



My Service Area's Goals	
Girl Goal: _____	Girl Actual: _____
Adult Goal: _____	Adult Actual: _____

November 2017 Volunteer Meeting Agenda

Grow Your Troop! Did you know the average Girl Scout troop only has eight girls? Yet research shows that the most successful and durable troops have an average of 12 girls. Just imagine what could happen if troop leaders—especially those with fewer than 12 girls—added at least one new girl to their troop! Not only would more girls be able to participate in Girl Scouts, but we'd grow membership substantially while stemming any remaining declines. That's why we're launching our new Grow Your Troops: Increasing Troop Size Campaign. Starting November 1, we're challenging you to take the G.I.R.L. Agenda Pledge to add one more girl to your troop. Look out for informational emails and start brainstorming ways to add members. Incentives include GSUSA's special Grow Your Troop patch, our Make New Friends patch and the satisfaction of knowing that you've introduced a new girl to our Movement

Fall Product Sale Dates:

- 10-31-2017 Fall Sale Ended
- 11-1-2017 All troop orders need to be verified and in TNOS/M2 by midnight
- 11-1-2017 Troops must email Service Area and District Managers that all forms are complete online
- 11-1-2017 All monies deposited
- 11-2-2017 Service Area verifies all troop orders in M2 by noon and notifies your local Product Sales Manager when all verifying is complete
- 11-09-2017 Troops should start to see ACH postings in troop bank accounts
- 11-14thru16-2017 Product delivery to the SA/District Fall Product Manager
- 11-17thru30-2017 Products delivered to customers

Cookie Sale Program Training Dates:

Register to attend one here: <https://gshg.wufoo.com/forms/wy07tpc0vuyhjf/>

- 11-30-2017 at 10:30am Cookie Rookie Training (online only for new troops)
- 11-30-2017 at 6:30pm Cookie Rookie Training (offered in each office and online for new troops)
- 12-2-2017 at 10:30am Cookie Training (online only)
- 12-5-2017 at 10:30am Cookie Training (offered in and each office and online)
- 12-5-2017 at 6:30pm Cookie Training (online only)
- 12-11-2017^h at 10:30am Cookie Rookie Training (for new troops online only)
- 12-11-2017 at 6:30pm Cookie Training (offered in each office and online)

2018 Cookie Sale Program initial order taking begins 12-18-2017!

Reminder-2017 Cookie Dough expires on 12-15-2017 at midnight!

Important Message: 2018 Questfest Voucher

It is with great pleasure that we announce to all GSHG Girl Scouts who have 2017 cookie dough left, you can use it to purchase a 2018 Questfest Voucher. Voucher is only available in the amount of cookie dough remaining. The 2018 Questfest registration amount will be \$75 for early bird registration and \$85.00 for regular registration. Questfest will be held in Savannah, Georgia on July 13-15, 2018. You can check out clips from the 2017 1st Annual Questfest at https://youtu.be/ZMnP_D7ZlI4

Below are the steps and guidelines to purchase the voucher with your remaining cookie dough.

- Remit the cookie dough email sent to you by Council which includes your name, voucher number, troop number and cookie dough amount to Priscilla Brassell pbrassell@gshg.org before December 15, 2017. (December 15, 2017 is the stated expiration for all cookie dough) No vouchers will be issued after December 15, 2017.
- Questfest registration opens on February 1, 2018. The Questfest Voucher can only be used to register for the Quest. (No other GSHG sponsored event) Cookie dough cannot be used for the deposit to Questfest or any add on offered at the Quest.
- Once the request and original email of the 2017 cookie dough is received at Council, the amount of cookie dough available is verified, a new email containing a new voucher number is sent to the parent of the Girl Scout. The deadline to register for the 2018 Questfest is June 1, 2018.
- The voucher can be redeemed for purchase of your registration through the 2018 Questfest registration link, which will open to all on February 1, 2018. If you missed the 2017 Questfest you will not want to miss the 2018 Questfest.

Adult Recognitions 2018

- The information to nominate adults for awards is now on the GSHG website. Paperwork is due on Feb.15, 2018.
- We need volunteers to serve on the Adult Recognitions Review Committees – no experience necessary, just be a current registered member and bring your enthusiasm! If interested please contact Rosanne Kelly, Director of Volunteer Development.
- **Adult Recognitions “How To”!** Do you have questions and/or need clarification on the Adult Nominated Awards and other Earned Adult Awards? Then join us for an informational webinar on one of these dates: November 15 @ 6:30 PM, or December 20 @ 6:30 PM, or January 17 @ 7:00 PM. [Register Here](#)



Shop FYI- Many badges are on back order until January 2018. If you need a badge, please call ahead to see if it's in stock. Thanks for your patience.

