



SERVICE UNIT TALKING POINTS

Monthly Updates for Service Units - May 2026 Edition



Shared Adventures, Stronger Bonds: SU 637 & SU 641 at GSCM's Camp Woodlands

Service Unit 637 recently hosted our annual encampment at Camp Woodlands, joined by Service Unit 641 for a fun Woodland Critters-themed weekend!

Girls took part in hands-on activities like crafts, games, outdoor cooking, and even dissecting owl pellets—an exciting experience that sparked curiosity and discovery.

A highlight was a visit from Ranger Billy ("Box Turtle"), who brought live animals for an interactive presentation. He also helped the girls review their owl pellet findings, deepening their learning.

"If you're looking for an engaging and educational program, Ranger Billy is a fantastic resource within our council!"

— T. Cannan, SU637 SUM

Camp Woodlands was the perfect setting, offering a beautiful space for exploration, learning, and fun.

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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The store is closed on

Monday May 25, 2026, Memorial Day
and Friday June 19, 2026, Juneteenth.

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.

Summer Store Hours will start July 1, 2026. They will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9 AM to 4 PM, Wednesday 9 AM to 6 PM. SATURDAY. July 18. 10 AM to 1 pm. Closed Saturday and Sunday from July 1 to August 14, 2026. Normal Saturday hours will resume Saturday, August 15, 2026.

The last Shop and Share will be held on WEDNESDAY May 6 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the store. We will be discussing moving up levels for both girls and adults. Volunteers, parents, and girls are welcome to join us! If you have topics you'd like to see at next year's events, please share them with the store GSCMStore@gscm.org.

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 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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NEXT PROGRAM LEVEL

**Guidance for girls
& volunteers moving up.**

More information at gscm.info/events!



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 Program Assistant, Membership & Retention Manager, Membership Recruiters, 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.



Exciting Spring Renewal Update!!!

We're excited to share that here at the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland, over 1,600 girls qualified for our early renewal incentives — an incredible milestone!

These girls earned:

- The Trefoil Trailblazer Digital Certificate
- A choice between an exclusive Spring Renewal T-shirt commemorating 65 years of GSCM
- OR One item from Amazon (from GSCM Selection List)
- AND a chance to receive 4 tickets to the B&O Railroad Museum

A heartfelt thank you to our caregivers for renewing your girls early; we truly appreciate your commitment. Thank you to our troop leaders for spreading the word and encouraging participation. And a big thank you to our Service Unit leadership and volunteers for your continued support in making this a success.

WHAT'S NEXT?

There are more incentives still available, each with different deadlines. For full details, families can:

- Visit our Website gscm.org and read the [Spring Renewal Guide](#)
- Email us at membercare@gscm.org
- Call us at (410) 358-9711

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR QUALIFYING FAMILIES-DISCOUNTED 2027 GIRL SCOUTS MEMBERSHIP

Families whose girls met the cookie reward criteria should have received an email on April 1st with a membership discount code. If you did not receive it and feel as though your girl scout met the requirements, please reach out to us — we're happy to help. Reminder: All discount codes must be used by June 30.

LEADER & VOLUNTEER REMINDER

Troop leaders: please remember to renew both your membership and your leadership role to remain eligible for rewards. This also applies to lifetime members' roles that must still be renewed to qualify.

RECOGNITION & UPCOMING MILESTONES

Be sure to check out our website to see the list of our amazing Trefoil Trailblazers who renewed early! Troops can also earn:

- Membership Momentum Leader Certificates
- Special recognition on our website

To qualify, troops must renew 75% of their girls and at least 2 leaders by April 30. Thank you again for your dedication, your partnership, and your continued support. We are here to help every step of the way—please don't hesitate to reach out!

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

Registration began 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).



Give Your Troop an Unforgettable Start to the Year

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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Complimentary Girl Scout Experience Boxes for new Daisy and Brownie troops are here to support you every step of the way!

We're excited to announce that new Girl Scout Daisy (K-1) and Brownie (2-3) troops can receive a monthly supply box filled with step-by-step instructions, ready-to-go supplies, and thoughtful script suggestions.

