girl scouts of central maryland

Volunteer Connections

MONTHLY UPDATES FOR SERVICE UNITS & TROOPS

OCTOBER 2026 EDITION

The new Girl Scout Year is off to a Great Start!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration on October 3rd!

We had such a wonderful time celebrating Hispanic and Latin American cultures through music, dancing, food, crafts and community. Thank you for bringing your energy, enthusiasm and joy to this special event! Here are a few photos capturing some of the fun.





Girl Scouts Give Back to John Hopkins Hospital

On June 18, 2026, Girl Scout Troop 4067 from Service Unit 653 created care packages for the Pediatric Oncology Unit at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Through this thoughtful community service project, the Girl Scouts demonstrated compassion and a desire to support children receiving care. The troop's efforts were also shared through announcements at their public school and Johns Hopkins Hospital, spreading awareness of their meaningful contribution to the community.

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.

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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!

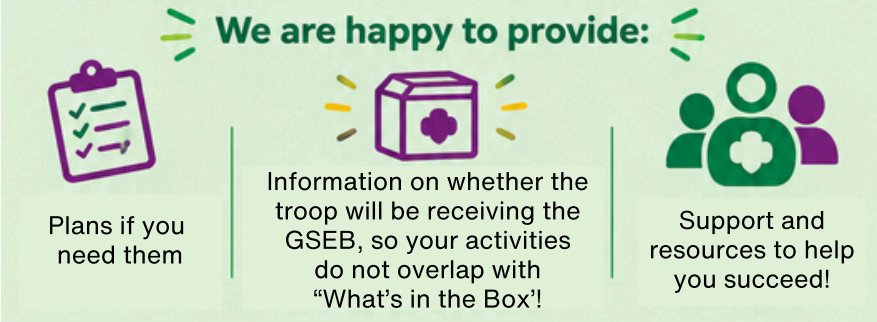
Girl Scout Law

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.

Timely Topics



Are you a volunteer who wants to be on the front lines when new troops are created or do you know a volunteer who would? If your answer is yes, we have GREAT news for you! Opportunities to assist new leaders who can benefit from your wealth of knowledge and experience are ready to meet you!



If you are interested in receiving the guidelines for and being the facilitator for a new troop, please email membercare@gscm.org to get started ASAP.

We Cannot Thank Our Volunteers Enough!

Something wonderful is happening at GSCM! More than 40 new troops are getting their start in MY27—an incredible milestone made possible by dedicated volunteers like YOU! Many of these new troops are eager to connect with experienced volunteers who can offer guidance, encouragement, and mentorship. The need is greater than our staff can meet alone, and your experience can make all the difference.

We cannot thank you enough for the countless hours, energy, and heart you give to Girl Scouting. Whether you're a leader, mentor, guide, or advisor, you are helping shape tomorrow's leaders.

You are the heart of GSCM, and we are truly grateful for all you do!



Troop Roster Cleanup Reminder

Troop leaders should review and clean up their troop rosters.

Verify that all girls currently belonging to the troop are listed. For girls who are no longer participating in the troop, end their participation as needed to keep rosters accurate and up to date.

WE WILL COME TO YOU!

Girl Scouts of Central Maryland is ready to go out in your community!

Are you connecting with your community at a school event, community fair, local gathering, or another outreach opportunity? We'd love to help! Please email **membercare@gscm.org** to connect with our Membership team about having a team member attend your event and/or providing Girl Scout materials to share with prospective members.



Product Program: Gear Up for Cookies!

