

SERVICE UNIT TALKING POINTS

Monthly Updates for Service Units - April 2026 Edition



Service Unit 653 Community Impact – Food Drive

On Saturday, February 21, 2026, Service Unit 653 hosted a food drive at Lime Kiln Middle School in support of the Howard County Food Bank. Led by Shannon Stitzel, the effort brought together Girl Scouts and volunteers to collect food donations for local families in need.

Through this meaningful service project, Girl Scouts demonstrated their commitment to helping others and living out the Girl Scout Promise and Law. Their efforts helped support families in the community experiencing food insecurity and reflected the powerful impact Girl Scouts can make through service and compassion.

All participating Girl Scouts had appropriate photo release permissions for images shared from the event.

Cookie Booth Success!

Shout-outs to Troops 4404 and 2213 for sharing their Cookie Booth photos. GSCM is proud of all of our Girl Scouts who shined during this Cookie Season.



Girl Scout Mission

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

Girl Scout Program

Grounded in the Girl Scout Promise and Law, Girl Scouting is an experiential, cooperative education program that promotes girls' personal growth and leadership development. Partnering with caring adults, girls design fun and challenging activities that empower them and raise their voices within a local, national, and global sisterhood.

Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try: to serve God and my country, to help people at all times, and to live by the Girl Scout Law.

Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be honest and fair, friendly and helpful, considerate and caring, courageous and strong, and responsible for what I say and do, *and to* respect myself and others, respect authority, use resources wisely, make the world a better place, and be a sister to every Girl Scout.

GSCM's Commitment

Bridging gaps in central Maryland where every girl finds relevance and thrives in a safe & welcoming space.

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Share your stories with us—we want to know what's happening in your Service Unit!

Whether it's service projects, environmental efforts, fun events, or milestones, send your stories, photos, or videos to gscm.info/stories.

We'd love a "GSCM Reporter" in every SU to help share stories for social media and the GSCM Family Newsletter. Submit by the 5th of each month for newsletter inclusion!

Contact Us!

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GSCM Howard County

Upcoming store closures:
Memorial Day May 25, 2026

Having an event with 75-100 people? Consider invite the GSCM Pop Up store to your event! We offer Express Delivery, leaders and parents can email an order to the store, pay over the phone and we'll bring the completed orders to you. During your event, we'll set up a table with Girl Scout merchandise. Contact the store for more information or to schedule now!

GSCM store lends out Girl Scout, WAGGGS, US and Maryland flags for ceremonies. Flags need to be picked up from the Seton store Thursday/Friday and return on Monday. Email GSCMstore@gscm.org to get your reservation.

Like Girl Scouts of Central Maryland on Facebook to be notified when Mel goes live with store and council information!

GSCM Store

Shop Store

Shop Juliette's Closet for uniforms, camping supplies, Girl Scout jewelry, Girl Scout Bronze, Gold and Silver Award memorabilia and more!

ANNOUNCING STORE HOURS

Monday 9 AM to 4 PM
Tuesday 9 AM to 4 PM
Wednesday 9 AM to 6 PM
Thursday 9 AM to 4 PM
Friday 9 AM to 4 PM
Saturday 10 AM to 1 PM

In case of inclement weather, store closures will be on the GSCM store voicemail (410) 358-9713.



Shop & Share

Evenings

Join us once a month for a Shop & Share Event
hosted by the GSCM Store and Program Team!

Learn about Girl Scouts programs, resources,
badges, patches, and trainings.

Talk with program experts and get your questions answered.

Shop for all your Girl Scout needs!

GSCM Store | 4806 Seton Drive, Baltimore, MD

6:30–8:30 p.m. (Drop in anytime!)

FREE – no registration required (open to girls, families, and volunteers)

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MENTAL WELLNESS RESOURCES

Learn about patch programs
& wellness guides.

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NEXT PROGRAM LEVEL

Guidance for girls
& volunteers moving up.



Child Abuse and Neglect Training Reminder

Have you Completed the GSUSA Girl Scouts Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Course?

