

Council Updates

Office Closures:

All GSHG offices and shops will be closed Friday, April 3 for Good Friday and Thursday, April 16 for a spring All-Staff meeting. Additionally, offices will be closed May 25 for Memorial Day.

Volunteer Appreciation Month

April is Girl Scout Volunteer Appreciation month. We appreciate our volunteers every day, but we want to make sure that each of you feel extra appreciated during April. Join us in celebrating the volunteers in your troop or Service Unit during the month of April. GSUSA has great ideas for SU's, troops and families on their website, [Volunteer Appreciation Toolkits](#).



Troop Monthly Report

Don't forget to send in your Troop Report by the 15th each month! It's a fun way to share all the amazing things your girls have been up to—and it helps us bring the Girl Scout experience to life. **Bonus: Each meeting submitted earns your troop one entry into a random drawing for a \$50 gift card!**



We'd also love your feedback! If you have ideas to make the form even smoother to use, pass them along to Rick Lemyre at rlemyre@gshg.org.

We are hiring camp staff!

Spend your summer making a difference and having fun in the great outdoors. We're looking for enthusiastic and responsible individuals to join our summer camp team.



Apply today or share this opportunity with a friend who would make a great addition to our summer camp team!

Membership Updates

Early Renewal is here!

Early Bird Renewal runs from April 13 through June 8—now is the perfect time to renew and keep the Girl Scout experience going strong.

Renew early and enjoy these perks:

- Every girl who renews will receive the Early Bird patch
 - Troop Incentives: Renew 2 adults and 80% of girls by April 27 at 11:59 PM → Earn \$50 per troop
 - Renew 2 adults and 80% of girls by June 8 at 11:59 PM → Earn \$25 per troop
- Be on the lookout for additional regional incentives



Please note that a new membership fee structure goes into effect on April 1, 2026:

- Girl Membership: \$70
- Adult Membership: \$30 (no change)

Need help renewing? Our Customer Care team is happy to assist—call 888-689-1912.

Reminder: Girls can use their Cookie Program rewards to renew their membership.

Get Ready with Girl Scouts

National Head Start and Girl Scouts are proud to offer complimentary Girl Scout memberships to any girl currently enrolled in Head Start and entering kindergarten this fall.

Kick off her journey with “Get Ready with Girl Scouts,” a special summer program designed just for new Girl Scouts! Participants will receive:

- Three engaging activity books
- A special surprise Girl Scout gift
- Fun summer activities delivered straight to your inbox
- Access to exciting events and all the incredible experiences Girl Scouts has to offer

Girls must be new to Girl Scouts and register between April 1 and July 31, 2026.

Volunteer Development Updates

Ready, Set, Troop!

3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. April’s meeting will take place on 4/20.

Are you a first-year Girl Scout troop leader? Join GSHG each month for Ready, Set, Troop!—a series of one-hour virtual sessions designed just for our First-Year Troop Leadership Team volunteers.

Each month features a new theme focused on timely topics to help you lead your troop with confidence. You’ll have the chance to learn, ask questions, and connect with other new troop leaders across our council.



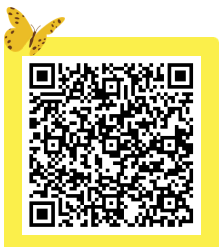
[Register here!](#)

April’s Topic: Troop Travel

Basic Outdoor Skills - Athens - Region 1

Friday, April 24, 2026 - Saturday, April 25, 2026

Basic Outdoor Skills prepares leaders with the knowledge and confidence to guide Girl Scouts through an outdoor overnight experience. This course covers the eight essential outdoor skills and is required for any trip involving outdoor cooking, campfires, or sleeping in the great outdoors. By completing this training, leaders gain the practical experience needed to help girls safely explore and enjoy their first outdoor adventures.





ARC Lifeguard Training - Macon- Region 6

Friday, May 15 - Saturday, May 16

The American Red Cross Lifeguarding/First Aid/CPR/AED teaches lifeguards the skills and knowledge needed to prevent and respond to emergencies in a public swimming pool or GSHG pool on one of our camp properties. This is a two-year certification, recognized across the United States. This will be a hybrid class with online learning that must be done ahead of the in-person training at CMJ.

