

5 on Friday



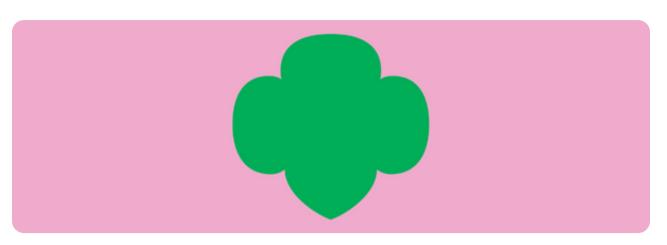
Effingham Girl Scouts have delivered more than 20,000 boxes to their happy customers so far. Anjuli King, a member of our Board and fellow Effingham resident, "sleuthed" the booth of Troop 30235, led by Carolyn Metroz, who passed inspection with ease! Congratulations, Troop 30235!

Our final weekend of booths is underway and our good friend S'mores is prepping for retirement! This weekend's theme is Embrace Possibility - Dress as a panda!

Submit your troop photos to us and you may see them featured on GSHG social media or in 5 on Friday!

SUBMIT TROOP PHOTOS

1. Town Halls



Looking for more ways to stay up to date with GSHG? We will have two virtual town halls this spring. All volunteers, parents, and girls are welcome to attend any of the scheduled town halls!

March 25, 6:30 p.m. April 5, 11:30 a.m.

RSVP with the form below!

REGISTER NOW

2. Highest Awards



Highest Awards Ceremony Paperwork Deadline: March 31st, 2025

To be recognized at the council's High Awards Ceremony in May, Final Report paperwork must be submitted by March 31st, 2025.

Bronze (Juniors) & Silver (Cadettes) Awards: Submit final reports via email to highestawards@gshg.org.

Gold Award (Seniors & Ambassadors): Submit final reports through the GoGold platform and ensure approval by the Gold Committee by March 31st.

If the paperwork isn't completed by the deadline, girls will be honored at next year's ceremony.

Important:

March 31st is the ceremony deadline, not the completion deadline for the awards.

Bronze Award: Complete by September 30th of the year you finish 5th grade.

Silver Award: Complete by September 30th of the year you finish 8th grade.

Gold Award: Complete by September 30th of the year you graduate high school.

For questions, contact your local Program Manager or email highestawards@gshg.org.

3. Summer Camp 2025 Update



Unfortunately, the repairs at Camp Tanglewood will not be finished in time to host summer camp, despite previous hopes and efforts by our community, volunteers, and staff.

We look forward to being able to host everyone in summer 2026. The previously scheduled camp sessions at Tanglewood have been moved to CMJ. All camp information, including theme, price, dates, and grade levels are the same - it is just a change of location.

Resident Camp Dates: Camp Low, Savannah: June 1 - June 6 Camp Martha Johnston, Macon: June 8 - June 13, June 15 - June 20, June 22 -June 27, July 8 - July 11 Travel Camp (To North Georgia, Departing from CMJ): July 13 - July 18

4. Membership News



Early Bird Registration

We know that you have been having an amazing year of fun and exploration, but are you ready for a year of adventure? Renew your membership from April 1 to June 30 and continue your journey of discovering more of what Girl Scouts has to offer!

Council Early Bird Incentives

-All girls who re-register for 2025 during the campaign (April 1-June 30) will receive the one-of-a-kind GSHG Early Bird patch designed by a GSHG Girl Scout!

-Troops who re-register 80% of their girls and 2 adults during the first 2 weeks (April 1-15) will receive \$50!

-Troops who re-register 80% of their girls and 2 adults in the following weeks (April 16-June 30) of the campaign will receive \$25!

-Service Areas will receive \$1 for every girl who early bird registers during the campaign (April 1-June 30).

-Be on the lookout for your local regional incentives again this year!

Reminder:

For the membership year 2025-2026, which begins on October 1, girl memberships will be \$45, plus a \$5 council fee, and adult memberships will be \$30. For more information on the price increase, please visit the Special 57th National Council Session page on the GSUSA website.

Early Bird Patch Contest

Think you have what it takes to design the next Early Bird patch? We want to see your creativity shine! Submit your original design for a chance to have your artwork featured as the official 2025 Early Bird patch for our council.

Contest Rules & Guidelines:

- -Open to all Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia in grades K-12.
- -Artwork must be original and created by the Girl Scout submitting the entry.
- -Should include the words "Early Bird 2025" in the design
- -No copyrighted or trademarked images
- -One submission per Girl Scout

-Submissions must be received by 11:59 p.m. on March 31 to be included for the contest; voting for the design will open in early April.

Submit your Girl Scout's patch design today!

5. Council News and Upcoming Events

Happy birthday, Girl Scouts!

On March 12, 1912, Juliette Gordon Low founded Girl Scouts with 18 girls in Savannah, Georgia. More than a century later, we're still building courage, confidence, and character nationwide!

Celebrate Girl Scout Week (March 10-16) by showing your Girl Scout spirit, doing a good turn, and participating in <u>Girl Scouts Celebrate Faith</u>, a special time to connect with faith communities and earn your My Promise, My Faith pin or a Celebrate Faith patch.