The Girl Scout Cookie Program is just around the corner, and we are so excited to hop in! Below is some information to help you prepare for the 2027 season! Cookie Sale Dates:





Forms:

Forms for this year are updated and ready to be completed. They will be on the website for you to access and fill out. Reminder: troops will only be uploaded into the system once they have completed their T-1 and T-3 forms. Links are provided here:

- T-1 Troop Cookie Manager Description 26/27
- SU-1 Service Unit Cookie Manager Description 26/27
- SU-2 SU Booth Coordinator Description 26/27
- T-3 Troop Bank/ACH Agreement 2026-2027
- G-1 Parent Permission 2027.pdf

Training:

Training for volunteers has been scheduled! Please sign up on our website under the events tab or by following the link below. Service Unit Cookie Managers, Booth Coordinators, and Cupboard Managers are required to attend one of the two in-person service unit cookie trainings. The Troop level training will be done through Zoom and will be recorded and posted to the website.

Service Unit Cookie Trainings:

Saturday, Nov 14th - 11 AM - 2 PM - SU Cookie Training In-Person at Council

Sunday, Nov 22nd - 1 PM - 4 PM - SU Cookie Training In-Person at Council

Troop Cookie Trainings:

Tuesday, Dec 1st - 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM - Troop Cookie Training Virtual (Zoom)

Thursday, Dec 3rd - 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM - Troop Cookie Training Virtual (Zoom)



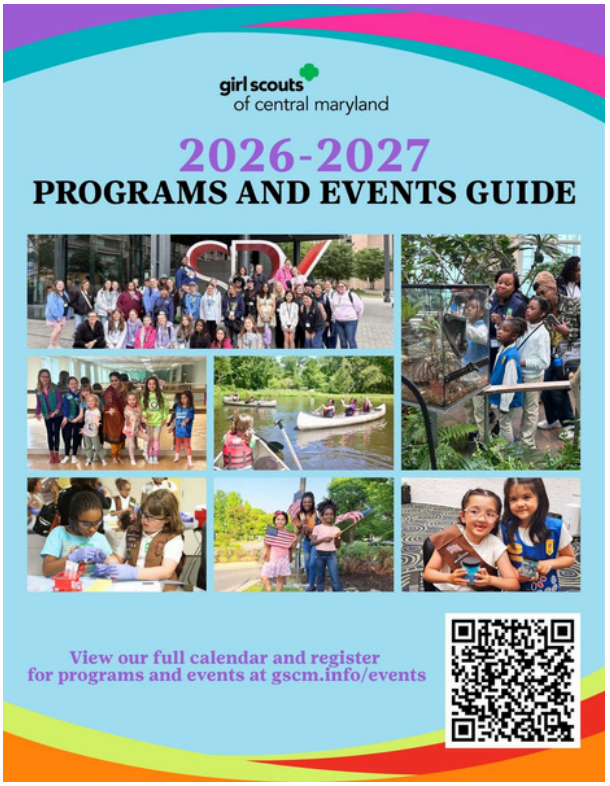
Girl Events & Activities

We are delighted to introduce a tremendous line-up of programs, events, and volunteer learning experiences designed to inspire, educate, and connect our Girl Scout community.

This year, your feedback, interests, and ideas guided our planning. We listened closely to what our Girl Scouts, parents/caregivers, and volunteers want most. In response, we expanded our offerings to create a diverse mix of options that meet your needs, fit your busy schedules, and spark your interests. There is truly something for everyone!

Our shared goal is to support Girl Scouts, families, and volunteers in their unique roles while creating spaces to learn and have fun together. We cannot wait to see you at our upcoming programs, events, and trainings!

Check out all our programs, events, and training courses on our **GSCM Event Calendar** HERE or through our digital **GSCM Program and Events Guide**: click image to view online or visit gscm.info/guide.





Girl Scout Destinations are the ultimate adventure for individual Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts. Girl Scouts can push past their comfort zone by applying for a trip on their own, and make friends from all over the country as they travel with new Girl Scout friends.

There are 20+ trips to choose from. Check out the 2027 Destination offerings HERE and apply soon—many trips are already filling up!

GSCM Girl Scouts interested in attending a Destination can also apply for a GSCM Destinations Grant to help offset trip costs. Funds are limited, and grant amounts are based on the number of applications received. Apply for a GSCM Destinations Grant HERE. Questions? Email membercare@gscm.org.



