

SERVICE UNIT TALKING POINTS

Monthly Updates for Service Units - March 2026 Edition



**Girl Scout Troop 2090 Shows Grit at
Clarksville Commons Cookie Booth**



**Girl Scout Troop 4479 Opens the 2026
Howard County Legislative Session**

SEE PAGE 5 FOR FULL STORIES

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!

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GSCM Howard County

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.

Having an event with 75-100 people? Consider inviting 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!

Cookie Costumes can be reserved for your booth sale. Each troop can reserve 2 free adorable cookie costumes that can be worn by girls or adults. Pick up from the Seton store Thursday/Friday and return on Monday. Email GSCMstore@gscm.org to get your reservation in soon. There are also a limited number of signs and large cookie boxes available for use.

GSCM store also 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.



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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BRIDGING BASICS

Awards, process & store kits.

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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.

More information at gscm.info/events/

Cookie Booth Chills

On Friday, February 6, 2026, Girl Scout Troop 2090 showed outstanding perseverance and teamwork during their cookie booth at Clarksville Commons. Despite freezing temperatures, strong winds, and snowy conditions, the girls stayed positive, engaged, and determined from start to finish.

Their resilience reflects the courage, confidence, and character the Girl Scout Cookie Program is designed to build. Rather than letting the weather slow them down, they served customers with enthusiasm and represented Girl Scouts with pride.

We are incredibly proud of Troop 2090 for demonstrating that true leadership is defined not by comfort, but by dedication, heart, and commitment to their goals.



Girl Scouts Take the Lead in Howard County

On Monday, January 5, 2026, Girl Scout Troop 4479 had the honor of opening the first official 2026 Howard County Legislative Session at the George Howard Government Building by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

This special opportunity highlighted the importance of youth engagement in civic life. The troop also toured the building to learn more about local government, and the session was broadcast on the Howard County government channel for the community to see.

We are incredibly proud of Troop 4479 for representing Girl Scouts with confidence, poise, and purpose as they grow into informed and engaged leaders.



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.



🌸 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 Coming Soon

A comprehensive **Spring Renewal Guide** will be shared with all **Troop Leaders and Service Unit Managers in mid-March 2026**. This guide will walk 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

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.

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.



READ WITH GIRL SCOUTS!

Girl Scouts bring their dreams to life and work together to build a kinder, better world. And now, young people and their families everywhere can experience the friendships and fun of Girl Scouting through vibrant books and relatable characters you're sure to love.

The Girl Scout-inspired book series features stories, guides, and journals for young readers published by HarperCollins. This brand-new collection of books for readers ranging from toddlers to middle schoolers will spark imaginations, inspire young minds, and remind girls that they can do anything they set their minds to. The series kicked off on September 24, 2024, with [Maven Takes the Lead](#). Check out other available titles in the series [HERE](#).



Recently released are two Level One "I Can Read" Amazing Daisies books (January 2026)! Through these stories, girls will meet the Amazing Daisies, three best friends who work together to accomplish amazing things:

- **The Amazing Daisies:** When Ava, Hazel, and Ellie notice there's no recycling bin at their playground, they come up with a creative plan to help make their neighborhood a better place. [Check out this sneak peek activity](#) from The Amazing Daisies, where you and your friends can turn scrap paper and small discarded items into fun, colorful jewelry —just like Ava, Hazel, and Ellie, who show how creativity and teamwork make every day an adventure!
- **The Amazing Daisies Hunt for Colors:** The fun with Ava, Hazel, and Ellie continues as the friends work together on a colorful nature challenge, racing to find every shade of the rainbow along the Daisy Lane trail. [Check out the sneak peek activity](#) to see what this fun-filled book has in store! With an adult, go on a nature scavenger hunt! Grab your besties and head outside to hunt for colors.

UPCOMING HIGHEST AWARD WORKSHOPS AND Q&A SESSION

Girl Scouts, parents/caregivers, and volunteers are invited to join in any or all highest award sessions to learn more about the Girl Scout Highest Awards—Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards, as well as other leadership opportunities for Girl Scouts. Register for these sessions through our GSCM Event Calendar [HERE](#).