All current GSCM volunteers who work directly with or supervise Girl Scouts are required to complete this course whether they are new to their volunteer role or have been in volunteer roles for one year or more. **The deadline to complete this course was extended to March 31, 2026; if you haven't yet completed the course, you need to do so immediately.**

Child abuse and neglect are difficult subjects to think about, yet the prevention of abuse is a topic Girl Scouts take very seriously. This training prepares supervising adults of Girl Scout youth to recognize, respond to, and report concerns of child abuse and neglect. Additionally, supervising adults will be empowered to prevent abuse by learning Girl Scout recommended practices, policies and procedures. Girl Scout practices, policies and procedures are proactive measures designed to prevent abusers from interacting with Girl Scouts to foster a safe space for children to thrive.

This course is found through gsLearn on the "Home" page and is searchable in the "Content Library." If you are accessing your gsLearn account for the first time, keep in mind that it can take up to 90 minutes for all available courses to appear in your account. If you have issues accessing the course, please contact as membercare@gscm.org for assistance.

Membership & Retention, Programs, Sleepaway Camp - GSCM is Hiring!

Looking to make a meaningful impact in your community? Girl Scouts of Central Maryland is hiring. GSCM is seeking candidates for Membership Recruitment Specialist, Program Assistant, Membership & Retention Manager, Membership Recruiter, and several Sleepaway Camp positions. [CLICK HERE](#) to apply and for more information.

Confidentiality and Privacy Statement

Girl Scouts of Central Maryland is dedicated to maintaining the privacy and confidentiality of all member information. Certain volunteer roles may require individuals to access confidential or sensitive information in order to perform the duties associated with their positions.

Volunteers entrusted with such information are strictly prohibited from disclosing, sharing, or distributing any confidential data to unauthorized individuals or entities without the **express consent** of the information's owner (or their parent or legal guardian, in the case of a minor). Confidential information includes, but is not limited to, **photographs, videos, demographic data, and personal identifying information.**

For additional details regarding our privacy practices, please [click here](#) to review the **Girl Scouts of Central Maryland Privacy Policy**, which is also available on our official website.

2026-2027 Girl Scout Experience Box: Limited Special Edition for Juniors

Registration begins April 1, 2026 | Boxes will ship to Troop Leaders in July 2026

This is a **one time box, funded by Google**. Quantities are limited - **5,000 boxes are available** through this funding for all the GSUSA councils.

Troops (single-level Junior or Multi-Level with Juniors) must **register or renew at least 1 Leader and 4 Juniors** (4th-5th grade in the 2026-2027 school year) to be eligible.

What's inside: Uniquely Us and Digital Leadership badge activities + supplies, Digital Well-Being activities, and family resources. The Be Internet Awesome patch will be included free of charge. This box is available in English or Bilingual (English/Spanish).



Don't miss out on the **Girl Scout Experience Box™: Limited Special Edition for Juniors!** This exclusive, one-time offer equips your troop with everything needed to kick off your Girl Scouting experience.

To get your box, renew or register one adult and four Girl Scout Juniors (4th–5th grade during the 2026–27 school year). Multi-level troops that include Juniors also qualify.

What's Inside:

- Uniquely Us badge activities and supplies
- Digital Leadership badge activities and supplies
- Digital Well-Being activities
- Family resources



Renew today to reserve your Girl Scout Experience Box for Juniors. Act quickly—quantities are limited! Boxes will ship this summer, while supplies last.

Visit girlscouts.org/juniorbox or scan the QR code to secure your box.



Learn More

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Girl Scouts of Central Maryland Spring Renewal is Coming!



Kickoff Date: April 1, 2026

Get ready—Spring Renewal is right around the corner, and we are excited to continue building strong, thriving troops for the upcoming membership year! As we prepare for this important season, **your partnership is essential** in helping us set every troop up for success.

What You Need to Do Now

Please take time to **review your troop roster carefully** and update each girl's status:

- Mark any girl who will **not be returning to your troop in Fall 2026** as **"Not Returning"**
- Ensure your roster is **accurate and up to date by March 31, 2026**

Why This Matters

On **March 31, 2026**, a **snapshot of each troop roster** will be taken. This snapshot determines your troop's **Spring Renewal goal**, including how many girls need to renew to meet that goal. Accurate rosters ensure:

- Fair and achievable renewal targets
- Clear planning for the new membership year
- Strong support for your troop's success

The Power of Early Renewal

Renewing memberships early helps:

- Secure your troop's spot for next year
- Keep girls connected and engaged
- Strengthen your Service Unit and community
- Allow us to plan programs, events, and support with excellence

When girls renew early, they are saying **"Yes, I'm continuing my Girl Scout journey!"**—and that momentum matters.