New Daisy & Brownie troops that have at least 4 girls and 2 troop leaders registered to the troop can receive these complimentary Girl Scouts Experience Boxes. This complimentary resource will follow the Daisy & Brownie First Year Troop Plans and be delivered directly to troop leaders. Get started on your Year of Fun today! For more information, please contact Member Care at 410-358-9711 or send an email to membercare@gscm.org

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.



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

May 6, 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

Location: GSCM Store at 4806 Seton Drive, Baltimore, MD

Are you a girl (and family) bridging/flying-up to the next program level? Maybe you are an adult volunteer moving up to lead the next program level? Join us for conversations about programs, resources, and training that will help prepare you to participate or lead at the next level. We'll also provide guidance on wrapping up matters at your current level before you move on to the next.

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Questions? Email us at membercare@gscm.org.

Be Unstoppable at Sleepaway Camp!

Still Time to Register for Sleepaway Camp!

Summer at Camp Conowingo is more than just camp—it's a place where confidence grows, friendships form, and memories last a lifetime.

“Almost every summer since I moved to Maryland in 3rd grade, I have spent a week at Camp Conowingo in Conowingo, Maryland. This camp became my home-away-from-home, my safe place, and holds some of my most fond memories.” – one of our Girl Scouts said.

That sentiment is shared by so many campers who return year after year to experience the magic of sleepaway camp.

Why Sleepaway Camp matters:

- Builds independence, resilience, and self-confidence
- Encourages healthy risk-taking in a safe, supportive environment
- Fosters strong friendships and teamwork through shared experiences
- Provides positive role models through trained camp staff
- Offers time away from screens to recharge and grow
- Helps girls discover new strengths and interests

Why an all-girls camp experience?

In a supportive, girl-centered environment, campers are encouraged to step outside their comfort zones and try new things without pressure or comparison. Girls lift each other up, cheer each other on, and form friendships built on authenticity and trust.

Camp also provides space for girls to define themselves on their own terms—free from outside expectations. Surrounded by strong female role models, they gain confidence, leadership skills, and a sense of belonging that extends far beyond the summer. Most importantly, Camp Conowingo is a community. A place where every girl matters, every voice is heard, and every camper is encouraged to grow into her best self.

We hope you'll consider giving your Girl Scout the gift of an unforgettable summer at Camp Conowingo.

[**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**](#)



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.

Family Camp

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

Looking for a weekend your whole family will be talking about long after summer ends? Family Camp Overnight at Camp Conowingo is your chance to unplug from the everyday and experience the magic of camp—together. Spend the weekend enjoying favorites like archery, boating, swimming, arts & crafts, and hands-on camping skills. Whether it's your first time or a return to a place you love, there's something for everyone.

Arrive Saturday morning with a bagged lunch and enjoy a picnic in one of camp's scenic outdoor spaces. The afternoon is yours to explore—hike, play lawn games, relax, or simply enjoy time together. In the evening, gather for dinner followed by a classic campfire with songs and s'mores. Sunday morning wraps up with breakfast before heading home with lasting memories.

Please note: Registration will not be through Campsite. Visit the GSCM Event Calendar [HERE](#) for details and to sign up. Additional 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

Want a taste of camp without staying overnight? The Family Camp Day Trip packs all the fun of camp into one unforgettable day!

Spend the day exploring activities like archery, boating, swimming, arts & crafts, and hands-on camping skills—all while enjoying the natural beauty of Camp Conowingo. It's the perfect way to try camp together, meet other Girl Scout families, and enjoy outdoor adventures at your own pace. Arrive Saturday morning with a bagged lunch and enjoy a picnic in one of camp's scenic outdoor spaces before jumping into the day's activities.

Please note: Registration will not be through Campsite. Visit the GSCM Event Calendar [HERE](#) for details and to sign up. Additional information will be shared after registration.

CITs and Other Opportunities

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 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



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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



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MAKER WEEK EVENTS



JUNE 18TH

UNUSUAL ARTISTRY

- Think outside the brush!**
- Pop-a-balloon painting
 - Tic-Tac-Toe paint-by-number
 - Create art with everyday objects
 - Marble art & more

JUNE 20TH

DIGITAL MOVIE MAKING & GAME DESIGN



Lights, camera, CREATE!

- Write scripts and film your own movies
- Learn editing using CapCut
- Design Roblox Obbys



JUNE 17TH

POTTERY & SCULPTING

Girls will shape, mold, and design their own clay masterpieces—then paint and take home their creations.