- Gold Award Q&A, Monday, March 2
- Bronze and Silver Awards Q&A, March 5



CELEBRATE GIRL SCOUT WEEK WITH THESE COUNCIL-LED EVENTS! (SEE FLYER)

The following activities are for Girl Scouts of ALL ages!
Register for one session or all [HERE](#)!

- STEM is Bubbling Over, Monday, March 9
- Engineering Girl Scout Fun, Tuesday, March 10
- Firefly Campfire, Friday, March 13
- Adventure 114: The Golden Eaglet Movie Overnight, Saturday, March 14 through Sunday, March 15



MARCH 8-14, 2026 | ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

CREATIVE CAFÉ (SEE FLYER)

Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2026

Time: 6:00-8:00 PM

Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts
Columbia, MD

Cost: \$15 Patch Included and food is available for purchase at restaurant venue

Step into the creative cafe where Girl Scouts are encouraged to speak and share their stories. This open-mic event blends self-expression with the healing powers of art therapy. Girls will enjoy performances by local artists, participate in mindfulness activities, and have the option to take the stage themselves! Register [HERE](#).



EXPLORING HERSHEY PA (SEE FLYER)

Date: Saturday, April 18, 2026

Time: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM

Brownie Girl Scouts

Cost: \$58 per girl; \$60 adults



Hey Brownies, want to experience Hershey, PA in a new way? Join GSCM for the Sweetest Trip on Earth as we visit Hershey Gardens, Chocolate World, and the Hershey Story Museum! Stroll through beautiful gardens and butterflies, discover how chocolate is made, enjoy lunch, and learn about Milton Hershey's life and legacy.

The price is set at the minimum needed to self-fund and includes bus transportation, admission to Hershey Gardens, the Butterfly Atrium, and the Hershey Story Museum (at a special Girl Scout rate), plus an exclusive group activity. One bus must be filled for the trip to run. If minimum registration is not met, participants will be notified two weeks prior. Register [HERE](#).

SPYING ON WASHINGTON D.C. (SEE FLYER)

Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026

Time: 7:30 AM-4:00 PM

Cadette Girl Scouts

Cost: \$60 girls and adults



Get ready for intrigue at the International Spy Museum. Cadettes, your mission, if you choose to accept it, is to become CIA recruits in this interactive tour through the Spy Museum. Learn code cracking, spy craft and the history of those famous and infamous secret agents. Next, explore The Wharf, its Famous Fish Market and all its restaurants and shops. Our last stop on our Secret Mission is the Tidal Basin and Monuments Row. Register [HERE](#).

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GIRL SCOUT week 2026

MARCH 8-14, 2026 | ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

**Don't miss this incredible week of Girl Scout fun
—we can't wait to celebrate with you!**

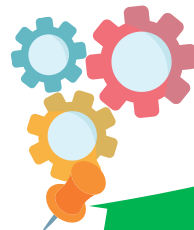
MONDAY, MARCH 9
BUBBLE SCIENCE
Baltimore County

Step into the world of **Bubble Science** and explore hands-on experiments that pop with fun and discovery.



TUESDAY, MARCH 10
ENGINEERING OUR FUTURES
GSCM Headquarters

Put your problem-solving skills to the test with classic and creative **engineering challenges**, including an egg drop, earthquake-resistant sound structures, and balloon-powered cars.



FRIDAY, MARCH 13
FIREFLY CAMPFIRE & BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
Camp Woodlands

Celebrate **Girl Scouts' 114th Birthday** at our **3rd Annual Firefly Campfire**, filled with glowing fun, friendship, and unforgettable memories.