Basic Water Rescue and Small Watercraft Training - Effingham County - Region 3

Saturday, May 2, 2026

In this training, we'll learn what's needed to safely take Girl Scouts canoeing or kayaking. Topics will include basic water rescue techniques, safety procedures and equipment, instruction in canoe and kayak strokes and techniques, and what you need to prepare girls for a day trip on the water. We'll cover safety information and travel on the water ourselves. Bring a bag lunch, water, and suitable clothing.



Basic Outdoor Skills - Savannah - Region 3

Saturday, May 2, 2026 - Sunday, May 3, 2026

Basic Outdoor Skills prepares leaders with the knowledge and confidence to guide Girl Scouts through an outdoor overnight experience. This course covers the eight essential outdoor skills and is required for any trip involving outdoor cooking, campfires, or sleeping in the great outdoors. By completing this training, leaders gain the practical experience needed to help girls safely explore and enjoy their first outdoor adventures.



ARC Wilderness and Remote First Aid - Macon- Region 6

Friday, May 15 - Saturday, May 16

This American Red Cross training gives individuals a foundation of first aid principles and skills to be able to respond to emergencies and give care in areas that do not have immediate emergency medical services (EMS) response. This includes wilderness and remote environments, including urban disasters, such as earthquakes and hurricanes.



Save the Dates! Registration coming soon for...

Leader Glamporee: July 24-25

This event at Camp Martha Johnston is all about outdoor fun and learning for Girl Scout leaders! Keep an eye out for registration information!



Product Program Updates

A message from your Product Program Team...

“To my region 1 volunteers! Thank you for managing initial order re-schedules, rainy cookie booths and a whole lot of cookie pick-ups. I am so excited to hear what plans you have in mind to make next year better. Your dedication to helping girls grow with courage, confidence and character does not go unnoticed. Way to go Girl Scouts! –

Addie Kelly, Assistant Director of Product Program



“To the incredible Region 2 Girl Scout volunteers, I want to express my sincere gratitude for your outstanding efforts throughout this cookie season. Your commitment has been truly remarkable, especially considering the challenges we faced. From navigating the ever-changing weather conditions to setting up and staffing countless booths, your energy and enthusiasm never wavered. I also want to acknowledge your resilience during that exceptionally cold cookie drop – your dedication ensured everything ran smoothly despite the frigid temperatures. Your contributions have made a significant difference, and I am deeply grateful for your service” –

Iteonna Bailey, Region 2 Product Program Manager



“Rain, Shine, and Snow! Thank you to our Region 3 volunteers for an incredible cookie season! Your girls showed what it means to be a Girl Scout all across our region. Thank you for standing beside your Girl Scouts during every booth, every cookie pickup, and every delivery. We cannot wait to see what next year holds!” -

Cheyenne Willis, Region 3 Product Program Manager

“There are truly no words that can capture the depth of our gratitude for the incredible commitment, heart, and dedication shown by our girls, parents, volunteers, and my DreamTeam in Region 4 during the 2026 Cookie Program season! Because of you, this season was not only successful, but meaningful. You created opportunities, built confidence, and strengthened a community rooted in courage, character, and connection. Please know how deeply appreciated you are. The work we do would not be possible without you, and the spirit of the Girl Scout mission shines brighter because of your continued dedication. From the bottom of my heart—thank you.” -

Shanika Price, Region 4 Product Program Manager

“Thank you to all the incredible Girl Scout volunteers in Region 5 who helped make this year’s cookie program a success! From organizing booths to supporting the girls every step of the way, your time, patience, and dedication made a huge difference. We especially appreciate your perseverance through challenges like unpredictable and sometimes tough weather. Your commitment helps create meaningful experiences and lasting memories for the girls. Thank you for everything you do!” -

Melisa Resto, Region 5 Product Program Manager



“To the wonderful volunteers in Region 6 who always keep things moving along and keep me on track! Thank you for your flexibility, your mentorship, your all-around great attitude during the 2026 Girl Scout Cookie Program. I look forward to sharing more great adventures with your Girl Scouts in the upcoming seasons!” - **Rebecca Sandifer, Region 6 Product Program Manager**