GIRL SCOUT PROGRAM PORTFOLIO EVOLUTION - VOLUNTEER CALL



As we mentioned last month, exciting updates are happening at Girl Scouts, to better reflect the interests and needs of today's families. Guided by research and the actual experiences of Girl Scouts of all ages, GSUSA is evolving the Girl Scout experience. The launch of Leadership Awards was the first step, followed by new program themes introduced this past summer. Updated programming and a new digital experience are next—all to make it easier for volunteers and families to discover everything Girl Scouts has to offer!

Interesting in exploring what's next--click **HERE** and/or join GSUSA for the National Volunteer Call—Explore What's Next for Girl Scouts on Saturday, November 7, 2026 at 1:00 PM ET.

On this call, GSUSA will highlight the "why" behind the program modernization efforts and provide a brief demonstration of the new Girl Scout Program Library which is due out in Spring 2027.

OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES

Camp Discovery Day – November 22

Get outdoors and discover what camp has to offer! Join us for Camp Discovery Day and explore outdoor activities, including archery and slingshots. It's a great opportunity to enjoy some fresh air, try something new, and connect with the outdoors! **CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**

Summer Camp 2027 – Registration Opens November 24!

Adventure is calling! We're getting ready for another exciting summer at Camp Conowingo. Keep an eye out for our Summer 2027 Camp Guide, coming soon, with information about programs, activities, and everything you need to plan your camper's next adventure.

Camp Conowingo Reunion – December 5

Calling all Summer 2026 Camp Conowingo campers! Join us as we reconnect with camp friends, celebrate memories from the summer, and get excited for the adventures ahead. We can't wait to bring our camp community together again!
CLICK HERE TO REGISTER



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CELEBRATE NATIONAL STEM DAY WITH US!

Sunday, November 8

Step into the exciting world of **Science**, **Technology**, **Engineering**, **Arts**, and **Mathematics** at the GSCM STEAM Lab Open House at GSCM Headquarters!

Girl Scouts of all ages are invited to explore, experiment, and get hands-on with engaging activities designed to spark curiosity and creativity.

$5 Per Girl Scout
$10 For Others

Program fee includes a STEM patch and snack.

🕒 **OPEN LAB HOURS 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

Come at 1:00 PM and stay as long as you wish. Space is limited. Please only register if you plan to attend—this helps us keep spots open for as many girls as possible.

gscm.info/events











GSCM CELEBRATES 100 YEARS
1928 - 2028

CAMP WHIPPOORWILL

WINTERIZE WHIPPOORWILL

HELP US GET CAMP WHIPPOORWILL READY FOR WINTER!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

It's time to give Camp Whippoorwill some love before winter arrives. We need volunteers of all ages to help with seasonal clean-up and winterizing tasks, including scrubbing, sweeping, raking, tossing, organizing, and so much more!

Whether you're looking to earn service hours, spend time at camp, or simply enjoy a day outdoors, your helping hands can make a difference. Let's work together to leave Camp Whippoorwill clean, cared for, and ready for the next Girl Scout adventure!

BRING - Every volunteer is asked to bring a wash rag.

ALL VOLUNTEERS will receive a limited-edition Camp Whippoorwill 100th Celebration Patch!

RSVP at gscm.info/events

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A TASTE OF ARCHERY

Nock, draw, and let it fly!

Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors:
Get ready to take aim and try your hand at archery at the range at Camp Whippoorwill. Whether you're a first-time archer or ready to sharpen your skills, you'll enjoy hands-on practice and plenty of fun at the range!



November 15, 2026

Two Sessions:
1:30 - 3:00 PM
3:30 - 5:00 PM

$25 Per Girl Scout:
Girl Scouts receive a limited edition Camp Whippoorwill 100th Celebration patch. All proceeds go to Camp Whippoorwill's upkeep. **Cadettes**, order your Archery badges at the store and receive them at the range.