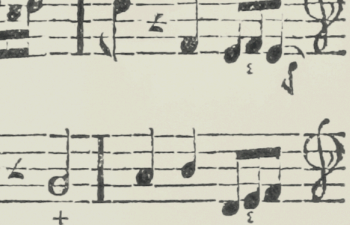
EVENT UPDATE!!!
SATURDAY, MARCH 14
ADVENTURE 114: GIRL SCOUT CAMPOUT
Camp Conowingo

Join GSCM for an Overnight Camp Adventure at Camp Conowingo. We will dabble in outdoor cooking, painting, signalling and morse coding and all your favorite indoor and outdoor games.



REGISTER AT
[GSCM.INFO/EVENTS](https://gscm.info/events)





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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
March 31, 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

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Howard County
Government

**SPECIAL
GUEST**

PENELOPE TOFIGH

Howard County Youth Poet Laureate
In partnership with HoCoPoLitSo





EXPLORING HERSHEY, PA

Hey Brownies! Ready for the SWEETEST adventure ever? Join Girl Scouts of Central Maryland for The Sweetest Trip on Earth as we explore Hershey, Pennsylvania!

APRIL 18, 2026 • 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM



STOP 1: Hershey Gardens

Wander through beautiful flowers and step inside the Butterfly Atrium to see hundreds of butterflies up close.

STOP 2: Hershey's Chocolate World

Discover how chocolate is made and grab lunch on your own while exploring this sweet experience.

STOP 3: The Hershey Story Museum

Learn about Milton Hershey and how his chocolate empire began.

✓ WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Roundtrip bus transportation
- Admission to Hershey Gardens, Butterfly Atrium, and The Hershey Story Museum
- Exclusive Girl Scout-only activity
- Discounted pricing just for Girl Scouts

✓ IMPORTANT DETAILS

- Lunch is on your own at Chocolate World
- Trip requires a full bus to run
- If minimum registration isn't met, participants will be notified 2 weeks prior



REGISTER AT [GSCM.INFO/HERSHEY](https://gscm.info/hershey)



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!

This hands-on, confidence-building series is designed just for middle schoolers.

With workshops led by local organizations, girls will explore what it means to feel strong in mind, body, and voice.

TWO-PART SERIES:

- **Session 1:** Self-Defense Class (November 14, 2025)
- **Session 2:** Improv Class (April 24, 2026)

ONE NOVEMBER SIGN-UP COVERS BOTH WORKSHOPS!
[GSCM.INFO/EMPOWER](https://gscm.info/empower)



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Be Unstoppable This Summer **SLEEPAWAY CAMP** at Camp Conowingo

Embark on an unforgettable summer adventure at Camp Conowingo, 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.

Come Ready To...

🔥 **Find Your Fire** through campfires, challenges, and discovering your strength.

🌲 **Unplug. Explore. Belong!** Canoeing, crafts, songs, and adventures await.

💖 **Find Your People. Find Yourself.** Build friendships and confidence.

✨ **Camp Magic Begins Here** with traditions you love and new experiences.

📖 **This Is Your Camp Story**—let's write the next chapter together.

Campers Will Enjoy:

- Swimming & hiking
- Kayaking & canoeing
- Archery
- Low & high ropes courses
- Outdoor & campfire cooking
- Nature exploration
- Arts & crafts

**SIGN UP
TODAY!**

*For details, pricing, or to register,
visit gscm.info/rc or scan the QR code!
Have questions? Contact membercare@gscm.org.*



View the 2026 All Things Camp Info Guide [HERE](https://gscm.info/rc).

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.

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 March 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.

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!

MARCH BRING-A-FRIEND EVENTS:



GABBY'S DOLLHOUSE

Join us for a fun-filled day of friendship and creativity inspired by Girl Scouts and Gabby's Dollhouse: The Movie!



PRINCESS PARTY

Girls of all ages enjoy a magical day of dress-up, dancing, and friendship while discovering the fun, confidence, and sisterhood of Girl Scouts.

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.

SR2026 Incentive Distribution Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in **SR2026 Spring Renewal** for the 2025–2026 membership year. Your early commitment helped ensure a strong start for troops and our council. We are currently preparing **SR2026 incentive items for distribution**. Incentives will be delivered during **March and April Service Unit meetings** to Service Unit Managers.