Spring Renewal Guide on Website!

A comprehensive **Spring Renewal Guide** was shared with everyone. This guide walks you through everything you need to know for a successful renewal season.

We're Here to Support You!

If you have any questions or need assistance, please reach out to **Member Care**:
membercare@gscm.org or **410-358-9711**

Girl Events & Activities

EVENT COLOR GUIDE:

EXPLORE OUR EVENT TYPES

It's now easier to identify the type of event, program, or activity on our GSCM Event Calendar. Click [HERE](#) to check-out our new color-coding key at the top of our event calendar to easily find Girl Events and Activities; Volunteer-led Events; Outdoor and Camp Experiences; Product Program; Training; and Program Partner events.



DEADLINE REMINDER:

GSCM GOLD AWARD CLASS OF 2026

Girl Scouts who wish to be included in the GSCM Gold Award Class of 2026, must submit their Gold Award Final Report through the GoGold portal by March 31, 2026. If we may assist you or address any questions, please reach out to us at membercare@gscm.org



ALL THINGS PROGRAM GATHERINGS- LAST SESSIONS OF THIS MEMBERSHIP YEAR—DON'T MISS OUT!

We have heard from families, Girl Scouts, and volunteers that they have questions and want to learn more about Girl Scout programs and resources. Therefore, we have created monthly All Things Program Gatherings for Girl Scouts of all ages, their parents/caregivers, and our volunteers to come out in-person in their local area (or participate virtually) to connect with the entire GSCM Program Team and members of the Volunteer Engagement Work Group.

Come learn what is new with national Girl Scout and GSCM programs/resources, have a chance to ask your specific questions, and share best practices with other members. There is no fee to participate; just bring your questions and ideas as the Program Team would love to help and hear from you as to what events and programs you would like to see us offer.

Register for any or all sessions via our GSCM Event Calendar [HERE](#). Upcoming gatherings:

- April 23 (Virtual Session)
- April 29 In-person Baltimore County Area

SHOP AND SHARE EVENTS—AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOP AND LEARN MORE ABOUT GIRL SCOUT PROGRAM!

April 14, 2026

All Girl Scout ages, Parents/Caregivers, and Volunteers

Theme for this Month: Positive Mental Wellness Resources and Patches

Drop in anytime between 6:30-8:30 PM

Cost: None

May is Mental Health Awareness Month! Get ready to participate this May by joining us to learn about the mental wellness programs that are available. We'll highlight the "Mental Wellness Patch" program; the "Resilient. Ready. Strong Patch" program; and other positive mental health resources!

Drop in any time between 6:30-8:30 PM to shop, share, and participate in a self-care hands-on activity.

Questions? Email us at membercare@gscm.org.

**Be
Unstoppable
at
Sleepaway
Camp!**



CAMPS

**Rise Above.
Discover
Your Courage.**

Summer camp is calling...

Here are the Top 10 reasons your Girl Scout won't want to miss camp this year:

- Nighttime adventures
- Wildlife discovery
- Badge earning
- Outdoor leadership
- Creative expression
- Messy fun
- Classic camp moments
- Outdoor skills
- New friendships

Girl Scout members (as well as girls who are not yet Girl Scouts) are invited to join us at one or more of our sessions. Registration available through Campsite [HERE](#).

Embark on an unforgettable summer adventure, where Girl Scouts unplug, explore, and discover just how strong they truly are! Through thrilling team-building experiences, adventure-filled programming, and classic camp traditions, campers build confidence, friendships, and memories that last a lifetime.

Check out our camp and mini-camp session dates and descriptions on our sleepaway camp webpage [HERE](#). View the 2026 All Things Camp Info Guide [HERE](#).

Troop Adventures at Camp Conowingo



Sunday, July 5-Tuesday, July 7, 2026

Camp Conowingo

Cost: \$250 per person

Registration open on the GSCM Event Calendar [HERE](#)

Looking for a summer adventure with your Girl Scout Troop? Then try our new Troop Adventure program! Troop Adventures gives Girl Scouts the chance to experience a traditional summer camp together with their troop. Spend your days exploring the outdoors, trying new skills, and making unforgettable memories alongside your fellow Girl Scouts.