RSVP at gscm.info/events

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SPARK

GIRL SCOUT STAR PARTY

Reach For The Stars!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21 – 6:00 PM – HOWARD COUNTY

Join GSCM and the Howard Astronomical League for an out-of-this-world evening exploring the wonders of the night sky! Discover the magic of astronomy through hands-on activities led by GSCM staff and astronomy experts.

Every Girl Scout will receive a Star-Gazing Patch, paper-mâché telescope, and a special astronomy-themed take-home kit to keep the discovery going!

Open to Brownies–Ambassadors

🌙 **$10 Per Girl Scout -- Star-Gazing Patch Included!**

Big discoveries start with a little curiosity. See you under the stars!



Register at gscm.info/starparty

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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!

Middle school is a whole 'nother level, but girls don't have to navigate it alone. Empower Hour involves workshops that explore self-identity and build confidence that leave the girls feeling ready to step into their fullest selves!

UPCOMING DATES/DETAILS

- **December 12 – The Science of Sewing** *(Sewing Patch Included)*
  Discover the art of textiles while learning basic sewing skills!
- **March 20 – Ulta's Skincare Class** *(Put Your Best Face Forward Patch Included)*
  Explore skincare basics, sun safety, and confidence-building tips!
- **April 2 – Self-Defense with Karate4Girls** *(Self-Defense Patch Included)*
  Build confidence and learn verbal and physical techniques to stay safe and strong!

ULTA BEAUTY

WKD KARATE 4 GIRLS

RSVP at gscm.info/events

GSCM CELEBRATES 100 YEARS
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CAMP WHIPPOORWILL

REINDEER GAMES

Winter is a season filled with celebrations from around the world!

Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts:
Join us for a fun-filled day of exploring holiday traditions and discovering the special ways cultures celebrate this time of year—and what we all have in common.

Enjoy intercultural games, creative crafts, stories, tasty snacks, and a community service project as we practice the spirit of sharing the season together!

DECEMBER 29, 2026
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
@CAMP WHIPPOORWILL

$30 PER GIRL SCOUT

Bring your own reusable water bottle, brown bag lunch, and an open mind.

Girl Scouts receive a limited edition Camp Whippoorwill 100th Celebration patch and a Reindeer Games patch. All proceeds go to Camp Whippoorwill's upkeep.

REINDEER GAMES
SHARE THE SEASON

RSVP at gscm.info/events

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Bell Manor Victorian Holiday Open House



December 29th

4:00 - 9:00 PM
@Bell Manor - Camp Conowingo
$20 | All Girl Scout & Friends Welcome!

Step into the magic of a Victorian holiday at Bell Manor, the historic 19th-century Victorian mansion located on the grounds of Camp Conowingo.

Bell Manor celebrates its 160th anniversary this year, and we're celebrating its history and heritage with a special holiday open house!

Enjoy an evening filled with:

- ☕ Make-Your-Own Hot Chocolate Bar & Snacks
- 🎨 Victorian-Inspired Crafts
- 🎲 Victorian Parlour Games
- 🏠 Tours of Bell Manor
- 🎁 Holiday Fun & Festive Memories

Your $20 Admission Helps Support:

- Food and refreshments
- Victorian Heritage Patch
- Craft and game supplies

RSVP at gscm.info/bellmanor



CAMPING RECIPE SWAP COOKBOOK

Help us celebrate 100 years of Camp Whippoorwill!

Do you have a favorite campfire dessert? A go-to troop breakfast? A Dutch oven recipe everyone loves? Or a camp meal that brings back a special Camp Whippoorwill memory?

We want to hear from you!

To celebrate Camp Whippoorwill's 100th anniversary, we're creating a special Camping Recipe SWAP Cookbook featuring favorite recipes, cooking methods, and memories from Girl Scouts.

Who?

All Girls Scouts | Girls, Adults, Alumnae

What?