From there:

- Service Unit Managers will distribute incentives to troop leaders.
- Troop leaders will then share incentives with families and girls who qualified.

Please keep an eye on communication from your Service Unit regarding pick-up details and timelines.

Side Note:

For Service Units that do not currently have a Service Unit Manager but have qualified troops that earned incentives, your **Membership Retention Specialist will reach out directly** with next steps and distribution information. We appreciate your patience as we organize and prepare these materials for delivery.



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!

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:

- March 24 In-person Harford County Area
- March 25 (Virtual Session)
- 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!

March 19, 2026

All Girl Scout ages, Parents/Caregivers, and Volunteers

Theme for this Month: Bridging to the Next Girl Scout Program Level

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

Cost: None

Girl Scouts and volunteers who will be bridging to the next program level in the fall of 2026 will not want to miss this opportunity to chat with the GSCM Program Team and Shop Team to learn more about what the next program level has in store for you! You'll get a sneak peek at program resources, insignia, badges, and awards for your next level, as well as receive resources on the bridging process, bridging kits, and award criteria.

Drop in anytime between 6:30-8:30 PM to shop, share, and get a free bridging resource. Questions? Email us at membercare@gscm.org.

What First-aid/CPR Courses Are Accepted for a Girl Scout First-aider?

We often receive questions about what first-aid/CPR courses are acceptable to meet the Girl Scout first-aider position criteria. Below are some guidelines on what courses qualify:

- **Courses from the following organizations/vendors are accepted per Girl Scouts of the USA's first-aider criteria which is outlined in Safety Activity Checkpoints:**
 - American Red Cross
 - National Safety Council
 - EMP America
 - American Trauma Management
 - American Heart Association
 - American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI)
 - Medic First-aid
- **Courses from vendors who are not on the list above are not accepted.**
- **Courses from these organizations/vendors MUST provide first-aid and CPR/AED training modules for BOTH infant/child (pediatric) and adults. These modules must be listed on your course certificate(s).**

NOTE: Safety Activity Checkpoints is a publication which is produced by GSUSA and can be customized by Girl Scout Councils. GSCM may not alter or change any of the content, however, we can add specific council guidelines and regulations to align with our standard practices and policies. Regarding first-aider position criteria, we have not added any additional requirements beyond what GSUSA outlines.

Courses not on the approved list: If one finds an organization/vendor that is not on the above mentioned list whether is through a local organization/business or another Girl Scout Council, we recommend emailing us at membercare@gscm.org to discuss prior to registering for such a course, as it may not qualify.

Courses through other Girl Scouts Councils: Before signing up for a course through another Girl Scout Council, please make certain that the course is accepted by GSCM. Again, at GSCM, we adhere to the approved list of training organizations/vendors per GSUSA's Safety Activity Checkpoints.



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



Thank you, every volunteer, troop, Girl Scout and Girl Scout family who have been participating in the cookie program, so far! We are so excited to see how well every troop and girl has been selling!

Cupboards:

As a reminder, all planned orders to be picked up the same week are due in Smart Cookies no later than 11:30pm on Sunday. Time slots have been filling up, so to ensure you get the pickup time you prefer, place your orders as soon as you know them.

Gluten Free is no longer in stock at cupboard as we have used up our yearly supply. Please let your families know they are still available via direct ship, but we do not have more physical inventory! A cupboard may have an extra case or two which they can give out on a first come first serve basis.

Since GF is a specialty cookie, we are only able to order a finite amount each year.

ACH:

The second ACH will occur March 18th, 2026. This will be for 50% of your remaining balance in Smart Cookies as of that date. To find out what your troop balance is, please refer to the Troop Balance Summary Report in Smart Cookies.

Program Closes March 29th!

All transfers and reward orders are due in Smart Cookies by 11:30 PM March 29th, 2026. This is a hard cut-off date as the system will close at midnight. Changes cannot be made after this date so please ensure all your inventory is distributed, any Troop Site orders are designated to the girls and reward orders are saved!





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**](https://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.