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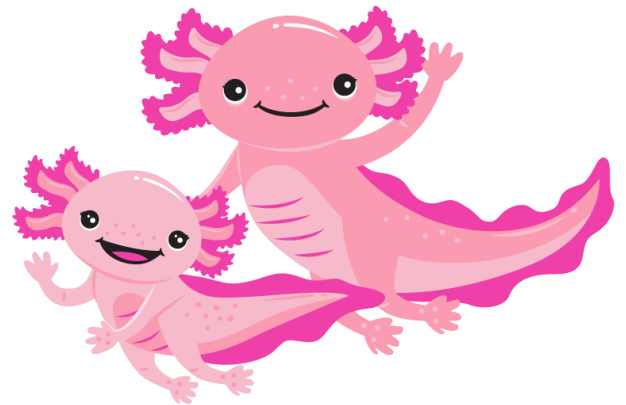
Submit your troop photos to media@gshg.org, and you may see them featured on GSHG social media or in 5 on Friday!

It's Almost Cookie Season!

Cookie Season is almost here! Lucie and Lottie, our Cookie Program Ambassadors, invite you to the 2024 Product Program Rally! Girl Scout laughter will fill the room as Lucie and Lottie provide fun activity stations, valuable tips, and magical inspiration for a safe and successful Cookie Program. We'll sample the cookies, smile a-lot! with our friends and spend time with Lucie and Lottie, our 2024 Cookie Program mascots!

Find a Cookie Rally near you:

- Athens: January 6, 2024; 10 am - 12 pm
- Augusta: January 6, 2024; 10 am - 12 pm
- Savannah: January 6, 2024; 10 am - 12 pm
- Albany: December 8, 2023; 6 pm - 8 pm
- Valdosta: December 9, 2023; 10 am - 12 pm
- Columbus: January 6, 2024; 10 am - 12 pm
- Macon: January 6, 2024; 3 pm - 5 pm



Council Annual Delegates: Last Call



This is the last call to submit nominations for our Council Delegates! Annual Delegates need to be 14 or older and able to attend the virtual annual meeting on January 27, 2024. Delegates will be "voted in" per our by-laws before December 17. Nominate someone you know to be one of our delegates!

Updates from the Membership Team

Renew Today!

With cookie season being just around the corner, we'd like to remind you to double check your troop rosters to ensure all of your girls and adult volunteers are registered for this current Girl Scout year. If you need assistance, please reach out to your Membership Support Manager. If there are girls who are listed in your troop and they are not active members, please notify your Membership Onboarding Manager.

Troop Opportunities Catalog

Need more girls and adult volunteers in your troop? We are here to help with that. Scan the QR Code and complete the form. We will update the Troop and Volunteer Opportunities Catalog for you.



If you have the perfect number of girls and adult volunteers, please let your Membership Onboarding Manager know. We will mark your troop as closed and it will not be displayed in the Troop Opportunities Catalog.



Troop Monthly Reports

We look forward to hearing about all the wonderful things your troop is doing! Please fill out this form by the 30th of each month.

Make New Friends



Girl Scouts love to make new friends! To celebrate, Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia is offering a “Make New Friends” patch. Any registered Girl Scout who recruits a non-Girl Scout friend to register will receive the treasure chest patch. For each girl recruited after receiving the treasure chest patch, girls will receive a +1 diamond patch. Fill out the form and send it to your local council office to receive your patch.

Updates from the Product Program Team

Congratulations to all that participated in the 2023 Fall Product Program!

We had an AMAZING year as a Council and surpassed our total sales from last year. Your rewards will be mailed to your Service Unit Product Program Managers in the upcoming weeks, and the ACH pulls have begun debiting/crediting your accounts.

It is now time to start gearing up for Cookie Season!

The gsLearn cookie training will go live on December 1. Download the How To Participate in the Cookie Program document to make sure you and your troop are Product Program ready!



NEW this year!

Parents/Caregivers will submit their Initial Orders through Digital Cookie. This submission will appear in eBudde for the Troop Cookie Manager to edit/approve before adding it to the Troop Initial Order. Check the 2024 Cookie Program Calendar for those deadlines and dates.

Check out our website for your Cookie Season needs!

Our website has had some major changes to ensure that you have access to every cookie resource, from debt forms to training videos. Scan the QR Code for access to the Troop Cookie Manager Manual.



Cookie Captains

The Cookie Captain program is for older Girl Scouts wanting to mentor first year cookie sellers with tips and tricks towards a successful selling season. Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors will be able to make visits to local Troop Meetings, help out at nearby Booth Sales and even run a Cookie Rally activity! Check out the Cookie Captain flyer for more information.

