

# Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia Council Update

It's that time of year again, the one everyone waits for with taste bud anticipation! Girl Scout Cookie season is here! There are several options to get your cookie craving met this year. You can order from a girl, find a booth, or order through DoorDash in many areas.

Looking for a booth to support girls in person? Download the Girl Scout Cookie Finder app on iPhone or Android devices, or visit [www.gshg.org](http://www.gshg.org) to use the Cookie Finder. Girl Scouts and DoorDash have partnered this year to make it even easier for people to get their Girl Scout Cookies. Who doesn't think it's great to have a Girl Scout cookie craving and be able to have cookies delivered to your home or office? Cookies can be ordered on the DoorDash website or download the DoorDash app for your iOS or Android mobile device and order from there. DoorDash will be delivering cookies in Augusta, Macon, and Savannah. Get your Samoas, Tagalongs, and Trefoils before they're gone on March 6!

Work continues on an AmeriCorps Planning Grant to develop a major, three-year membership growth program. The goal is to establish or increase our presence in 16 rural counties grouped in six clusters, mostly in the northern and southern parts of the state. Our primary goal is to reach girls facing economic or cultural barriers. The Planning Grant activities will form the basis of an AmeriCorps Program Grant, which we will apply for in February. If successful, that grant will fund the program for the next three years. Girl Scout staff, supported by AmeriCorps members, will establish 36 new troops (about one per month over the three years) with 432 girls by the end of the grant period. The research and foundation for the program has been developed with the help of long-time GSHG alums Myra Blackmon and Paula Maddox.

## *A note from our CEO:*

What is the first thing that comes to mind when someone says Girl Scouts? Many people in the community, including some Girl Scouts from previous generations, view it as an organization where girls sell cookies, do crafts, go camping and make s'mores around the campfire. That's all true, but there are so many other great components! One of the challenges Girl Scouts faces is getting people to view the value of Girl Scouts as a leadership development program for girls. Through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, girls make friends, challenge themselves with new experiences, write their own stories, and develop the skills and confidence to say, "I know I can do this!"

Would you help us spread the word about what the Girl Scout Leadership Experience is all about? The Girl Scout Leadership Experience allows girls to lead and "learn by doing" in a cooperative learning environment. As a Girl Scout, girls find out who they are, what they care about, and how to best use their unique talents; girls collaborate with others, both locally and globally, to learn and expand their horizons. They do what Girl Scouts always do: make the world a better place.

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

**Interested in purchasing or making a donation** for these items for GSHG? Contact LaDon at [lshaw@gshg.org](mailto:lshaw@gshg.org).



**AmazonSmile and Kroger Rewards will donate to GSHG when you shop! Get more information at [gshg.org/donate](http://gshg.org/donate).**

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



# Upcoming Council Events

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



## **Girl Scout Cookie Challenge - February 12-March 6**

Join in the fun and help spread the word about cookie season! Learn more at [www.gshg.org/cookiechallenge](http://www.gshg.org/cookiechallenge).



## **Woman of Distinction - March 8**

11:30 am-1 pm at Chattahoochee Country Club in Gainesville. This year's honoree is Mary Hart Wilheit. For more information contact LaDon Shaw at [lshaw@gshg.org](mailto:lshaw@gshg.org).



## **Legacy of Leadership Luncheon - April 8**

11:00 am-1:30 pm at the Hyatt Regency Savannah. Featuring Susan Kilrain, Girl Scout alum and former NASA astronaut as the keynote speaker. For more information contact Elizabeth Brown at [ebrown@gshg.org](mailto:ebrown@gshg.org).



## **Back to Basics Campout - April 30**

Alum event at Camp Tanglewood in Augusta on Saturday, April 30th. For more information contact Sandy Helling at [shelling@gshg.org](mailto:shelling@gshg.org) or 706-621-5981.



## **QuestFest - July 14-17**

Alum teams are welcome and encouraged to participate in the event! Play in Savannah or virtually from anywhere you are! Visit [www.gsquestfest.org](http://www.gsquestfest.org).

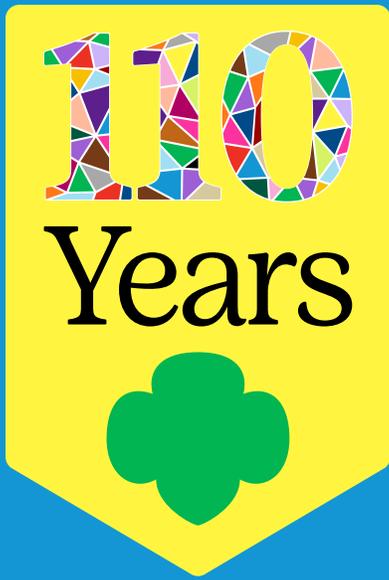
# GSHG Alum Spotlight Muriel Pritchett



Muriel is a Lifetime Member of Girl Scouts, a Girl Scout leader for over 10 years, and a former Athens staff member. Her favorite memories with Girl Scouts are of the three weeks she and Morene Williams took 12 Girl Scouts to the Girl Scout National Center West in Ten Sleep, Wyoming, and survived to talk about it. She also fondly remembers the summer she was chosen as a staff member for an international Wider Opportunity in Connecticut.

Muriel's career outside of Girl Scouts was in journalism and mass communications working for various organizations. After retiring, she began writing fiction novels. Her first three books published were fun books for older women: *Making Lemonade*, *Like Peaches and Pickles*, and *Rotten Bananas and the Emerald Dream*. Muriel's most recent book is a young adult paranormal book, *Not Myself Today*. Congratulations Muriel!