JUNE 19TH

BAKING DAY



Future bakers, this one's for you!

- Cupcakes, cookies & chocolate making
- No-bake cheesecake/Oreo pie
- Decorating (and tasting!)



JUNE 22ND

3D PRINTING

Discover the world of 3D printing! Learn the science behind it and create your own custom item to take home.

SCAN ME

More details
and register at
gscm.info/events



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

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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.

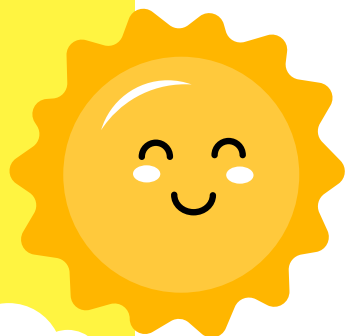
These events are for new **and** currently registered Girl Scouts and their caregivers, where girls will have loads of fun doing what Girl Scouts do best-justbeing Girl Scouts!



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.

Get Ready with Girl Scouts™

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SUMMER FUN

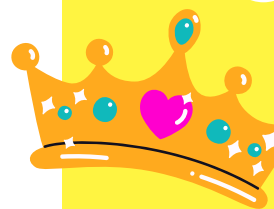
MAY TO AUGUST*

*Locations in Anne Arundel, Baltimore County/City, Carroll, Harford, & Howard Counties

Get ready for a summer with new friends, big adventures, and confidence-building fun. Explore, create, be ready for school and have a blast!

**JUST FOR GIRLS HEADING INTO GRADES K-3
UPCOMING FREE EVENTS (MORE ADDED SOON)**

K-POP



JOIN US
FOR THESE
AND OTHER
SPECIAL
EVENTS!

- Get Ready for Stem Challenge with Girl Scouts
- Get Ready for K-Pop Hunt & Harmony with Girl Scouts
- Get Ready for Galaxy Glow Jars with Girl Scouts
- Get Ready to Be a Superhero with Girl Scouts
- Get Ready for Jewelry Jam with Girl Scouts
- Get Ready for Healthy Habits with Girl Scouts
- Get Ready with Girl Scouts- Girl Scout Game Show
- Get Ready with Girl Scouts- Daisy Princess Day
- Get Ready with Girl Scouts- Birds, Bugs, & Butterflies, OH MY!!!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
AND TO REGISTER:**
GO TO [GSCM.INFO/FUN](https://gscm.info/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!

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 29 In-person Baltimore County Area

Shop and Share Events—An Opportunity to Shop and Learn More About Girl Scout Program!

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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.



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

- 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, May 17, 2026

10:15 AM- 12:30 PM

Cost: N/A

PRODUCT SALES



**The Product Programs Team is happy
to announce our top sellers for the year!**

TOP 5 SELLING TROOPS	TROOP#	TOTAL PACKAGES SOLD
First Place	11023	15,005
Second Place	4385	12,837
Third Place	2289	10,235
Fourth Place	5394	8,740
Fifth Place	4449	8,148

TOP SELLING TROOPS BY PARTICIPATING GIRL AVERAGE	TROOP#	PGA
First Place	1991	1,115
Second Place	664	1,008
Third Place	920	841
Fourth Place	10410	655
Fifth Place	5335	580

HIGHEST SELLING GIRL SCOUTS BY REGION	TROOP#	TOTAL SOLD	REGION
Catalina K.	4219	3,050	GSCM's Entrepreneur of the Year!
Dellalyn L.	11023	2,194	Anne Arundel County
Aubrey W.	4450	1,133	Baltimore City
Zoe O.	4449	1,781	Baltimore County
Caire P.	1915	1,038	Carroll County
Melanie S.	2368	1,200	Hartford County
Leah B.	1250	800	Howard County

TOP SELLING SERVICE UNITS BY PARTICIPATING GIRL AVERAGE	SERVICE UNIT	PGA
First Place	SU649 - Baltimore county	378
Second Place	SU646 - Anne Arundel County	323
Third Place	SU641 - Anne Arundel County	303
Fourth Place	SU676 - Harford County	258
Fifth Place	SU668 - Baltimore County	250





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 more about choosing the appropriate award for adult volunteers whom you wish to recognize.