Participants will take part in classic camp activities such as archery, swimming, campfires, arts & crafts, boating, and nature exploration. Sunday dinner, all meals on Monday, and Tuesday breakfast are included, along with all program supplies.

Please note that registration for this program will not be through Campsite. Information can be found on our GSCM Event Calendar [HERE](#). Additional information about packing lists, permission slips, and other important information will be shared after registration.

CITs and Information Nights

Leadership Program Offerings— Become a Counselor in Training (CIT) This Summer!

Are you a motivated and aspiring leader looking to develop invaluable skills while having a blast this summer at Camp Conowingo! Become empowered this summer and develop into a confident leader. Take the next step in your leadership journey and shape your future with Camp Conowingo's CIT Program!

Learn more about these multi-level sessions and what you will do as a CIT in training [HERE](#).

Girl Scouts participating in the CIT Program will submit an application and participate in an interview process. To learn more and receive the application please reach out to membercare@gscm.org.



Sleepaway Camp Information Nights

Thinking about a sleepaway camp experience for your girl but have lots of questions? Want to know more but don't know specifically who or what to ask? Come to a camp information night. We will talk about all things summer camp at Camp Conowingo: registration, daily camp life, camp mail, trading post, staff, and so much more! Information Nights (click on link to register—cost: Free)

- [Wednesday March 4, 2026 \(in-person\)](#)
- [Monday March 16, 2026 \(virtual\)](#)
- [Thursday April 9, 2026 \(in-person\)](#)
- [Tuesday April 21, 2026 \(virtual\)](#)

Summer Camp Open House

Saturday, April 11, 2026 and Sunday, April 12, 2026

11:00 AM-3:00 PM

Camp Conowingo

Registration open on the GSCM Event Calendar [HERE](#)

Join us for our Summer Camp Open House! Campers and their families/caregivers are invited to visit camp on either Saturday or Sunday to explore the grounds, take a self-guided tour, meet our Outdoor Experience Director, and ask any questions as you prepare for Summer 2026. We're excited to welcome you and help you get to know camp!

Sleepaway Camp Staff and Volunteer Opportunities

Are you an adult looking to make a difference in the life of a Girl Scout this summer? Work or volunteer with us at sleepaway camp!

- Checkout the available staff positions [HERE](#).
- Volunteer Interest; Click [HERE](#) to learn more and request to join us

Questions? Email us at membercare@gscm.org

Family Camping

Family Camp Overnight at Camp Conowingo

Saturday, July 18-Sunday, July 19, 2026

Cost: \$65 per person; includes Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast, plus all activities

Registration open on the GSCM Event Calendar [HERE](#)

Looking for a chance to experience the magic of summer camp together? Family Camp Overnight at Camp Conowingo invites Girl Scouts and their families to unplug, explore, and make memories side by side in a beautiful camp setting.

Families will spend the weekend enjoying classic camp activities and hands-on workshops such as archery, camping skills, arts & crafts, boating, and swimming. Whether you're trying something new or revisiting a favorite camp tradition, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Families will arrive on Saturday morning and bring a bagged lunch to enjoy picnic-style in one of Camp Conowingo's scenic outdoor spaces. Saturday afternoon includes free time to hike, play lawn games, relax by the campsite, or simply enjoy being together. In the evening, families will gather in the dining hall for dinner, followed by a campfire complete with songs and s'mores. Sunday morning wraps up the experience with breakfast before departure.

Please note that registration for this program will not be through Campsite. Information can be found on our GSCM Event Calendar [HERE](#). Additional information about packing lists, permission slips, and other important information will be shared after registration.

Family Camp Day Trip at Camp Conowingo

Saturday, July 18, 2026

10:00 AM- 4:00 PM

Who: All registered GSCM Girl Scouts and their families

Cost: \$25 per person

Registration open on the GSCM Event Calendar [HERE](#)

Want a taste of family camp without staying overnight? The Family Camp Day Trip offers all the fun of camp packed into one memorable day! Families will spend the day participating in engaging camp workshops such as archery, camping skills, arts & crafts, boating, and swimming, all while enjoying the natural beauty of Camp Conowingo. It's a perfect opportunity for families to explore camp together, meet other Girl Scout families, and enjoy outdoor adventures at their own pace. Families will arrive Saturday morning and bring a bagged lunch to enjoy at one of camp's many picnic areas.