# Celebrate 110 years of Girl Scouting!



As a Girl Scout alum, you know firsthand how Girl Scouts are creating our future. From climbing mountains to breaking through glass ceilings, Girl Scouts dream big and make our world better. Thank you for being a part of our history—and our future. Please join us as we celebrate 110 years of Girl Scouts!



Keep an eye on our social media channels as we celebrate Girl Scout week, March 6-12. You'll see fun activities and exciting ways to show your Girl Scout spirit!

Submit your Girl Scout photos to [alumni@gshg.org](mailto: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. Email us at [alumni@gshg.org](mailto:alumni@gshg.org) to submit your news! Know a GSHG alum who should receive this newsletter? Pass it along and send them to [bit.ly/gshgalum](http://bit.ly/gshgalum).



## In Memoriam

**Brandi Michelle Cook** Leader of GSHG Troop 11610 in McCaysville, GA

**Mary Busbin Duckworth** Former GSHG Troop Leader in Warner Robins, GA

*Please let us know if we have missed your loved one!*



## 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](http://www.gshg.org/donate).

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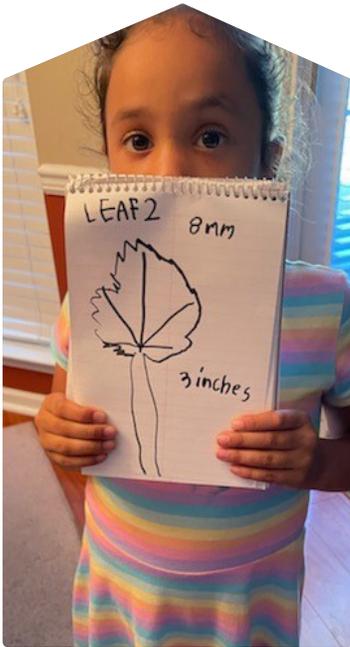
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## Math in Nature

GSHG was chosen for two grants related to the new Math in Nature badges. One grant was to pilot the content before the release of the badges and the second grant was an activation grant once the badges were finished. Twenty four troops of Daisies/Brownies and/or Juniors earned a total of 328 badges through the grants - what an accomplishment!

The troops did all the badges on their own, except for the Design with Nature badge which we did as a virtual event in October with female volunteers from Johnson and Johnson, who underwrote the entire Math in Nature badge development for GSUSA. Overall, the feedback from girls and volunteers was overwhelmingly positive. We are excited to continue to provide fun and educational badge workshops for all girls in each region!



“The program was very interesting and had things in it that girls like to do. I think it was presented, in the written form as well as the online event, in a way that was fun as well as educational.” - Volunteer

“I love how nature teaches us!” - Kylie, Girl Scout

“Math is found all in nature and is easy to learn.” - Shianne, Girl Scout

## Alum Group News

### Athens Area Alum

The alumnae group will resume meeting in the spring, so stay tuned for updates. If you are interested in learning more about the group and would like to get on its email list, please contact Sue Goldsmith at [granmacookie1@gmail.com](mailto:granmacookie1@gmail.com).

### Savannah Area Alum

The Girl Scout Alumni Troop 2012 enjoyed dinner at the Pirates' House then the lovely candlelight tour of the Davenport House Museum for their Christmas activity. In January, 10 fun loving members of the troop traveled to Beaufort to tour the Kazoo Factory, the only one in America, after having lunch on the waterfront in Beaufort. Everyone got to make a kazoo and tour the museum. I feel sorry for the carpool driver on the way home. She had to listen to Girl Scout songs sung on the kazoo the whole way home! Happy Thinking Day to our sister Girl Scouts!

To be a part of this group you must be a registered adult Girl Scout and pay \$20.12 for yearly dues. Currently, the Troop Leader for Troop 2012 is Chris Thomas. Contact Chris if you want more information about participating in the troop. Her phone number is 912-856-1228 or email at [mybettybag@yahoo.com](mailto:mybettybag@yahoo.com).



# Volunteer Opportunities



## **QuestFest - July 14-17**

QuestFest® will be happening in Savannah again this year, July 14-17. We will need volunteers to help prior to the event as well as during the event. If you are interested in volunteering, please email us at [questfest@gshg.org](mailto:questfest@gshg.org).



## **Speakers**

GSHG is looking for Alum who would be willing to speak at an event or to the media and share their Girl Scout experiences.



## **Program Volunteers**

Please look through the Program Guide to see what activities are happening around the Council. If you are interested in volunteering for any of the activities in the Program Guide, please let us know by filling out [this form](#). We are happy to have volunteer assistance for most events.

Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering by emailing [\*\*alumni@gshg.org!\*\*](mailto:alumni@gshg.org)

## Girl Scout Cookie Challenge



Join in the fun and help spread the word-it is cookie season! How can you participate?

- 1) Take a video of yourself getting the Girl Scout Cookie of your choice from your forehead into your mouth using only your facial muscles in one minute.
- 2) Post the video to social media; challenge at least 3 people you know to participate in the challenge. They have 48-hours to complete the challenge, post their video and challenge at least 3 more people to participate and/or make a donation to Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia. Make sure to tag your video with #GSHGCookieChallenge when you post it. [Donate Here!](#)
- 3) Please send the video to GSHG at [media@gshg.org](mailto:media@gshg.org) or through Facebook Messenger to Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia so it can be posted on the GSHG social media outlets.

# 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**



## SERVICE AREA SPOTLIGHT



Girl Scouts from Troop 12199 participated in Rivers Alive cleanup in Athens, Georgia for their fifth year in a row!

Girls and over 300 volunteers spent their day cleaning up trash and helping to rid the North Oconee River and other waterways of tires, metal, and garbage. Rivers Alive is a statewide project to clean up our state's waterways. What a fantastic way to make the world a better place!

**TROOP 12199 - REGION ONE**

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