

# January 2019 Volunteer Meeting Agenda

\*\*\*\*\*Happy New Year!\*\*\*\*\*

## It's Cookie Program Time!

- ➔ Cookie Pro contest information attached
- ➔ Cookie Program dates attached

### Cookie Rallies:

Savannah on 1/11  
Columbus on 1/18  
Albany on 1/19  
Augusta on 1/27



### My Service Area's Goals

Girl Goal: \_\_\_\_\_ Girl Actual: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Goal: \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Actual: \_\_\_\_\_

Friends Goal: \_\_\_\_\_ Friends Actual: \_\_\_\_\_

**2019 Annual Meeting** - The Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia Annual Meeting will be on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at Camp Martha Johnston in Lizella, GA. Check in is from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Lunch is from 11:30-12:15 p.m. The meeting is from 12:30-3:00 p.m. The cost for lunch is \$10 a person. Lunch for Girl members is free.

To register: <https://gshg.wufoo.com/forms/p1ihmka20rupdtn/>

### 2019 Town Hall Meetings: A conversation with Volunteers, girls and the CEO and Leadership of GSHG

**Augusta-** Tuesday, 2/26/19 6:00pm, Columbia Co Board of Commissioners, 630 Ronald Reagan Dr, Evans, GA 30809

**Savannah-** Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> - location TBD

**Albany-** Saturday, March 30 – location TBD

**2019 Program and Resource Guide:** The brand new Program and Resource Guide for 2019 is on its way to your mailbox now! All registered Girl Scout families will receive a Program Guide in the mail by the end of January. Extra copies of the Program Guide will be available at Service Area meetings and the council offices as well.

➔ **In addition to the usual program offerings, in 2019 we'll be putting on one BIG event in each region. We hope to see you at one or more of these exciting events!**

**Albany: Daddy Daughter Dance,** March 9<sup>th</sup>, Albany

**Athens: World Thinking Day Celebration,** March 16<sup>th</sup>, 10-2pm Flowery Branch/Gainesville \$5-Girls \$3-Adults

**Savannah: Quest Fest 2019,** July 18<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup>, Savannah

**Columbus: Whitewater Adventure Day,** September 21<sup>st</sup>, Columbus

**Augusta: First Annual GSUSA National Cyber Challenge,** October 19<sup>th</sup>, Augusta

**Macon: Teen Leadership Conference,** November 8-11th, Lizella

**Summer Camp 2019-** Help her find her WILD this summer at Girl Scout Camp!

➔ Camp registration will open after the new year

➔ **Oh, yes we did!** You said, "Our girls want to go to camp, but the prices are too high," so we LOWERED them! We want as many girls as possible to experience an adventure-filled, confidence-building Girl Scout summer camp. We think you'll be pleasantly surprised when you open your Program, Resource & Summer Camp Guide and review the exciting camp offerings at better-than-ever prices.

➔ Give the gift of adventure to your girl by purchasing a **summer camp gift certificate** in the shop! With 4 epic themed weeks at 3 different camps, Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia has camp activities for every girl - zip lining, horseback riding, archery, target paintball, trek n travel, stand-up paddle boarding, and more! Gift certificates will be available in \$50 increments, include a **FREE** plush animal and can be used towards her deposit payment.

**Thank you to the Volunteers who served on the  
Adult Recognitions Committee!**

*We think you'll find their hard work and dedication has  
made the nomination process soooo much easier!*

**The NEW Troop Travel Guide is attached.** This guide will give leaders what they need to know to plan a trip! This training piece replaces Beyond the Meeting Place and is available on the training page of our website. The Knowledge Check for the training is on our website too, and when completed, you will be ready to start planning trips! This training is required before your troop leaves its meeting place. If you have taken Beyond the Meeting Place previously, you do not have to take this training but we highly recommend it because of changes to the process.

