

Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia Council Update



We hope you enjoy our new quarterly Alum newsletter, Daisy's Dispatch! We look forward to sharing council information and keeping you up to date with what is happening with your sister Girl Scouts.

The COVID pandemic caused us to transition our programming to a virtual format rapidly in March. Girl Scouts from all over the country have participated in the various virtual programs offered by our council, our first-ever virtual QuestFest™, and our mailed-to-your-door Summer Camp experience, Camp Outside the Box.

Recruitment this year is different than in past years. Our staff and volunteers have been hard at work holding virtual recruitment events, distributing flyers and yard signs, and so much more. Even with these efforts, membership is down, and we need your assistance with recruitment. Do you have an idea of how to reach girls in your area? Please let us know at alumni@gshg.org.

COVID has impacted not only our recruitment efforts but also our funding streams. We have had to cancel two of our in-person fundraising events, grants are more competitive, and corporate and individual giving are more conservative. Additionally, United Ways across Georgia have cut back on their allocations to nonprofits. How can you help? You can make a gift directly to the Council. Another easy way you can provide support on an ongoing basis is by indicating GSHG as your charity of choice for AmazonSmile and Kroger Community Rewards.

We want this newsletter to provide information that is important to you, our Alum. We would like to include news from throughout our Council and need your help! We are looking for a point person in each service area who will work with our staff to collect material for articles and help keep us in the Alum loop. If you are interested in being the Alum contact for newsletter information in your area, please let us know at alumni@gshg.org.

A note from our CEO:

We have heard from girls, their families, and troop leaders how important it has been to the girls to be able to participate in Girl Scouts during this challenging time, which makes us want to reach even more girls and have them join Girl Scouts.

2020 has been a challenging year for all of us, and Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia is no exception. The increase in expenses and the decrease in funding has us turning to our family for support. A gift of even \$10 will help!

Out of this trying time has come new and innovative opportunities to bring the Girl Scout Leadership Experience to girls in our Council and across the country.

There are lots of new, exciting things happening with Girl Scouts, and we look forward to sharing it all with you!

Yours for the girls,

Sue Else
CEO of Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia



COUNCIL WISHLIST

- Pool Furniture for Camp Tanglewood
- 3-D Printer for programs
- Hammocks for all camps
- Indoor/Outdoor paint
- LED Lights for Camp Martha Johnston
- Picnic Tables
- Large trash cans
- Cots and mattresses for Camp Tanglewood

Interested in purchasing these items for GSHG? Contact Teresa Laird at tlaird@gshg.org.



AmazonSmile and Kroger Rewards will donate to GSHG when you shop! Get more information at gshg.org/donate.



UPCOMING COUNCIL EVENTS

All Girl Scout alums and volunteers are welcome to join us at the following upcoming council events!



Giving Tuesday - December 1

Give back to Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia by donating online at bit.ly/gshggivingtuesday.



Cookie Program - January 1

The Girl Scout Cookie Program runs from January 1 - March 14. Visit gshg.org/cookies for more information!



GSHG Annual Meeting - January 23

The Annual Meeting for Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia will be held virtually - visit gshg.org/events for details!



S'morevivor - May 8

5K Race and Team Challenge at Camp Tanglewood in Augusta! For more information, visit gshg.org/smorevivor.



QuestFest - July 22-25

Save the date for QuestFest 2021! Join us for a Girl Scout scavenger hunt like no other. Find out more at gsquestfest.org!

Congratulations to GSHG volunteer Michaela Coleson of Columbus, a 2019 recipient of the Aflac Outstanding Employee Volunteer Award!

Visit our NEW Savannah office, GIRL Center, and shop located at 535 E. Liberty Street in downtown Savannah!

GSHG Alum Spotlight

Dr. Sherrie Hall Holder Space System Engineer, NASA

“Girl Scouts has meant so much to my life and it has had a huge impact on me in so many ways. The opportunities I had through Girl Scouts helped propel me toward my career and where I am today.

As a little girl who loved all things space, I wanted to go to space camp, be an astronaut – I was so excited about space. My Girl Scout council actually gave me a chance to meet and be inspired by one of my heroes. Girl Scouts shaped where I am today and who I continue to choose to be. The fact that girls like me have these chances that have shaped our lives is so meaningful.”

Remember when...

Girl Scouts was the place to be?



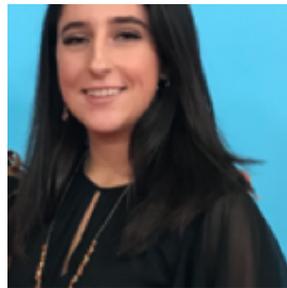
Submit your Girl Scout photos at bit.ly/gshgalumnews or email them to alumni@gshg.org!

We want to hear from you!

Whether it's a new job, a wedding, a troop reunion, or honoring the life of a GSHG alum or volunteer, we would love to hear about it. Visit us online at bit.ly/gshgalumnews to submit your news! Know a GSHG alum who should receive this newsletter? Pass it along and send them to bit.ly/gshgalum.



In Memoriam



Bailey Widener
Troop 20331 Alum
Martinez, GA

November 6, 2001 -
August 17, 2020



I want to invest in girls!

INSPIRE..... \$25/month
Gives 12 girls a Girl Scout Membership for 1 year.

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

HONOR..... \$50/month
Provides leadership development for girls in outreach programs.

EMPOWER..... \$100/month
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.

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Make mine a pledge and bill me.

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Girl Scouts has fed the female leadership pipeline since 1912. And so can you.

Whether you were a Girl Scout for one year (or 10!), you're part of a dynamic sisterhood of more than 50 million alums who are blazing trails and changing the world. Discover how your fellow alums are making an impact across the globe and promote women's and girls' empowerment through the **Girl Scout Network™** LinkedIn page!

Follow the Girl Scout Network LinkedIn page today:
[GirlScouts.org/GirlScoutNetwork](https://www.girlscouts.org/GirlScoutNetwork)




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SERVICE AREA SPOTLIGHT



Cadettes Paris W. and Ava B. from Troop 30002, Sycamore Service Area, donated over 200 boxes of Girl Scout cookies to the Diversity Health Center in their hometown of Hinesville, GA.

Paris and Ava said this donation was for the clinic workers on the frontlines helping to test and care for patients during the COVID-19 pandemic. "They're the ones feeling it every day," the girls said. Way to go, girls!

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