Please note that registration for this program will not be through Campsite. Information can be found on our GSCM Event Calendar [HERE](#). Additional information about packing lists, permission slips, and other important information will be shared after registration.

NEW DATE!!!

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CAP & COMPASS SERIES

Chart your course—
your cap is ready,
now grab your compass.

Find Your Direction. Shape Your Future.

Girl Scouts of Central Maryland invites high school girls to join Cap & Compass—a three-part series designed to help you confidently navigate life after graduation.

Whether you're college-bound, career curious, or still exploring your path, this program offers interactive workshops, peer connections, and guidance from inspiring women leaders.

Bonus: All participants receive a **FREE** professional headshot for resumes, LinkedIn, or college applications.

Meet Student Leaders from Morgan State, Loyola, & Towson Universities

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12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Open to Girl Scouts and Non-Members in grades 9–12!

REGISTER AT
[GSCM.INFO/COMPASS](https://gscm.info/compass)





EMPOWER HOUR

*Find your strength.
Share your voice.
Own your power.*

FOR GIRL SCOUTS & NON-MEMBERS IN GRADES 6-8



MIDDLE SCHOOL IS TOUGH—EMPOWER HOUR MAKES IT EASIER!

Peer pressure & pop quizzes? Middle school can be hard, but Empower Hour is the afterschool reset you need. This program is a hands-on, confidence building series for middle schoolers. With workshops from local organizations, girls will explore what it means to feel strong in mind, body, and voice. Empower yourself the Girl Scout way!

For this session, join us for an Improv Class.

APRIL 24TH - 6:00-7:00 PM

[GSCM.INFO/EMPOWER](https://gscm.info/empower)

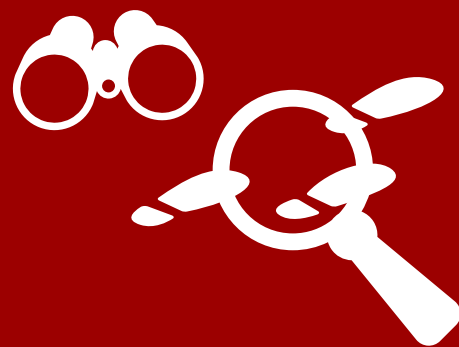


**HIGHWIRE
IMPROV**

First Bus is Full; Need 20 more participants for 2nd Bus to Run!



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**TRIP TO
D.C.**

YOUR MISSION...FIND CLUES, SOLVE THE CASE, HAVE FUN!

Cadettes—your assignment, should you choose to accept it, is to dive into the shadowy world of secret agents during this interactive experience at the **International Spy Museum**. Become a CIA recruit!

Learn code-cracking techniques, explore spycraft skills, and discover the history of spies—both famous and infamous.

APRIL 25, 2026 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

After the museum, Girl Scouts will explore The Wharf, including the iconic Fish Market, restaurants, and unique shops. Our mission concludes with a visit to the Tidal Basin and Monuments Row—the perfect ending to a day of discovery.

CLASSIFIED MISSION DETAILS:

- Roundtrip bus transportation, discounted Spy Museum admission, and an exclusive Girl Scout scavenger hunt.
- Trip requires a full bus to run. If minimum registration isn't met, participants will be notified two weeks prior.
- Lunch is on your own at The Wharf.

GSCM.ORG/SPYTRIP





MOTHER'S DAY TRIP TO LONGWOOD GARDENS

*Spend the day surrounded by flowers,
fresh air, and beautiful gardens while celebrating
the special people in your life.*

Saturday, May 2 | 9:30 AM - 8:00 PM



*All levels of Girl Scouts are welcome to stroll through
the greenhouses, visit the historic home of Pierce S.
du Pont, and take in scenic views from the treehouse
while making lasting memories together.*

\$45 FOR GIRLS SCOUTS - \$60 FOR ADULTS

**Includes bus transportation and admission to
Longwood Gardens - lunch is on your own**

**Register at
gscm.info/mothersday**



**This trip requires a minimum number of participants to fill one bus. If the minimum is not met,
participants will be notified two weeks prior if the trip must be canceled or rescheduled.**



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CELEBRATES HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS

AANHPI HISTORY MONTH



WORKSHOP



MAY 9TH | 12-2:00 PM - BALTIMORE CITY

All Girls Scouts Welcome - discover the rich cultures and traditions of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities through fun, hands-on activities. Girls will rotate through engaging stations including a sushi-making cooking class, the Thousand Cranes origami challenge, and other interactive experiences designed to spark curiosity and deepen cultural appreciation.