Council Shops and Offices will close at 12pm on November 22nd for Thanksgiving. We will reopen Monday, November 27th. Happy Thanksgiving!

#becauseofGirlScouts -In response to marketplace competition, several members of our Movement approached GSUSA to spread the word about the influence Girl Scouting has had on them using the hashtag #becauseofGirlScouts. In response to this request, we have created a user-generated content gallery submission page at www.girlscouts.org/because. Now we need your help! Please share YOUR stories using #becauseofGirlScouts so they can be featured in the gallery.

Volunteer Toolkit online! Check out the new Volunteer Toolkit under the Volunteer Resources tab on www.gshg.org! The VTK (Volunteer Toolkit) is for Daisy, Brownie and Junior leaders- and it's going to make your life a whole lot easier! Troop leaders must be registered for the 2018 year to access the Toolkit.

Troop Opportunity Catalog –We need to hear from you! In order for girls and adults to register online with your Troop, the Troop will need to be displayed in the Catalog. We can display for open girl spots, as well as volunteer positions that are available in your troop. Your exact meeting location will not be displayed in the Opportunities Catalogs. Meeting locations are listed generally, for example, "Troop meets in the Cataula area" or "Troop meets in the Midtown Columbus area". Complete the Troop Opportunity Catalog and Information Update at this link: <https://gshg.wufoo.com/forms/wv4dosu1kknqg2/> to have the troop placed in the Opportunity Catalog.

Delegate Nominees- Watch for an email prompt early this month to vote online at www.gshg.org for your area delegate! Each Service Area/District should elect the prescribed number of delegates to represent the volunteers of her/his area at the GSHG Annual Meeting in Lizella, GA on January 27, 2018.

EB Patch contest- It's time for the annual patch design contest! Each year we choose a girl's design to be next year's Early Bird patch. Next year's Early Bird theme is "The 10 Year Anniversary of Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia". Interested girls should create an image and send to Christina Smith at csmith@gshg.org or 185 Newton Br Rd, Athens GA 30607.

Have a membership registration problem or question?

Contact our Customer Care Team at customercare@gshg.org or call 1-888-689-1912.

Planning an overnight or a trip? Be sure to review overnight and trip procedures and turn in a Troop Group Trip/Activity application to your local Program Manager within the requested time.

Conservation in Costa Rica with EF Tours - July 2018

Work to preserve the unique ecosystems in this tropical paradise while enjoying the beautiful surroundings of the Central Pacific coast and the Arenal regions of Costa Rica. Kayak, visit a crocodile farm, and zip through the rainforest on a canopy tour. For more info and tour itinerary visit: girltrips.eftours.com/tour-website/1752566KF. You can use nutty bucks (fall products) and cookie dough to help pay for the trip. There are also scholarship funds that can help if you apply early. All interested Girl Scouts please contact Sandy Wingard at swingard@gshg.org

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 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/>

Detailed Cash Record Report is due November 1st. Please include copies of receipts for all expenses as well as the October bank statement.



Volunteer Development Opportunities (attached) For a FULL listing of adult training opportunities, details, and registration forms go to www.gshg.org- Event Tab or Training Calendar. If you have training needs or requests please send to Rosanne Kelly, Director of Volunteer Development rkelly@gshg.org or to Keli Berkman, Volunteer Development Manager,

kberkman@gshg.org.

Career Opportunity – Volunteer Development Manager to the Augusta, Savannah, and Albany areas – if interested please www.gshg.org – Our Council – Employment to apply

Stay Informed!

Sign up for Samoa News and 5 on Friday emails by going to <http://bit.ly/2e11nE1>

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Awesome Upcoming Opportunities:

For a complete list and up-to-date information about council events check out www.gshg.org!

Amazing Life	Augusta	Fri Dec 01, 7:00 PM - Sun Dec 03, 11:00 AM
Gold Award Training - Savannah	Savannah	Sun Dec 03, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Gold Award Training - Augusta	Augusta	Sat Dec 09, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
VIT (Volunteer in Training)- Athens	Athens	Sat Dec 09, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Silver Award Training - Augusta	Augusta	Sat Dec 09, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Bronze Award Training - Augusta	Augusta	Sat Dec 09, 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Adult/Child First Aid/CPR	Macon	Sat Dec 16, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Gold Award Training - Macon	Macon	Sat Dec 16, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Silver Award Training - Macon	Macon	Sat Dec 16, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Bronze Award Training - Macon	Macon	Sat Dec 16, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Family Fun Day with Horses	Albany	Sat Dec 30, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM