



A Note from Our CEO

Dear Girl Scout Alumni,

With the new membership year starting, we're excited to share more about all of the exciting plans coming to fruition across the council.

To celebrate International Day of the Girl (October 11) we are presenting the State of the Georgia Girl Report to the public on October 9. Stay tuned for more information surrounding the work that we are doing for girls across Georgia.

We are also getting started on our next project to modernize Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia. Affectionately named *Trails to Tomorrow*, this capital campaign will bring Camp Tanglewood up to date to meet the needs of girls and their families of today, including adding a Girl Scout DreamLab to the grounds. If you know anyone who would be interested in sponsorships and naming opportunities, please let us know!

I would be remiss if I didn't mention our two new Girl Scout Cookie offerings coming this season, *Sparkables* - an allergy friendly oatmeal chocolate chip cookie, and *Patch Pals* - a Girl Scout Cookie for dogs! Be sure to support our girls when they're available this cookie season, December 14 - March 7.

Have a great day on purpose!

Krystal Crawford

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Chief Executive Officer



Save
these dates!

**Girl Scout Island 10k and
Ultramarathon**

November 21-22 | Savannah

Gainesville

Woman of Distinction

March 10, 2027 | Gainesville

Albany Cookies and Corks

May 7, 2027 | Brunswick

Bridging Savannah's Bridge

June 12, 2027 | Brunswick

More Than Cookies

August 26, 2027 | Macon

Clementi L. Holder

Promises to Keep Breakfast

September 9, 2027 | Athens

We're building out our 2027
signature event schedule.
Stay tuned for ticketing and
sponsorship information!

Scan here
for more info→



GSHG Council Updates

This Fall was filled to the brim with signature events. Thank you once again to all our attendees and supporters that joined us at More Than Cookies in Macon, Mommy and Me Tea Party in Albany, Columbus Cookies and Corks, Promises to Keep in Athens, S'morevivor in Augusta, and Into the Woods in Lizella. Because of all of you, we're able to reach more and more girls across Georgia to get them involved in Girl Scouts and making a difference in our communities.



More Than Cookies



Cookies and Corks



Promises to Keep



S'morevivor

In case you've missed it, Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia recently announced two incredible partnerships. We are so thankful for our new partners at PowerHouse Automotive Group who are sponsoring a custom Girl Scouts wrapped, pink 2025 Ford Bronco for the Power Her Future campaign. Our longtime friends and partners at Georgia Power have also gifted us \$100,000 towards our Trails to Tomorrow capital campaign at Camp Tanglewood! The impact from these gifts will surely be felt by generations of Girl Scouts to come!

Learn more at www.gshg.org!



Sisters Cayleigh and Abigale sign the Power Her Future car at Dot's Little House in Columbus, GA



Georgia Powers gifts \$100,000 to Trails to Tomorrow Capital Campaign

GSHG Council Updates (*continued*)

Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia (GSHG) and Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta are preparing to release the inaugural State of the Georgia Girl Report, the first study of its kind to bring together statewide data on the health, safety, education and wellbeing of girls across Georgia. The two councils commissioned the report as part of their shared mission to help every girl in Georgia thrive, starting with a clear picture of the challenges she faces today.

The report finds that Georgia girls are living what its authors call “a life, divided”: the most academically ambitious, college-bound generation of girls on record, and also the loneliest. Ninety percent of Georgia girls graduated high school in 2025, five points higher than boys and up roughly seven points over the past decade. Yet two in three Georgia high school girls say they lack a caring adult to talk to about their feelings, and more than half report symptoms of depression in a given month.

"The State of the Georgia Girl Report gives us an opportunity to listen to girls through the data and act on what they are telling us. These findings aren't just about Girl Scouts, they're about Georgia's future. The real measure of this report won't be how many people read it, it will be what Georgia chooses to do about what it tells us. Educators, business leaders, policymakers and community organizations all have a role to play in ensuring every girl in Georgia has the opportunity to thrive," shares Krystal Crawford, CEO Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia.



STATE OF THE GEORGIA GIRL REPORT
Release & Panel Discussion

October 9, 2026 | 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
AC Hotel Savannah Historic District
601 E River St, Savannah, GA 31401

Get to know Georgia girls like never before at the unveiling of the inaugural State of the Georgia Girl Report.

girl scouts of historic georgia | girl scouts of greater atlanta

In celebration of International Day of the Girl



One cookie for you,
one for your furry bestie!

Available
online
only!

Double the celebration. One for you. One for your furry bestie. Girl Scout Sparkables are allergy-friendly crunchy oatmeal chocolate chip cookies with colorful sprinkles, and Patch Pals are soft-baked, blueberry muffin-inspired treats made just for your canine BFF. More smiles, more tail wags, and more reasons to celebrate together. GSHG's cookie season is December 14, 2026 - March 7, 2027. Patch Pals and Sparkables will be available starting January 12, 2027. All cookies will be \$6 this season, Patch Pals dog cookies will be \$9.

2027 Gainesville Woman of Distinction

We are thrilled to announce our 2027 Gainesville Woman of Distinction, Carole Ann Daniel! She will be honored at our annual Gainesville Woman of Distinction luncheon on March 10, 2027. Stay tuned for sponsorship opportunities and ticketing offerings to open.