WHAT TO EXPECT?



Sushi-Making Cooking Class



Thousand Cranes
Origami Challenge



Hands-On Cultural
Activity Stations

Cost is \$10 - Includes Celebration Month Patch
Register at gscm.info/aanhpi



NEW DATE!!!

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CREATIVE CAFÉ

SPEAK

CREATE

BE HEARD

Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors, & Volunteers:

Step into the Creative Café—an open-mic experience where Girl Scouts share their voices and stories through art and mindfulness. Enjoy performances by local artists, take part in calming activities, or take the stage yourself. Girls can sign up to perform poetry, spoken word, music, storytelling, and more.



Tuesday
June 23, 2026



6:00 PM -
8:00 PM



Columbia, MD
(Restaurant Venue)

Cost: \$15 (Patch Included)
Food available for purchase on site.



Register at:
gscm.info/creativecafe

Photo courtesy of
Howard County
Government

**SPECIAL
GUEST**

PENELOPE TOFIGH

Howard County Youth Poet Laureate
In partnership with HoCoPoLitSo



Membership & Retention



Locations Requested...

Service Unit Managers across the GSCM footprint recently met with their dedicated Membership Experience Specialists for Retention and Recruitment to discuss the Service Unit's membership goals for MY26. At that time, many of you committed to helping staff by providing the name of a venue where events hosted by Membership & Retention Team could be held at least once each quarter through the end of 2026.

THANK YOU for agreeing to help our staff continue bringing Girl Scouts to every Service Unit under the GSCM umbrella. Now is the time to submit the point of contact at the venue along with the best way(s) to reach them so we can plan events for the remainder of the calendar year. Please send an email to membercare@gscm.org with the subject line "Attn: Recruitment Manager".

Please share as much information as you have about the venue to include a point of contact and their contact information. We cannot do this without your help! As you continue doing a magnificent job with engaging Girl Scout families in your communities, please do not forget we are truly thankful for all you do for tomorrow's leaders, TODAY!

'Bring- a-Friend' Events

You asked them, and we are delivering! Every month throughout the membership year, GSCM will host featured events throughout the Council footprint.

These events are for new **and** currently registered Girl Scouts and their caregivers, where girls will have loads of fun doing what Girl Scouts do best-justbeing Girl Scouts!



Please remind troop families to check out the featured Bring-a- Friend events for April events (feel free to share the flyer below by clicking here), or they can also go to gscm.info/fun to register before the events their Girl Scout wants to attend are sold out! See next page.

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BRING A FRIEND!

**Join us for an exciting opportunity
to connect, share, and grow!**

We're hosting special Bring-a-Friend Events, and we'd love for you and your family to be part of it. You're already part of our community, this is the perfect chance to bring a friend to meet new people, explore what we do, and see how many adventures they can have with Girl Scouts!

APRIL BRING-A-FRIEND EVENTS:



GET OUT & GET MOVIN' WITH GIRL SCOUTS

Join us for relay races, outdoor games, and family fun while discovering what makes Girl Scouts so special.



GARDEN EXPLORERS WITH GIRL SCOUTS

You're invited to join Girl Scouts for a sample troop meeting to talk about one of our favorite things: plants!

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Fun, interactive activities
- Insight into who we are and what we do
- A relaxed, welcoming atmosphere
- Learn something new and have fun

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER:

Go to gscm.info/fun and don't forget to bring a friend (or two) who might be interested in learning more about Girl Scouts and wants to join the fun! **Questions? Call (410) 358-9711 or email membercare@gscm.org**



Daisy Launch: Growing Our Future Leaders Together

Spring is the perfect season to plant seeds — and Daisy Launch is our moment to grow the next generation of Girl Scouts. As girls and families settle into the school year, many are now ready to explore enriching opportunities outside the classroom. This makes spring recruitment especially impactful for engaging:

- Kindergarten girls
- First grade girls
- Rising Kindergarten girls (current Pre-K)

Through our Daisy Launch efforts, we are inviting families to experience Girl Scouts in a way that fits their lifestyle — whether through a troop, group, program, or community event. Beginning April 1, rising Kindergarten girls will also be eligible to join as part of our Extended Year campaign, expanding our reach and creating early connections with future members.