Swap Your Favorite Camping Recipe

When?

Submit Now Through December 2026

Send your recipe to
campwhippoorwillcookbook@gmail.com

Include...

- Recipe name
- Yield (how many or how much it makes)
- Ingredients
- Cooking time & temperature, if applicable
- Cooking tools (pans, sticks, foil, etc.)
- *Optional:* Your name, troop, and/or county
- *Optional:* Favorite Camp Whippoorwill memory (doesn't have to be related to your recipe)

Cooking Methods

Check all that apply

- ☐ No Cooking
- ☐ Fire
- ☐ Box Oven
- ☐ Camp Stove
- ☐ Dutch Oven
- ☐ Stick
- ☐ One Pot
- ☐ Foil

Meal Type

Check all that apply

- ☐ Breakfast
- ☐ Lunch
- ☐ Dinner
- ☐ Snacks/Appetizers
- ☐ Dessert
- ☐ On-the-Go

CAMP WHIPPOORWILL PATCH CONTEST

Dream it. Design it. Help create a piece of Camp Whippoorwill history!

Calling all creative Girl Scouts and troops! Help us design Camp Whippoorwill's new official camp patch—a keepsake that Girl Scouts will treasure for years to come!

DESIGN GUIDELINES

- Use no more than 5 colors (white does not count!)
- Design must fit within the 3-inch circle provided
- Create your design by hand or digitally (no AI allowed)
- Your design must include the words "Camp Whippoorwill"

HOW TO ENTER:

- Your name
- Girl Scout level
- Troop number
- Troop Leader's name
- Parent/Guardian email

EMAIL ENTRY TO

gscmhistory.archives@gmail.com

OR MAIL IT TO

Girl Scouts of Central Maryland
Attn: Archives
4806 Seton Drive
Baltimore, MD 21215

GIRL SCOUTS OF CENTRAL MARYLAND

SUBMISSIONS DUE NOVEMBER 30, 2026!



Membership & Retention

Let's Connect

The "Let's Connect" QR code that was distributed to volunteers at the beginning of MY26 is no longer functional. Effective immediately, return to the use of the Interest Card. The cards are available in the Recruitment Kit request form found **HERE**.



Discover Girl Scout Troops

Fall is a GREAT time to start new troops in your area! To aid in the effort, GSCM offers the Discover Girl Scouts troop model. What is that?!

Well, imagine being a brand new Troop Leader with no experience leading a Girl Scout troop! You realize that even though you were a Girl Scout until bridging to adult, being the Girl Scout is different than being the Troop Leader. That is where the recruitment staff hop in to assist!

For up to 4 meetings, GSCM staff will provide everything needed while also showing the you and other volunteers how to run a Girl Scouts troop, how to keep things girl-led, helping fill the other volunteer roles needed for the troop to be sustainable through the Ambassador level (inclusive), and provide tips & tricks you didn't know you might need! Plus, you will have a subject matter expert to answer your questions in real time during the meeting.

By the end of the fourth meeting, you can handle anything that comes your way! You feel confident and are sure you will be successful with your Girl Scouts!

Interested in this opportunity for some "on the job" training directly from recruitment staff (currently composed of retired, but seasoned, successful troop leaders)? **Send an email to membercare@gscm.org with the subject line "DGS Troop," and we will gladly assist.**



Girl Scouts Experience Box Updates

Girl Scouts Experience Boxes (GSEB) are **FREE** and shipped directly from GSUSA to the volunteer designated to receive them.

Eligibility: Your troop must have at least one troop leader and four girls registered at the level of the GSEB requested. For example, a troop with 3 Daisies and 1 Brownie would not qualify for either box. A troop with 5 Daisies and 4 Brownies qualifies for both!

Each box includes the full curriculum, optional meeting script, girl and parent handouts, and enough supplies to complete the activities. Each box provides TWO FULL TROOP MEETINGS. Troops may receive up to 8 boxes per year.

