Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan

Troop Banking Package 2026-2027

Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan (GSSEM) has obtained special pricing and services for our troop leaders.

We recommend you open your troop account with one of the following Recommended Banks who are partnering with Girl Scouts to support our programs:

ALL COUNCIL	ST CLAIR & SANILAC COUNTIES	WAYNE & MONROE COUNTIES
Huntington Bank /Flagstar Bank / Fifth Third Bank	**Eastern Michigan Bank**	**First Merchants**

Recommended banks for troop bank accounts feature:

1. **Free checking accounts** for troop and volunteer bank accounts, with no (or very minimal) restrictions.
2. **Free online banking and debit cards**.
3. **Excellent financial literacy programs** for girls and/or adult volunteers.
4. **A centralized account opening process**, including a master signature agreement, whereby Council staff may be included on accounts, allowing GSSEM to intervene in the event of banking issues, emergencies, and/ or changes in troop leaders.
5. **A large number of convenient locations and/or ATMs** for our volunteers.
6. **Excellent customer service options** to address any banking issues that might arise.

To open your troop account, please contact a GSSEM representative at Huntington Bank, Fifth Third Bank, Flagstar Bank, First Merchants Bank or Eastern Michigan Bank in advance of visiting a branch convenient to you (see page 2). You will need to take in your completed Troop Bank Account Authorization Letter (see page 3). Introduce yourself to the manager and discuss ways the bank can help your girls earn the new Financial Literacy awards.

Welcome to Girl Scouts!

Sincerely,

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Bank Contact information for GSSEM's Recommended Banks for Troop Accounts:
To save you time and ensure proper account setup, you must contact a representative listed below via telephone or email prior to visiting a branch close to you.

Huntington Bank
Michelle Watkins 248-740-1636 - michelle.watkins@huntington.com

Flagstar Bank
Flagstar Bank Implementation Services - 248-312-5800
Flagstar accounts can be initiated via email: cashmanagement@flagstar.com

Eastern Michigan Bank (St Clair and Sanilac Counties)
Kim Bowman - 810-546-9122 - kbowman@EMB.bank
Stacie Bales - 810-398-5127 - sbales@EMB.bank

First Merchants (Wayne and Monroe Counties)
Nicole Galloway - 734-269-3355 - ngalloway@firstmerchants.com
Lindsay Adamski - 734-269-3355

Fifth Third Bank
Just go to your branch the information they need is on file at Fifth Third.
Organizational documents are on file at each of the above locations, including master signature cards for council staff, an IRS 501(c)(3) exemption letter, and resolutions.

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Authorized Persons to Open a GSSEM Troop Account

The bank account should have two (2) unrelated, background checked troop volunteers as signers. Please MAIL this form to GSSEM Finance Dept, 1333 Brewery Park Blvd, Suite 500, Detroit, MI 48207, FAX it to 313-309-1193, or EMAIL it to gssem-finance@gssem.org.

As members of Girl Scouts, we realize that any funds held in our troop bank account are ultimately the responsibility of the council. Therefore, we authorize the officials of the bank where our troop or refunds are deposited to provide total access to any and all financial information at the request of the council CEO or COO. Also, we understand that we are authorizing the closure of this account by the CEO or COO, if necessary.

Authorized Signer #1 (please print)	Authorized Signer #2 (please print)
Signature	Signature
Address	Address
City, State, Zip Code	City, State, Zip Code
Telephone	Telephone
Email	Email
Troop Number	Today's Date
Name of Bank	Bank Account Number

To Our Banking Partner:

The above individuals have been authorized by Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan to open a "Troop Checking Account," provided that all information above is complete.

Troop Account Setup: Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan, Troop XXXXX

EIN: 38-1598947

Bank statements should be mailed to the leader's home address.

Debit cards are requested for each troop account.

Online bank access is permitted.

No accounts can be closed without authorization from GSSEM.

For questions, please call Dan Greenia of Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan, at 313-870-2575.