Our Goal:

To ensure every Kindergarten, first grade, and rising Kindergarten girl has the opportunity to experience Girl Scouts — building courage, confidence, and character from the very beginning of their journey.

Partnering with Service Units

We cannot do this work alone — and your leadership within your Service Units is essential to reaching more girls and families in our communities. We are asking for your partnership in identifying opportunities to connect with families between now and June 2026.



Please Share the Following:

1. Upcoming Events

Any Service Unit or community events that would be welcoming for:

- Rising Kindergarten girls
- Kindergarten girls
- First grade families

2. Partnership Opportunities

Ways your Service Unit can collaborate with GSCM on:

- Daisy-focused recruitment events
- Family engagement experiences
- Intro-to-Girl Scouts activities

3. School & Community Access Points

Opportunities such as:

- Kindergarten Round-Ups
- School registration events
- Community fairs or family nights

Where we can:

- Attend in person
- Provide materials or flyers
- Share information with families

Why This Matters

Daisies are the entry point to the Girl Scout experience — and the foundation for long-term engagement, retention, and leadership development.

When we reach girls early, we:

Build stronger troops

Increase retention across grade levels

Strengthen Service Units

Expand our community impact

This is more than recruitment — this is legacy-building work.

Call to Action

Please send your event details and partnership ideas to:

membercare@gscm.org

Subject Line: Attn: Recruitment Manager – Daisy Launch

Together, we can ensure that every girl has a place to belong, grow, and lead.



Bridging Season Is Approaching

As we move into spring, many troops are preparing for one of the most meaningful milestones of the Girl Scout year — bridging to the next program level.

Bridging is a time to celebrate accomplishments from the current year while building excitement for what's ahead. March and April are ideal months for girls to:

- Reflect on how they've grown in confidence and leadership
- Share favorite memories and achievements
- Learn about new opportunities at their next level

Whether transitioning from Daisy to Brownie or Cadette to Senior, bridging represents progress along the Girl Scout Leadership journey.

The Volunteer Toolkit (VTK) includes bridging award requirements, planning guidance, and ceremony ideas to help make these transitions memorable and girl-led.





LET'S TALK VOLUNTEER TRAINING

All Things Program Gatherings- Your Opportunity to Connect with the GSCM Program Team!

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Cost: None

May is Mental Health Awareness Month! Get ready to participate this May by joining us to learn about the mental wellness programs that are available. We'll highlight the "Mental Wellness Patch" program; the "Resilient. Ready. Strong Patch" program; and other positive mental health resources!

Drop in any time between 6:30-8:30 PM to shop, share, and participate in a self-care hands-on activity.

Questions? Email us at membercare@gscm.org.

Save the Date: Archery Training

Archery Training will be held on Saturday, May 23, 2026. Registration opens on March 25, 2025. The cost for the training is \$50 per participant. Additional details will be shared when registration opens. Training is for adult members and will take place at Camp Whippoorwill.



Space is limited to 10 participants. Another Archery training will be available in Fall 2026. or they may register for a Tent Camping Training that occurs at a later date.



Basic Troop Camping Training- Register Now!

This required training is for adults planning troop/group camping at GSCM or non-GSCM sites with established restrooms or latrines and sleeping facilities like cabins, shelters, platform tents, or yurts.

Participants will plan and shop for meals in patrols, practice outdoor skills, learn outdoor program activities, review safety guidelines, and explore how to deliver the Girl Scout Leadership Experience through outdoor education.

Before attending, participants must complete two gsLearn courses: GSUSA Foundations and 218-Basic Troop Camping (BAC) Online Pre-session, an in-person planning session, and an overnight campout. Attendance at both the pre-session and corresponding overnight is required for credit. The outdoor session must match the pre-session date—sessions cannot be mixed.

