as you need so you can get the most out of the course, all without losing any progress.

gsLearn Content Library

gsLearn has a huge content library filled with many different courses and learning paths for volunteers! If you are required to take a specific course, for example the Illinois Mandated Reporter course, it will be assigned to you. There are other courses that you won't be assigned but are very helpful to take that you can search for in the content library. This video will take you on a walkthrough of the content library.

This is a <u>list of training opportunities</u> available in gsLearn! It will be updated as new training programs are available. GSofSI is continuously growing our training repertoire, so check back often to look for updates!

Learning Path & Courses

gsLearn offers two ways of learning material: a learning path and a course. A course is a series of modules comprised of a single subject or topic. A learning path is a series of courses comprised of a broad topic or subject matter and will show progression in learning. Our New Leader Orientation Training is made up of a series of learning paths to cover a wide range of topics for volunteers. The <u>learning path and course homepage</u> has a great list of the learning paths and courses offered.

How do I utilize this information at the Troop Level?

gsLearn is a great resource for you to get more experience and take your scouting to the next level. Learning paths and courses for everything you'll need for your girl scout year-from new volunteer training resources and helpful tips to up-to-date Troop Year Plans and Cookie Season tools- can be found in gsLearn! gsLearn can help you make sure your troop runs smoothly so you can spend more time fueling imaginations, building life skills, and making life-long memories with your troop!