

GSHG Council Update

GSHG is working hard to make sure all girls have access to Girl Scouting by bringing the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE) program to girls who otherwise might not be able to participate through our Direct Delivery program. Our staff delivers GSLE programming to girls in schools, at afterschool programs, and other nonprofits that work with disadvantaged youth. Our staff is always looking for opportunities to make these community connections so we can reach more girls. If you have a contact at a school or other organization you think would be interested in partnering with GSHG, please let us know at alumni@gshg.org.

Cookie Season 2023 will be held January 1st-March 5th. There are a couple of changes coming this season. First, we have a new cookie coming out this season! The Raspberry Rally looks like a Thin Mint, but has a crispy, raspberry infused flavor as the center that is dipped in chocolate. The Raspberry Rally will not be available at booths. This new cookie will be available starting February 27th only online so ask a Girl Scout how you can order from her online. The second change is the pricing of cookies. Previously, GSHG has had both \$4 boxes and \$6 boxes, cost depended on the type of cookie. This year all cookies will be \$5 per box! Girl Scouts develop five life skills by participating in the Cookie Program: 1) Goal Setting, 2) Decision Making, 3) Money Management, 4) People Skills, and 5) Business Ethics. The funds raised through the Girl Scout Cookie program stay local!

GSHG was happy to learn Rotary International President Jennifer Jones and President Elect Gordan McInally have committed to continuing the grassroots initiative of Empowering Girls. In fact, immediate Past RI President Shekhar Mehta said at the 2022 Rotary International Convention, "the Empowering Girls initiative has taken off and connected with more people than any other initiative in one year's time". Zone 33/34 RI Director Jeremy Hurst is not only excited by the energy surrounding this initiative, but he is also committed to identifying more Club projects that are scalable and replicable to facilitate more action to empower girls. The enthusiasm around this effort is great news for girls and those who invest in them.

Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia would like to help expand Rotary's Empowering Girls movement in Georgia. We want to partner with Rotary clubs to Empower Girls locally by helping them develop healthy mental health and wellness strategies using our Resilient, Ready, Strong patch program. This initiative is for Girl Scouts grades K-12 and uses a time-tested skill building method – badgework. Girls are taught various strategies for managing stress, anxiety and depression in ways specifically geared towards their ages. The materials are prepackaged and can be used in a troop, group, or individual setting. If you are a member of a Rotary club and would like to have information to share with your club about this initiative, please contact GSHG at alumni@gshg.org. ♦

2022 has been a banner year! I am thrilled to see the growth we have experienced in membership and to report we ended the fiscal year in the black. I am excited to share with you that the Program team has been working hard to develop innovative and diverse programming for Girl Scouts of all ages; including summer camp options for older girls this year! For more information check out the camp guide at GSHG.org!

As the new year starts it is the perfect time to support GSHG and make a positive impact in the lives of girls. I hope you had a wonderful time during the holidays with your family and friends and will join us in supporting the leaders of tomorrow.

We look forward to sharing all the good things happening with the Council in 2023.

Yours for the girls,



Sue Else
CEO



10th Anniversary of Alumni Troop 2012

"Ours is a circle of friendship united by ideals."

– Juliette Low



Interested in making a donation for GSHG? Contact LaDon at lshaw@gshg.org.



Join the On My Honor Society! Your donation of \$1,000 or more provides GSHG with much-needed funds to support girls at GSHG.

Troop 2012 gathered on December 4th to celebrate its 10th anniversary! Troop members brought their favorite appetizer, played a game that took them down memory lane, and recalled the activities, service projects, and adventures they shared over the last ten years. Fellowship with sister Girl Scouts that also value the importance of the Movement has been one of the most vital factors keeping the troop together for so long. The troop ended its festivities by taking another group photo in front of the hostess' fireplace, just like they did in 2012.

If anyone is interested in joining the group, please contact Chris Thomas via email at mybettybag@yahoo.com.



GSHG Alum Spotlight **Irmgard Cordell**



Irmgard Cordell has been a registered Girl Scouts adult for 53 years, 41 of which she has been with the Legacy/GSHG council in numerous positions. She is not a troop leader currently, but is active as a master trainer, S.U. treasurer, S.U. recognition chair and Gold Award committee member. In 1994, Irmgard was invited by National to help design the new Outdoor Training module. She was fortunate enough to attend 3 training sessions at Edith Macys. Before gsLearn was available for training, Irmgard facilitated most trainings, now she mainly helps facilitate outdoors training. She is currently small craft and archery certified and assists numerous Cadettes with earning the Archery badge. Irmgard was a legacy council delegate to National Convention in Fort Worth and has been a delegate to GSHG annual meeting numerous times. She received the Thanks Badge II in 1998. She is a true Girl Scout!

Memorial Tree Planting

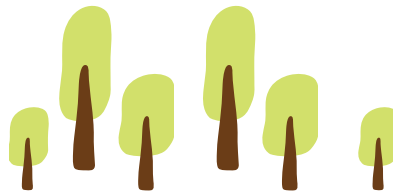
“The time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second-best time is now.”

– Chinese Proverb

Troop 2012 has partnered with the Savannah Tree Foundation to help replace some of the 700+ trees that came down on Camp Low due to Hurricane Matthew. The Troop planted its first Live Oak tree on November 13th in memory of Jean Vernon from Marshes of Glynn Service Unit. Troop 2012 picked this date for the ceremony to coincide with the Service Unit’s Annual Encampment. Holding the tree planting at the same time as the encampment allowed girls and leaders who knew Jean to participate in the event.

Girls filled in the hole for the tree, read some famous quotes attributed to Juliette Low, and repeated The Tree Promise pledge during the ceremony.