Boxes are shipped on a rotating basis. Please allow approximately 6 weeks after receiving confirmation from us that your order has been placed. GSUSA will send an order confirmation followed by tracking information when your box ships. Boxes are sent to the address on file with GSCM, so please keep your information updated to avoid delays.

Junior GSEB: Due to popularity, the Special Limited Edition Junior GSEB is now available electronically only. Junior troops with girls new to the level can email Member Care to request the materials. Patches are not included.

Please note: GSEB activities are designed for girls experiencing the Daisy or Brownie level for the first time. There are currently no Year 2 boxes or boxes beyond the first year of Brownies. Box contents also remain the same from one membership year to the next.

We apologize for any previous confusion or miscommunication.





Adult Learning/Resources

gsLearn

Use gsLearn to find essential volunteer training resources from GSUSA and GSCM—like how to lead activities the Girl Scout way, safety procedures, and advice for guiding Girl Scouts at every grade level.

Find gsLearn via the left menu bar of myGS in My Account. It's accessible from any desktop, tablet, or mobile device by simply logging via myGS. See the **step-by-step access instructions**.

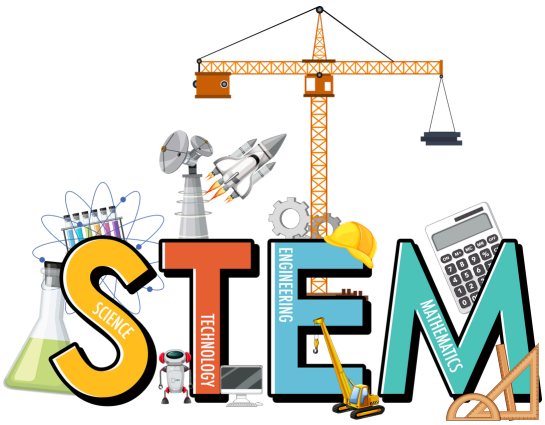
Unlocking STEM: You Don't Have to Be a Scientist

Have you ever looked at a Girl Scout STEM badge and thought, "I'd love to do this with my troop, but I am not a scientist!"? You are not alone. Many of our amazing leaders feel hesitant about introducing STEM activities. But here is the secret: You don't need to have all the answers—you just need to be willing to wonder along with your Girl Scouts. We want to give volunteers a safe, stress-free space to try out some STEM activities, enjoy some well-deserved volunteer appreciation, and leave completely equipped for your next troop meeting.

Join us for one of our adult registered volunteers only "Unlocking STEM" sessions at the GSCM STEM Lab:

- Sunday Afternoon, January 17, 2027 from 2:00-4:30 PM (Daisy, Brownie, and Junior Volunteers)
- Friday Night, February 5, 2027 from 6:30-9:00 PM (Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Volunteers)

Register through the GSCM Event Calendar **HERE**.



Upcoming Adult Learning Enrichment Sessions

Archery Training

Build the skills and confidence to safely lead beginner archery programs, including range safety, shooting technique, equipment, and instruction. Successful participants earn USA Archery Level 1 Instructor certification.

November 1, 2026 | Camp Whippoorwill

Girl Scout Cookies Is a Family Affair

Discover how the Cookie Program builds entrepreneurship, confidence, and lifelong skills—and get practical tips for supporting your Girl Scout throughout the season.

Dec. 14, 2026 | Virtual

Formal Volunteer Recognitions

There are several ways to recognize volunteers for their hard work, and those who have taken on a position for a number of years and have given service above and beyond might warrant a special GSCM or GSUSA recognition.

Not sure which award to nominate a volunteer? Look at the chart below to help you decide. Still unsure? Email us at **membercare@gscm.org** and we will be happy to assist!