Let's make this week unforgettable—wear your Girl Scout gear, share your story, and spread the Girl Scout love! Check out the Girl Scout Week calendar for ideas about how to celebrate. Happy 113 years of Girl Scouts!

Don't forget to check out the daily programming happening at the Albany Girl Scout DreamLab! Be sure to follow Albany Girl Scout DreamLab on Facebook and **Instagram**!

March Events: 3/11 2025 Gainesville Woman of Distinction 3/12 Bee Bots - Savannah - Region 3 3/13 Robotics: Girl Scouts Style! - Athens - Region 1 3/14 Basic Backpacking - Columbus 3/15 Basic Outdoor Skills - Augusta 3/15 Camp Low ACT Workday - Region 3 3/15 Archery and Woodworking Day! - Athens - Region 1 3/17 Savannah St. Patrick's Day Parade - Savannah - Region 3 3/19 Building a Healthier You (6th - 12th Grade) - Columbus - Region 5 3/21 ARC Wilderness and Remote First Aid - Macon 3/22 Girl Scouts First Aid Day - Athens - Region 1 3/22 Miss Fix It - Tool Day at CMJ - Lizella - Region 6 3/25 Spring Into Fun - Columbus - Region 5 3/25 Unlock Your Glow! Prepping for Prom - Savannah - Region 3 3/28 Ready, Set, Live: Adulting 101 - Lizella - Region 6 3/28 Van Gogh Get 'Em - Athens - Region 1 3/30 Girl Scouts Night with Rock Lobsters - Athens - Region 1 3/30 Ready, Set, Live: Adulting 101 - Lizella - Region 6 April Events: 4/3 Songs and S'mores Adult Training- Augusta 4/4 Drive in Troop Camp - Fortson - Region 5 - Session 1 4/5 Serendipity Troop Camp - Savannah - Region 3 4/5 Arabian Horizons: Exploring Cultures, Cuisine, and Language - Augusta -<u>Region 2</u> 4/5 Drive in Troop Camp - Fortson - Region 5 - Session 2 4/8 Bronze Award Training - Virtual 4/9 Bee Bots - Savannah - Region 3 4/10 Gold Award Training - Virtual

4/11 Basic Outdoor Skills and Advanced Outdoor Cooking - Fortson - Region 5 4/11 Camp Low Challenge Course Facilitator Training - High and Low Elements - Region 3

4/12 Camp Low Challenge Course Facilitator Training: Low Elements only

4/12 Flea Market Find Troop Camp - Savannah - Region 3

4/12 National Donate Life Month with LifeLink of Georgia - Lizella - Region 6 <u>(D,B,J)</u>

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4/15 Essentially Me - Lip Balm & Roll-on Perfume - Savannah - Region 3

4/16 Woodburning 101 - Columbus - Region 5

4/17 Bee, Teas, and Seeds - Warner Robins - Region 6

4/19 Pinhole Photography - Augusta - Region 2

4/26 Earth Day Celebration! - Lizella - Region 6

We're always adding new events to our calendar, so don't forget to bookmark www.gshg.org/events to stay up to date with what's new and see what's coming up next at GSHG! Breaking news updates are always added to our Facebook and 5 on Friday e-newsletter!

If you'd like to see particular events in your area, let us know! Reach out to our Customer Care Team: <u>customercare@gshg.org</u>, or 1-888-689-1912.

GSHG Shops

Come visit us at one of our council shops!

Shop Saturdays Our next Shop Saturday will be April 5! We'll see you then!

Mobile Shops

Columbus Service Center, March 18, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Gainesville Service Center, March 19, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Augusta Service Center, April 1, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Albany Service Center, March 11, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please have preorders for Mobile Shop to Catherine or Sidney by the Friday before your Mobile Shop date!

Athens Shop



706-548-7297 Hours of Operation <u>Mon-Thu:</u> 9:00AM to 5:00PM Friday: 9:00AM to 12:00PM 1st Saturdays: 10:00AM to 4:00PM

Macon Shop



Macon

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Hours of Operation <u>Mon-Fri</u>: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mobile Shop: 1st Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. Note: There is a limited selection of uniform items & gifts in the Albany boutique. Contact Catherine Shinn in the Macon shop to place orders for badges, fun patches, and other specialty items.

EMAIL THE SHOP!

coming to your area! Mobile shop hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Mobile Shop Schedule First Tuesdays: Augusta Second Tuesdays: Albany Third Tuesdays: Columbus Third Wednesdays: Gainesville



Open Up Their World!

Every year, Girl Scouts and Girl Guides from over 150 countries around the world join together to celebrate our most beloved annual tradition, World Thinking Day. This year's focus of "Our Story: Reflecting the symbolism and values of our Movement" will allow your troop to explore how they can build the confidence to know how to make a real difference, in your community and beyond. The good news is, your Girl Scout Troop doesn't need to wait until February 22 to start earning their awards. They can download their FREE activity guides today and begin their journey to making a better future!

GET THE AWARD



Have a question? Don't be shy! Contact us for more information.

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