The course is cost-free; however, participants will share the meal costs, to be discussed at the in-person pre-session.

Upcoming BTC Dates (Click on the Course Title to register; one needs to only register one time. By registering for the pre-session, one is automatically enrolled in the overnight session)

BASIC TROOP CAMPING

- Pre-session on 3/23/26 at New Hope Lutheran Church, 8575 Guilford Road, Columbia, MD 21046
- Overnight on 4/18/26–4/19/26 at Camp Whippoorwill

BASIC TROOP CAMPING

- Pre-session on 4/28/26 at New Hope Lutheran Church, 8575 Guilford Road, Columbia, MD 21046
- Overnight on 5/16/26–5/17/26 at Camp Whippoorwill



Tent Camping Training

This in-person adult training is required when a troop/group will be using tents while camping outdoors at GSCM or non-GSCM sites with established restrooms or latrines and fire circles. When a troop/group has progressed to camping in tents, this course will provide the information needed to plan for the camping trip, pitch a tent, set up a tent site, and how to strike and store a tent.

If the troop/group has a tent that they will be using for their camping trip, please bring it to the session. If they do not have a tent, there is no need to purchase one for the training as we will have tents available for practice.

Before participating in this training, one must have completed Basic Troop Camping training. Kindly note that while this course may be offered on the same weekend as Basic Troop Camping overnights for convenience, it is not required. Volunteers who would like to take both trainings may register for the Tent Camping training that takes place the same weekend as their Basic Troop Camping session (if available), or they may register for a Tent Camping Training that occurs at a later date.

Spring Tent Camp Trainings (click on the course title below to register)

[Tent Camp Training at Camp Whippoorwill](#)

Sunday, April 19, 2026

10:15 AM- 12:30 PM

Cost: N/A

[Tent Camp Training at Camp Whippoorwill](#)

Sunday, May 17, 2026

10:15 AM- 12:30 PM

Cost: N/A

PRODUCT SALES



Congratulations on a fantastic cookie season!

The product team does not have a lot to report out yet as we are still running the final clean up on the cookie numbers. Stay tuned for updates and announcements as we finish closing the cookie season. What we can report is how proud we are of everyone who participated. We had a very strong cookie season this year and cannot wait to share with everyone.

Reminders:

The final ACH is happening April 8th, 2026. This is for your final balanced owed which can be found in your Troop Balance Summary Report.

Girls who have earned our events, membership, custom Converses or Polaroid Camera will have emails with details about the reward sent to their primary caregiver's email listed in their MyGS account. Please let your parents and caregivers know to look for an email about these!





New Volunteer Trainings

New volunteers are required to take "New Volunteer Orientation Training", this is a virtual session hosted by GSCM staff members, that is offered several times each month.

All new volunteers should go to **gscm.info/fun** to sign up for training .

Adult Learning Courses on Your Schedule

We want to ensure that our volunteers have access to learning opportunities in a variety of settings, and that cover a variety of topics. From the basics of Girl Scouting to understanding mental wellness, we want to help our volunteers be prepared for every situation.

Check out gsLearn for independent online learning courses. All volunteers with a My GS account have access to gsLearn, which include GSUSA Foundations, courses about badge offerings, the Volunteer Toolkit, the Cookie Program, and more! To access gsLearn, simply **sign in to My GS**, then click "gsLearn" in the menu on the left- hand side. You will see some courses on your homepage that are for all volunteers. To locate additional courses, click "Content Library" on the menu located on the left, then either scroll through the list, or use the search bar at the top to find the course you need. For each volunteer role and grade level, there are some courses which are required and some courses which are optional enrichment opportunities. Please be certain to complete all required courses for the roles that you hold. If you have any questions about any of the trainings, please email membercare@gscm.org.



Celebrate the
volunteer in your life.



Recognize Adults that Serve Our Girls

Volunteers appreciate special, enduring thanks for their efforts. Girl Scout volunteers are the lifeblood of the Girl Scout Movement. They give selflessly of their time and talents to help build girls of courage, confidence, and character.

Whether they serve directly or indirectly with girls, the efforts of Girl Scout volunteers leave lasting impression on both the girls and other adult volunteers.

[Click here](#) to learn mores about choosing the appropriate award for adult volunteers whom you wish to recognize.