Full descriptions of the awards are in the **Adult Recognitions Digest**. The next deadline for most of the awards is November 1, 2026. Now is the time to gather your endorsers and start the process! Submit your nominations to **membercare@gscm.org.**

GSUSA and GSCM Volunteer Awards

Award	Description/Criteria	Picture
GSCM Daisy Award *Deadline:* *On-going*	This award is given to any non-registered supporter or registered Girl Scout. It recognizes member and non-member adults who serve troops, communities, counties, council, or Girl Scouting in a supporting role. Candidates must have served in that role for more than one year. Submit Daisy Award Nomination **HERE**.	
Volunteer of Excellence *Deadline:* *Nov. 1. Feb. 28, May 1, Aug. 1*	This award recognizes volunteers who have contributed outstanding service while working directly with girls to implement the Girl Scout Leadership Experience through the use of the National Program Portfolio or who have contributed outstanding service in support of the council's mission delivery to girl and adult members. Requires (2) letters of endorsement. Submit Volunteer of Excellence Nomination **HERE**.	
Appreciation Pin *Deadline:* *Nov. 1, Feb. 28*	This award recognizes a member's exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience and has a measurable impact within one geographic area/service unit. Requires (2) letters of endorsement. Submit Appreciation Pin and Black-Eyed Susan nomination **HERE**.	
GSCM Black-Eyed Susan *Deadline:* *Nov. 1, Feb. 28*	This award recognizes continued service given by a GSUSA Appreciation Pin recipient in the geographic area/service unit. Requires (2) letters of endorsement. Submit Appreciation Pin and Black-Eyed Susan Nomination **HERE**.	
Honor Pin *Deadline:* *Nov. 1, Feb. 28*	This award recognizes a member's exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience and has a measurable impact on two or more geographic area/service units. Requires three (3) letters of endorsement. Submit Honor Pin Nomination **HERE**.	
Thanks Badge *Deadline:* *Nov. 1, Feb. 28*	This award is to recognize outstanding service that benefits the total council or entire Girl Scout organization. Requires four (4) letters of endorsement. Submit Thanks Badge Nomination **HERE**.	
Thanks Badge II *Deadline:* *Nov. 1, Feb. 28*	This award is to recognize a previous Thanks Badge award recipient who has continued to provide exemplary service in a leadership role which resulted in a measurable impact benefitting the entire Girl Scout movement. Requires (4) letters of endorsement. Submit Thanks Badge II Nomination **HERE**.	
GSCM EverGreen Award *Deadline:* ***January 31, 2027***	This award recognizes a member for 50+ years of membership in Girl Scouting and is presented at the GSCM Annual Meeting. Do you know someone that has been registered for over 50 years? Download EverGreen Award Nomination **HERE** and submit to **membercare@gscm.org**	Custom Plaque



Let's Talk Volunteer Training

GSUSA Girl Scouts Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Course

Child abuse and neglect are difficult topics, but prevention is something Girl Scouts takes seriously. This training prepares supervising adults to recognize, respond to, and report concerns while learning Girl Scout practices, policies, and procedures designed to help prevent abuse and create a safe environment for girls.

GSUSA introduced this required training last year for all current GSCM volunteers. New volunteers learn about the requirement through New Volunteer Orientation. Current volunteers who have not yet **completed the training must do so by December 31, 2026.**

GSCM volunteers are required to revisit the training at least every two years and may access it anytime as a refresher. Questions? Email **membercare@gscm.org**.

SHOP & SHARE EVENTS

Shop & Share is a monthly drop-in events at the GSCM Store where Girl Scouts, families, and volunteers can shop, connect with GSCM staff, explore new resources, and enjoy hands-on activities. Each month features a different Girl Scout topic, plus helpful takeaways to use at home, in meetings, or at events.

6:30–8:30 PM | GSCM Store | No registration required

Upcoming Dates:

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & You!
November 24, 2026
Explore resources and hands-on activities that celebrate diversity, build belonging, and strengthen your Girl Scout sisterhood.

Leadership Awards
January 5, 2027
Learn about the Bronze, Silver, Gold, and other Leadership Awards, explore project ideas, and get the latest guidance on requirements and submissions.



