



# May 2019 Volunteer Meeting Agenda

## My Service Area's Goals

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

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

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

**Volunteer Conferences- Save the Date for the volunteer event of the year! Join with staff and other volunteers in the area to get new information, training, and have fun!**

- Athens area- June 15 at Homer United Methodist Church
- Savannah area- June 22 at Trinity Lutheran Church
- Columbus area- Sept 28 at location TBD
- Augusta area- Sept 28 at St. Marks United Methodist Church
- Macon area- October 5 at Lizella Girl Scout Office
- Albany area- Date and Location TBD

**The VTK roll over happens July 1. This is a list of the things that will occur:**

- 2018-19 troop meeting plans are archived.
- Co-leaders must have renewed membership and active co-leader role to access.
- VTK troop roster will only include girls with a 2020 membership.
- Co-Leaders can begin using the VTK for their 2019-20 year.

**Outdoor Education & Outreach Intern – We're looking for you!** As a member of the GSHG Program Team, the position will build program capacity by providing additional support in facilitating outdoor activities and providing pre-organized activities to increase opportunities for girls to get outside. The interns will work directly with the Assistant Director of Outdoor Program, developing outdoor and conservation activities for girls and opportunities for volunteers to increase their comfort and skills in leading outdoor activities. For more information about the position including application and benefits, [click here!](#) Questions? Contact Keli Berkman at [kberkman@gshg.org](mailto:kberkman@gshg.org) or 478-254-9942.

**Extended Year membership option for new members** - new members can register at a cost of \$35 and be registered for the remaining 2018-19 year as well as the entire 2019-2020 year. This option is also available to pre-K girls who are entering kindergarten in the fall.

**Volunteer Resources** - Attention volunteers! Are you interested in sharing your troop's photos or creating a flyer for your event? We can help! Check out our [Communications Resources](#) document that outlines key marketing and communications resources for staff and volunteers. We are here to make your Girl Scout experience an enjoyable one!

**QuestFest Registration** - You're invited to join Girl Scouts from all over the country on a weekend adventure like no other! From July 18-21, join us in Savannah, the home of Girl Scouts. Use your smart phone to find clues, complete challenges, and carry out acts of kindness - all while celebrating Girl Scouts! QuestFest is open to all Girl Scouts, so whether you were a Girl Scout for one year or forty join us for the Alum track. Registration is open now, so [click here](#) for more information!

**Save the date for GS LOVE State Parks Day!** On July 13, 2019 State Parks near you are hosting events just for our Girl Scouts and their families. Check out our [events calendar](#) soon for happening activities at Providence Canyon, Stephen C. Foster, Reed Bingham, and Hard Labor Creek State Park.

**Watch for these BIG events in each region:**

**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

**Don't forget to Early Bird Register for 2020! No need to worry about registrations in August, do it now and be ready to participate in the Fall Product Program.**

→ **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 April 8 – midnight on April 14 and meet the criteria will receive \$50 for their troop's use.

Troops who register 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 Your Support Manager can share what that number is for your troop.

→ **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.

**Financial Reports-** Enhancements to the Finance Tab have been made and include a better means for attaching documents/receipts within the Finance Tab. Because of the timing and uncertainty surrounding these enhancements, along with the current frustrations with the Finance Tab expressed by our volunteers, GSHG will accept 2018-19 financial reports (due June 15, 2019) completed using either the Detailed Cash Record (used in previous years and still available on the website) or completed using the Finance Tab. **The due date of the reports is June 15.** The report should encompass transactions from June 2, 2018 to June 1, 2019. Receipts must be submitted with either report, as well as the March and October bank statements.

**Please note the FHQ shop is closed on Wednesdays until further notice.** FHQ shop is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM and on Saturday from 9 to 4:30.

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

→ **Get a taste of college life during Girl Scout STEM Camp at Valdosta State University!** You'll stay in the dorm, eat in the caf and take courses from the Think Like a Programmer Journey. Day Camp for Juniors and Resident Camp for Cadette, Senior and Ambassadors. Register Today!

→ **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!*** With 4 epic themed weeks at 3 different camps, Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia has campivities for every girl - zip lining, horseback riding, archery, target paintball, trek n travel, stand-up paddle boarding, and more! Gift certificates are available in \$50 increments, include a **FREE** plush animal and can be used towards her deposit payment.

**General Reminders:**

**Safety Activity Checkpoints** 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/>

**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/>

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