

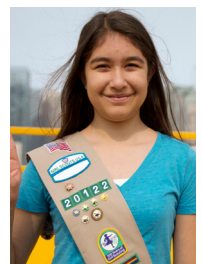
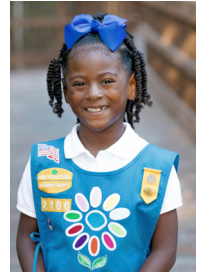
## Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia Council Update

Membership's Operation: Go Get Her, recruitment and renew campaign, is in full swing and working to build our membership for the upcoming Girl Scout year. The challenges brought on by the pandemic led to a decline in membership nationwide. Due to the dedication of GSHG's volunteers and staff and our girls and their families love of Girl Scouts, we are on our way to making a full recovery. We are happy to announce, as of today, our girl membership is 20.62% above where we were at this time last year! As we move into our new Girl Scout year, Membership will focus on supporting our first-year volunteers and strengthening our Service Areas.

Product Program is gearing up for the Fall Product program. The Fall Product program begins on September 24th and runs through November 1st. The Fall Product Program includes candies, nuts, and magazines. Candies and nuts will be delivered to customers before Thanksgiving. You can learn more about the Fall Product Program and place an order, when the program begins, on GSHG's website by following this [link](#).

Program is offering new programs focused on nature. The Climate Challenge Patch and Program is available to Girl Scouts and non-Girl Scouts. Participants will learn about climate science, connect with their communities, and spread hope to create change. They can earn a patch once they complete ten activities from the Activity Guide for K-5 or 6-12. To learn more about the program, follow this [link](#). Girl Scouts is introducing the Tree Promise Patch and Program, a tree planting and conservation project. Girl Scouts is asking for Girl Scouts throughout the country to plant five million trees in five years, and to safeguard old and new trees. This will positively impact wildlife and help mitigate the effects of climate change. Last year the GSUSA tree tracker reported that a total of 44,666 trees were planted in 2021, which is approximately 9% towards our goal of 5 million trees by 2026. Of those planted, GSHG planted 71 trees. To learn more about the program follow this [link](#).

Additionally, Girl Scouts has created the Resilient, Ready, Strong Program which focuses on mental wellness. The program covers 10 different skills to help the girls boost their resilience. For each skill, there are two different activities for a total of 20 activities for the girls to choose from to earn their patch. To learn more about the program follow this [link](#).



## A note from our CEO

There's been a lot happening at GSHG! It's recruitment season and our volunteers and staff are busy getting out in the community and connecting with girls and their families. If you haven't renewed your membership yet or know of another alum that has let her membership lapse, please join and encourage other alum to rejoin. You can help us by telling girls and their families about your Girl Scouts experience or stop by the office and pick up a yard sign or flyers.

The girls had so much fun and made memories that will last a lifetime at summer camp! QuestFest® was back in person in Savannah last month. I love to see the girls developing new skills or honing old ones, spending time with new and old friends, and finding new interests while having a great time being a Girl Scout!

We're all about Girl Scouts, from getting the girls to join to seeing them participate in the various activities that make up the Girl Scout Leadership Experience program, but it doesn't stop with the girls. Don't forget, once a Girl Scout, always a Girl Scout! We hope you will participate in the GSHG alum activities offered in your area; or volunteer with the council and spend time with your Girl Scout sisters.

Yours for the girls,



Sue Else  
CEO of Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia



## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



A generous gift of \$1,125 was made by the Savannah KD Alumnae Chapter to provide three summer camp scholarships. Linda Brownlee, President, Regina Holderness, and Mandy Romance delivered the check to the GIRL Center in Savannah.

# 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](https://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!



## **Promises to Keep - September 8**

7:30 am - Each year, Girl Scout alum and supporters in the Athens area come together for a special breakfast. For more information, please visit our [website](#) or contact LaDon Shaw at [lshaw@gshg.org](mailto:lshaw@gshg.org).



## **S'morevivor - September 10**

7:30 am - 1:00 pm at Camp Tanglewood in Augusta. Join us for a 5k trail run and/or a 4-person team challenge! For more information and to register, visit [www.gshg.org/smorevivor](http://www.gshg.org/smorevivor) or contact Sandy Helling at [shelling@gshg.org](mailto:shelling@gshg.org).



## **An Evening in the Garden - September 14**

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm at the Society Garden in Macon. Join us for a wine tasting, silent auction, and live local entertainment. For more information, visit [www.gshg.org/raiseyourglass](http://www.gshg.org/raiseyourglass) or contact Deborah Dees at [ddees@gshg.org](mailto:ddees@gshg.org).



## **Cookies and Cocktails - February 17**

Save the date for Cookies and Cocktails in Augusta. For more information, visit our [website](#) or contact Sandy Helling at [shelling@gshg.org](mailto:shelling@gshg.org).



## **Woman of Distinction - March 14**

Save the date for the Woman of Distinction celebration in Gainesville. For more information, please visit our [website](#) or contact LaDon Shaw at [lshaw@gshg.org](mailto:lshaw@gshg.org).



## **Legacy of Leadership Luncheon - April 19**

Save the date for the Legacy of Leadership Luncheon in Savannah. For more information, visit our [website](#) or contact Elizabeth Brown at [ebrown@gshg.org](mailto:ebrown@gshg.org).

# In Memoriam

## **Jean Vernon      September 5, 1929 - March 23, 2022**

Jean became actively involved with Girl Scouts when her children were young. She served in many roles over the years, from troop leader to cookie mom to day camp nurse to trainer and as a board member for the Savannah council.