Let's Talk Volunteer Training

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 Online Pre-Session (assigned after registration closes). The training includes three parts: an 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 free; however, participants will share meal costs, to be discussed at the in-person pre-session.

BASIC TROOP CAMPING

Learn essential outdoor skills, meal planning, safety, and how to facilitate the Girl Scout Leadership Experience while camping. Includes an online pre-session, in-person planning session, and overnight camping experience.

- Pre-session: April 5 | Overnight: April 24-25
- Pre-session: May 3 | Overnight: May 22-23

Tent Camping Training



This in-person adult training is required for troops/groups using tents while camping outdoors at GSCM or non-GSCM sites with established restrooms or latrines and fire circles.

Once a troop is ready for tent camping, this course provides the skills needed to plan a camping trip, pitch and set up a tent site, and properly strike and store a tent. If your troop has a tent they plan to use, please bring it. If not, no need to purchase one—we have tents available for practice.

Basic Troop Camping training must be completed before taking this course. While Tent Camping training may be offered on the same weekend as a Basic Troop Camping overnight for convenience, taking both on the same weekend is not required. Volunteers may register for Tent Camping during their Basic Troop Camping weekend (if available) or choose a later session.

TENT CAMPING TRAINING

Prerequisite: Basic Troop Camping Training

- April 25
- May 23

Micro-Learning Moments for Volunteers

Busy schedule? Get the information you need in just 15 minutes!

Micro-Learning Moments is a flexible virtual series created to give Girl Scout volunteers quick, practical support throughout the year. Each session focuses on a timely topic—from programs and badges to finances, travel, celebrations, and volunteer resources—so you can get helpful tips and answers without committing to a long training.

All sessions are virtual and begin at 7:00 PM.

- 15 Minutes of Learning: Get the key information, tips, and resources you need.
- 30 Minutes of Connection: Stay for an optional Q&A with GSCM staff and subject matter experts.
- Ready-to-Use Resources: Take away guides, tools, checklists, and other resources to put into practice right away.

Choose the topics that are most helpful to you, join us for 15 minutes-- and then stay for the optional conversation

Sneak Peek at the Upcoming Line-up
We are packing the year with timely topics to support you through every stage of the Girl Scout calendar. Take a look at just a few of the moments heading your way:

Date	Topic
Wednesday, September 30, 2026	Girl Scout Traditions & Special Days
Monday, October 5, 2026	Founder's Day/Juliette Low's Birthday
Thursday, October 8, 2026	New & Updated Programs
Tuesday, October 13, 2026	New & Updated Volunteer Resources
Wednesday, October 28, 2026	Navigating Volunteer Training
Monday, November 2, 2026	Engaging Parents & Caregivers
Tuesday, November 10, 2026	Navigating Troop Finances & Money Earning
Wednesday, November 18, 2026	Community Service & Take Action Projects
Thursday, December 3, 2026	Girl Scout Badges Basics
Monday, January 11, 2027	Volunteer Recognitions & Awards
Thursday, January 14, 2027	Celebrate World Thinking Day
Wednesday, January 20, 2027	Going Places with Girl Scouts
Monday, February 8, 2027	Celebrate the 115th Girl Scout Birthday & Week
Wednesday, March 3, 2027	Bridging to the Next Level!
Wednesday, April 14, 2027	Prioritizing Mental Health & Well-Being

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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.

Store will be closed:
THE STORE WILL BE CLOSED
THANKSGIVING - NOVEMBER 26-28!
THE STORE WILL BE OPEN NOVEMBER 14 UNTIL 2:30 PM
FOR VOLUNTEERS ATTENDING SU COOKIE TRAINING

Be on the lookout for upcoming store FB Live!
Follow us on Facebook to get notifications of events

Having an event with 75 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!

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.

Shop and Share is Tuesday, November 24th at 6:30 PM: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and You!