Troop 2012 has registered Jean’s tree with GSUSA because every tree planted counts toward The Tree Project’s goal of reaching “5 million in 5 years”!



Volunteer Opportunities

Camp Low A.C.T. Workdays (Savannah, GA)

Come help the Adopt-A-Camp Team work on various projects at Camp Low. Projects range from cabin clean up, to painting, to brush pick up, to building projects, etc. The workday is typically from 9:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m., but you don’t have to stay the whole time.

Upcoming workdays: March 4-5, 2023, May 6, 2023, and September 16, 2023. For more information, please contact Diana McDaniel at dmcdan@georgiasouthern.edu.

Camp Martha Johnson A.C.T. Workdays (Macon, GA)

Come help the Adopt-A-Camp Team work on various projects at Camp Martha Johnson. For more information, please contact Anne Tunnessen at atunnessen@gmail.com.

*Alumni who are registered and background checked can help with cookie booths in the community.
Our troop volunteers would love the extra hands!*

Save
These
Dates!

Cookies and Cocktails

Friday, February 17, 2023
Augusta, GA

For more information, please visit our website or contact Sandy Helling at shelling@gshg.org.

Woman of Distinction

Wednesday, March 15, 2023
Gainesville, GA

For more information, please visit our website or contact LaDon Shaw at lshaw@gshg.org.

Legacy of Leadership Luncheon

Wednesday, April 19, 2023
Savannah, GA

For more information, please visit our website or contact Elizabeth Brown at ebrown@gshg.org.

Join The 1912 Society!
Your recurring donation of \$19.12 per month provides GSHG with much-needed funds to support girls at GSHG.



Gainesville 2023 Woman of Distinction

Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia is proud to announce that Mary Lynn Coyle has been selected as the 2023 Gainesville Woman of Distinction honoree.



The Girl Scouts Woman of Distinction award honors a woman who reflects the values in the Girl Scout Promise and Law and who serves as an excellent role model for girls. Coyle is the chair for the Northeast Georgia Health System (NGHS) board, a not-for-profit community health system dedicated to improving health and quality of life in Northeast Georgia.

Past Events



Promises to Keep Breakfast

Each year, Girl Scout alum and supporters in the Athens area come together for a special breakfast. The 21st annual Promises to Keep event was held on Thursday, September 8, 2022. The event included guest speaker Dr. Meredith Paker. Check out her heartwarming and inspirational presentation at GSHG.org.

Raise Your Glass

On September 14, 2022, at the Society Garden in Macon, the Middle Georgia community came together for an Evening in the Garden in support of Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia. It was a fun evening of wine tastings, a wine pull, a silent auction and hors d'oeuvres.



S'morevivor

Girl Scouts and community members gathered at Camp Tanglewood in Augusta for a fun day at S'morevivor on September 10th. Over 50 teams participated in a 4-person team challenge tackling 20 outdoor skills at stations throughout the camp. Mark your calendars for September 9, 2023!



Council Service Project Support

In August, Troop 2012 kicked off the year with a pool party. Troop members brought items for the Council's initiative, "Backpacks for the Homeless."

The troop delivered twelve female and twelve male backpacks and five female and five male hygiene bags to the Chatham/Savannah Homeless Authority on September 6th.

The troop members indicated even as adult Girl Scouts participating in service projects feels normal!



110
hygiene
kits

125
counties

13,750
kits
total!



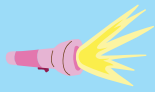
Council Service Project

In keeping with the theme of service to others, GSHG is undertaking a council-wide service project in celebration of our 110th anniversary. We would like every Girl Scout, alumnae, family, and friend to help. We know that many of our communities are experiencing significant upticks in the local homeless population. While we cannot solve the problem in a year, we can do something to help. We are proposing to assemble 110 hygiene kits for each of the 125 counties in our jurisdiction. That's 13,750 hygiene kits!

As of today, we have collected a total of 1,650 hygiene kits!

If you donate directly to an organization, please visit our website and complete the form. We want to make sure your donations are included in the count! If you would like to donate items directly to the council, please contact the office in your area to arrange a time to drop off your items.





Troop Spotlight



Trailblazing Troop 30112 backpacked 30 miles on the Appalachian Trail from New Found Gap to Davenport trailheads in the Smoky Mountains this summer. Girls earned Wilderness First Aid certification prior to the trip to earn the Senior First Aid badge. They completed the Adventurer and Adventure Camper badges on the trip and have plans for a take action project to benefit Camp Low, which will complete the Outdoor Journey for Seniors. These Girl Scouts planned the trip, packed their gear, planned and prepared meals, and led the way while hiking the trail. They also learned about hiking/backpacking on the AT from a former through hiker before the trip.



These Girl Scouts have also been working on the Congressional Award. This trip satisfied the gold medal level expedition (five-day, four-night).



Mrs. Phyllis Rosen, a Girl Scout Alum in Seattle, Washington, is asking for Girl Scouts near and far to donate their sashes so her quilting group can make a Girl Scout themed quilt. The quilting group is looking mostly for Girl Scout sashes but are willing to accept vests and other uniform pieces. Please keep in mind that the uniform pieces may be taken apart to fill in space on the quilt.

If you decide to donate your sash, please include: your name, a return address, troop number, and special memories from your time in Girl Scouts.

For the mailing address, please contact us at 888-689-1912 or by email at gshg@gshg.org.



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ENCOURAGE..... \$35/month
Gives a camp scholarship for a girl with *financial hardship*.

HONOR..... \$50/month
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Provides leadership development for girls in underserved areas.

LEAD..... \$ _____
Builds girls of courage, confidence, and character.

Please include this form and mail your donation to GSHG at 6869 Columbus Rd, Lizella, GA 31052, or visit www.gshg.org/donate.

- Check Credit Card Checking Account (monthly)
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