Jean was a Lifetime member and considered her involvement with Girl Scouting to be the most impactful thing she ever did. Her belief in the mission and commitment to Girl Scouts led to her decades of volunteer work, where she impacted the lives of numerous girls and woman.

Jean's incredible involvement in the Marshes of Glynn Service Area and the Girl Scout movement will be commemorated at Camp Low in Savannah on November 11.

# 110th Anniversary 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.

We are proposing to assemble 110 hygiene kits for each of the 125 counties in our jurisdiction. That's 13,750 hygiene kits!

We really need your help to achieve this audacious goal by March 12, 2023. Can we do it?

Learn more at [www.gshg.org/councilserviceproject!](http://www.gshg.org/councilserviceproject!)

## 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).



## Lifetime Membership

You can champion the next generation of change-makers by investing in Girl Scouts and becoming a member for life! When you sign up as a lifetime member, \$25 of your contribution automatically funds a year of membership for a Girl Scout in an underserved community in GSHG. Learn more at [www.girlscouts.org/lifetime!](http://www.girlscouts.org/lifetime!)



### 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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# Alum Group News

## Athens Area Alum

In the spring Troop 2012 hosted an Alum meeting and awarded the Troop 2012 scholarship to Julia Laine who will be attending Purdue University. They all agreed to help with the hygiene project and committed to donate 100 kits to shelters in Hall County. Troop 2012 is always looking for new members. 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

Troop 2012 in Savannah had a fun summer doing a DIY candle-making class, visiting a museum, attending a concert, helping with Twilight Camp, and of course, members enjoyed great food at each event! Its next activity is a pool party at a member's home to plan its fall activities and to enjoy a picnic. Troop 2012 will donate 24 backpacks of hygiene supplies for the homeless - the Council's 110th Anniversary service project.

If anyone is interested in joining the group, please contact Chris Thomas via email at [mybettybag@yahoo.com](mailto:mybettybag@yahoo.com).

Girl Scout Alumni Troop 2012 is partnering with the Savannah Tree Foundation (STF) to have a tree planted at Camp Low in Savannah, GA, in memory of Jean Vernon. The tree planting will coincide with the Marshes of Glynn Encampment held every year at Camp Low, this year it is November 11-13. This is the Service Unit that Jean served and supported faithfully for many, many years. A special plaque will be located nearby the new tree identifying who this tree honors.

Opportunities to learn about trees, how they can affect climate, and careers that relate to trees will also be shared by the STF during the weekend. The girls should really like the STF staff because both women are former Girl Scouts. One of them camped at Camp Low with her troop and she also went to resident camp there!

Troop 2012 hopes to continue this partnership with the STF beyond this event because Camp Low lost over 700 trees due to Hurricane Matthew a few years ago. Because shade is so vital for providing a comfortable camping experience here in the South, the Troop feels like this will be an ongoing relationship with STF, and it also ties into the Tree Promise Girl Scouts has recently launched to plant 5 million trees in 5 years. STF has the trees, and GSHG has the property that needs trees, so we're a perfect match!



# Volunteer Opportunities



## Camp Low ACT Work Days (Savannah)

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: November 5, 2022, January 14, 2023, March 4, 2023, May 6, 2023, and September 16, 2023. For more information, please contact Diana McDaniel at [dmcdan@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:dmcdan@georgiasouthern.edu).



## 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. Alumni who are registered with a background check can help with cookie booths in the community!

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



# Seeking Girl Scout Sash Donations

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.

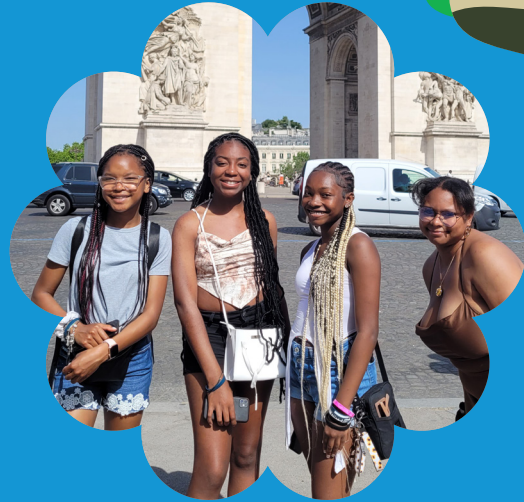
If you decide to donate your sash, please include: your name, a return address, troop number, and special memories from your time in Girl Scouts.

For the mailing address, please contact us at 888-689-1912 or by email at [gshg@gshg.org](mailto:gshg@gshg.org).

# Girl Scout Travel Blog

Girl Scout Troop 40193 from Albany took our second international trip in 2022 this time on a 10 day trip to Europe. Our tour guide, Claudio, was the best! Our travel companions were a troop from a small town in Colorado and they were great! The girls “made new friends” and they’ve invited us to Colorado for some outdoor adventure.

We visited London, one of the cleanest cities anywhere. While there, we saw the city from the London Eye, a ride on the River Thames and the London Underground. The highlight however was visiting Pax Lodge where of all people we met up with a troop from Athens, GA. Our next stop was Paris where we visited Versailles, the Eiffel Tower, and the Louvre. There was an incredible amount of walking on this trip and the heat definitely reminded us of south Georgia, without the humidity.



After that we headed to Florence, Italy, or as they say Firenze, for a day. It was nice to get away from the hustle of Paris and London. The art and culture were amazing. While on our walking tour, we saw Dante’s home, where the Medicis lived and tons of sculptures.

The final stop was Rome! OMG - the history! In Rome we toured the Roman Colosseum, the Vatican, and got to see many of the ancient ruins including where Julius Ceasar was killed. We ate a lot of pasta.

Looking forward to the next adventure!

***-Troop 40193***