I just wanted to take a moment to say thank you—truly and sincerely—for everything you did to support the Cookie Program this season. Your time, patience, and encouragement mean so much. Whether you were helping organize booths, guiding the girls, or simply showing up with a positive attitude, you made a real difference. Because of you, the girls didn’t just sell cookies—they built confidence, learned new skills, and created memories they’ll carry with them. It’s clear how much you care, and that kind of support doesn’t go unnoticed. The success of the Cookie Program is a direct reflection of your dedication, and we’re so lucky to have you as part of this community. Thank you again for showing up, pitching in, and making it all so special.” - **Susan Freeman, Director of Product Program**

Product Program Surveys

As Product Program Season comes to a close, we invite you to complete a brief **Product Program End Survey**. Your feedback will help shape an even better experience for girls next year.



For those looking to get more involved, Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia invites volunteers to serve on the council-wide **Product Program Planning Committee**. This committee will include representatives from each region to ensure diverse perspectives from across the council. We are especially looking for new members who can provide their unique perspective for the next Product Program season. The application deadline is April 30, 2026.

And don’t forget—your Girl Scouts have a voice, too! If they have ideas for next year’s reward lineup, encourage them to join the Girl Advisory Team by completing the **Girl Advisory Sign Up Form**. These virtual meetings will be held from 5:30–6:00 P.M. via Teams on Thursday, April 23; Thursday, May 28; and Thursday, June 25.



Program Updates

Camp registration is OPEN!!

This year, girls can also take part in unique experiences like Operation REACT, where they'll learn real-world disaster preparedness and emergency response skills, and LOL: It's a Vibe, a girl-led session where campers choose their own electives and shape the kind of camp adventure they want to have. Whatever path they choose, camp offers the chance to try something new, challenge themselves, and create unforgettable summer experiences. Check out the [camp guide](#) for more information.



Don't forget! We offer several day camps around our council, in addition to resident camps!

Highest Awards

Celebrate the incredible achievements of our Girl Scouts at this year's Highest Awards Ceremonies! Registration opens **April 2**, and attendance is completely free. We invite everyone to join us in honoring these inspiring young leaders— families, friends, volunteers, alum, and community members are all welcome. Come be part of this special occasion as we recognize the dedication, passion, and impact of our Girl Scouts!



**Region 1: May 2,
Homer Methodist Church**

**Region 2: May 2,
Elks Lodge**

**Region 3: May 3,
Groves School**

**Region 4: May 9
Albany Girl Scout DreamLab**

**Region 5: May 9,
St. Jon Ame Church**

**Region 6: May 3,
Camp Martha Johnson**



Remember—this is just a small snapshot of all the fun we have planned! Be sure to check our [event calendar](#) for the full list of programs, and keep an eye on Five on Friday so you never miss out on the latest adventures and exciting opportunities.

Retail Updates

Our next Shop Saturdays will be April 4 and May 2 from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come visit us at one of our locations!

- Athens Shop: 185 Newton Bridge Road, Athens, GA 30601 (*open 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*)
- Macon Shop: 6869 Columbus Road, Lizella, GA 31052
- Savannah Shop: 535 E. Liberty Street, Savannah, GA 31401

Mobile Shop Schedule

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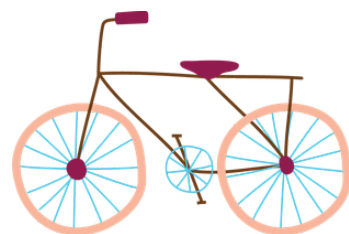
April 14 at Camp Tanglewood: 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

May 5 at the Augusta Office: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Gainesville:

April 22: Gainesville office, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

May 20: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Meet the Membership Team!

Questions? Reach out to our staff, or call Customer Care at 888-689-1912 today!

Athens & Gainesville

Jaci Bridges, Regional Director of Membership and Volunteer Support

Ansley Land, Membership Manager

Emma Humphrey, Membership Manager

Melissa Clink, Membership Manager

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Emilee Fry, Membership Manager

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You can always access our full [staff directory online](#) or call Customer Care at 888-689-1912, and they will direct you to the right person!