Reminder that Cookie Program Points will expire December 15, 2023!

Holiday Closures

All Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia offices and shops will close at 12:30 pm on December 21 and will remain closed throughout the remainder of the year. Offices and shops will resume normal business hours on January 2, 2024.

Updates from the Program Team

We've come to the end of another calendar year and it's time to start planning our programming for the 2025 Membership Year! We would love to hear from you on what types of events you've enjoyed, what you'd like to see more of, and how we can make our programmatic offerings even stronger! Be on the lookout of an end of the year programming survey in 5 on Friday on December 1 or on social media.

We have lots of exciting programs happening in December and January! Whether you're a Girl Scout ready to earn your next badge and make new friends at an art workshop, or an adult volunteer looking for training opportunities, we've got an upcoming event to help you do it. Search for Girl Scout events near you!

Athens & Gainesville

Astronomy at Sandy Creek

January 24, 2024, 10 am-12 pm

Explore our night sky at Sandy Creek Nature center! Girl Scouts will learn how to use a telescope and create a constellation craft, and more!

Augusta

Caroling, Crafting, and a Hayride to the Lights

December 8, 5-8 pm

Join us for an evening of warm and wonderful holiday fun at Camp Tanglewood!

Savannah

Sweets with Santa

*December 9, 9-10:30 am or
11 am - 12:30 pm*

Join Santa and Mrs. Claus for a sweet start to the holidays, including story and snack time, holiday craft and service project stations, and more!

Albany

2024 Cookie Rally

*December 8, 6-8 pm or
December 9, 10 am-12 pm*

Come laugh a lot-til with the axolotls and get excited about the Cookie Program! Taste the cookies and learn all the tips and safety rules for GS cookie sales.

Columbus

World Thinking Day

January 13, 2024, 10 am-1 pm

Join our World Thinking Day Celebration, where we will learn about Girl Scouts and Girl Guides around the world!

Macon

It's Major Camp

*January 19, 2024, 7 pm -
January 21, 4 pm*

Where all things minor are a major deal! Come enjoy this mini-camp inspired by all the intersectionalities that make each Girl Scout who they are.

Scan here to see all of our programs happening around the council! Remember, you can attend all of our programs, no matter what region you live in!



Register for an event with us today!



Updates from the Retail Team

Come visit us at one of our council shops!

- First Headquarters Museum & Shop is open 10 am - 4 pm on Monday through Saturday. Closed Sundays and Wednesdays.
- Athens, Macon, and Savannah (Liberty Street) shops are open Monday - Thursday from 9 am - 5 pm, and Friday from 9 am - 12 pm.

Saturday and Pop-up Shop Locations for December

- First Saturday Shop - December 2, from 10 am - 1 pm at Athens, Lizella, and Savannah Shops
- Friday, December 8, from 6:30 - 9:00 pm @ Albany Cookie Rally
- Saturday December 9, from 10 am - 1 pm @ Valdosta Cookie Rally
- Saturday, December 9, from 9 am - 12:30 pm @ Savannah Sweets with Santa

New Items for Cookie Season

Increase visibility to your booth with a Cookies Are Here Foam Finger - \$7.00.

Show off your cookie spirit with the new GSUSA Cookie Magic Collection. Items include belt bag, socks and scrunchie set, hair claw, lanyard, T-shirt, etc. Contact your local shop for availability or to place an order. Search Girl Scout Shop Products to see the entire collection.



It's The Year of Giving and the best gifts are here!

Your year of
Giving

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are here!

Begin the season of joyful giving
with our holiday gift guide.

[Shop 2023 Gift Guide](#)

Whether you are shopping for something for your troop, your daughter's leader, or your favorite Girl Scout we have the best gifts. From trefoil fun finds to uniform accessories, to fun patches and Cookie merchandise, you are sure to find the perfect gift.

**Orders must be placed by Saturday, December 2, to make sure items are received in time for Christmas.

**Remember Cookie Points expire on Friday, December 15, for both in store and online.

[Shop Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia 24/7 Online](#)



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Questions about your area? Want to get ready for cookie season? Reach out to our staff, or contact Customer Care at 888-689-1912, today!

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We're Hiring!

Imagine working for an organization that makes a positive difference in the lives of girls and a lasting impact on the community--a place that builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. Now imagine working for Girl Scouts.

Working for Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia is about much more than a job. It's about passion and commitment to help girls – all girls – grow into the best version of themselves. It's about delivering leadership programs for girls, working side-by-side with volunteers to bring the Girl Scout mission to life and forming lasting partnerships in the community.

If you are ready to embark on a challenging, yet rewarding career, apply to any open position listed on our website!