Application Name	Online Form Link
EZ Trip Application	<a href="https://gshg.wufoo.com/forms/w1o7ys0o0baqq37/">https://gshg.wufoo.com/forms/w1o7ys0o0baqq37/</a>
Troop Trip Application	<a href="https://gshg.wufoo.com/forms/wcmnf6r1i0j6qn/">https://gshg.wufoo.com/forms/wcmnf6r1i0j6qn/</a>
International Trip - Intent to Travel	<a href="https://gshg.wufoo.com/forms/w1lgaj3y10g1x3r/">https://gshg.wufoo.com/forms/w1lgaj3y10g1x3r/</a>
International Trip - Final Details	<a href="https://gshg.wufoo.com/forms/wdlxn8119rxuuo/">https://gshg.wufoo.com/forms/wdlxn8119rxuuo/</a>

**Adult Recognitions** –it's time to recognize the work done by your fellow volunteers this past year.

- ➔ **Due date for all nominations is February 11, 5 p.m. to [adultrecognitions@gshg.org](mailto:adultrecognitions@gshg.org)**
- ➔ The Adult Recognitions book with all award nomination criteria and forms will be on the website after the new year.

### Early Bird 2020

- ➔ **Patch Design Contest- We are looking for a patch design for the 2020 Early Bird patch!** Each year we choose a girl's design to be next year's Early Bird patch. Show us what you love about Girl Scouts in your artwork. Interested girls should create an image and send to Christina Smith at [csmith@gshg.org](mailto:csmith@gshg.org) or 185 Newton Br Rd, Athens GA 30607. Deadline to submit is January 18, 2019.
- ➔ **Early Bird Membership Registration Dates-** April 8<sup>th</sup> --- May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019
- ➔ **Incentive for girls:** Girls who register during the Early Bird period will receive the Early Bird patch designed by a local Girl Scout! And yes, girls can re-register using their insurance benefits.
- ➔ **Incentive for troops:** Troops who register the first week of the Early Bird Campaign (April 8 – midnight on April 14) and meet the criteria will receive \$50 for their troop's use.  
Troops who register thereafter during the Early Bird campaign period (April 15 – noon May 31) and meet the criteria will receive \$25 for their troop's use.  
The criteria to qualify are for the troop to have 2 registered adults and reregister 80% of the registered girls in the troop as of March 31, 2019 (EX: There are 15 girls in Troop 10101 in Salesforce on March 31; 80% of 15 = 12).
- ➔ **Incentive for Service Area:** Service Areas will receive \$1 for every girl who registers online during the Early Bird period. And yes, girls re-registering through insurance benefits count.

### General Reminders:

**Safety Activity Checkpoints** has been updated for the 2018-19 membership year. You can find it at [www.gshg.org](http://www.gshg.org) here: [Safety Activity Checkpoints 2018](#)

**Make New Friends Patch** submission form is online! When a girl invites a new friend to join they can receive this free patch! <https://gshg.wufoo.com/forms/make-new-friends-patch-request-form/>

**Volunteer Toolkit Update-** In order to have access to the VTK a member has to be active in a Direct Primary role, (i.e. troop leadership team member), have current membership, and an eligible background check. Check out our Toolkit overview video on YouTube at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n\\_0shHq6BLk&t=5s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n_0shHq6BLk&t=5s)

**The Finance Tab on VTK is opened!** You can begin posting entries to the troop's financial report now but do not submit the report until the due date- June 15<sup>th</sup>. This year's report should encompass transactions from April 2, 2018 through June 14, 2019. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n\\_0shHq6BLk&t=5s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n_0shHq6BLk&t=5s)

**Troop/Group Monthly Report and the Service Area/District Monthly Report** help us to know and share the awesome things you are doing with girls in your area!

Here is the link to the Troop/group monthly report:

<http://gshg.wufoo.com/forms/troopgroup-monthly-report/>

Here is the link to the Service Area/District report: <https://gshg.wufoo.com/forms/service-areadistrict-monthly-report/>

**Service Area Financial Report is due annually on June 15<sup>th</sup>.**

<https://gshg.wufoo.com/forms/service-area-annual-finance-report/>

**Have a membership registration problem or question?**

**Contact our Customer Care Team at [customercare@gshg.org](mailto:customercare@gshg.org) or call 1-888-689-1912**