Daniel earned a degree in social sciences from Brenau Women's College and served as president of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority and a member of the Panhellenic board while at Brenau. After graduation in 1968, Daniel began the first of two stints as a teacher with Gainesville City Schools. During that time, she taught history and life skills at Gainesville Middle School.



Carole Ann Daniel, black and white blouse, after learning she will be honored as this year's Woman of Distinction.

Daniel was named 2025 Woman of the Year by the Rotary Club of Gainesville and has been honored as a Junior Achievement Northeast Georgia Business Hall of Fame laureate. She currently serves as a Trustee of Brenau University and has served on the boards of directors for the North Georgia History Center, Humane Society of Northeast Georgia, Quinlan Visual Arts Center, American Heart Association's Go Red for Women, and Sisu.

Girl Scout Spotlights

Claire G., a Cadette in Troop 10813, raised enough funds to put bleeding control kits in every classroom of her school as part of her Silver Award project, followed by informational afterschool workshops to educate her peers and teachers on how to use the kits. Claire was inspired by her dad, a trauma surgeon, who helped a victim of the Apalachee High School shooting in September of 2024. Great work, Claire!



Charlee A. of Troop 20156 was honored at *Augusta Good News's* Inspiring: Women of Augusta luncheon. Alongside several awardees who are Girl Scout alumni, Charlee received the Inspiring: Future recognition. Learn where to find Charlee's feature in the *Inspiring: Women of Augusta* magazine across the CSRA.

Charmain Z. Brackett, publisher of *Augusta Good News*, credited Girl Scouts as a cornerstone of her life and a deciding factor into becoming a journalist after visiting *The Augusta Chronicle* to earn her journalism badge.

In Memorium

We are saddened by the passing of Kim Ingrid Melton, who passed away on Friday, July 17, 2026 at the age of 70. Kim was born in Macon, Georgia to the late James Fretwell and Annie Laura McLeod Melton. She was retired as a Math Professor from the University of North Georgia and she was involved in Girl Scouts for many years.

As a volunteer with Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia (and our legacy Northeast Georgia council), Kim earned the 60 Year Membership Numeral Guard in 2024 (this includes both girl and adult years), the Thanks Badge in 2019 (the highest award for a Girl Scout adult), and the Girl Scouts of Northeast Georgia Council Service Award in 2007.

Throughout her tenure she also served on numerous roles, including but not limited to GSHG's Property Committee, where she served as Secretary, the Adult Recognitions Committee, she represented GSHG at the National Council Session in 2023 as a National Delegate from 2021-2023, she served on the Regional Advisory Board in Gainesville where she was also on the Gainesville Women of Distinction (WOD) Committee, as well as a Board Member, Treasurer, and Trainer with our legacy council.

This year's Into the Woods 5k at Camp Martha Johnston was dedicated to her memory.



Kim (white shirt and pink pants) at the Outdoor Trainer Retreat in January 2024



Outdoor Trainers sharing Girl Scouts songs from their youth



Kim, as a camp counselor at CMJ, is fourth from the right with her knee on the trailer



Kim is on the far left



*Scan here
to read
Kim's Obituary*

Volunteer Opportunities

Adopt-a-Camp (A.C.T.) Workdays

Looking for a hands-on way to give back? Our Adopt-a-Camp Teams (A.C.T.) help keep our camp properties beautiful, safe, and ready for the next generation of Girl Scouts. Projects range from cabin clean-up and painting to brush pick-up and light building projects.

- Camp Low (Savannah, GA)
 - Contact Diana McDaniel at dmcdan@georgiasouthern.edu
- Camp Martha Johnston (Macon, GA)
 - Contact the Adopt-a-Camp Team at cmjadoptacamp@gmail.com
- Camp Tanglewood (Augusta, GA)
 - Contact Jane Behrend at sbehrend@bellsouth.net
- Camp Robert Lewis (Fortson, GA)
 - Contact the Adopt-a-Camp Team at gshgcamprobertlewis@gmail.com

Program & Camp Volunteers

Interested in supporting events beyond camp workdays? Check out the [council calendar](#) to see what activities are happening around the council. If something catches your eye, reach out to your [local girl experience manager](#) to share your interest and get involved.



[Event Calendar](#)

Join The 1912 Society

As a Girl Scout alum, you know firsthand the powerful impact our organization has on young girls—building courage, confidence, and character that lasts a lifetime. One meaningful way to continue that legacy is by joining one of our honorary giving societies. Members enjoy special benefits like recognition in our annual report and invitations to signature events, all while helping ensure that every girl has the opportunity to grow, thrive, and lead.

The 1912 Society

Named for the founding year of Girl Scouts, The 1912 Society is an honorary society for adults who aspire to serve as role models and be a voice shaping the next generation of leaders. Members commit to a monthly gift of \$19.12 (or more), partnering financially with Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia and championing our mission both council-wide and in their local communities. By joining The 1912 Society, you honor our history while investing in her future.



Interested in learning more? Visit our website or call 888-689-1912 to explore The 1912 Society and discover our other giving societies to find the level of impact that's right for you!

Alumni Groups

Alumnae in Gainesville, Macon, and Savannah are invited to connect with their local Alum Troop 2012—open to alum members of any age! Troop 2012 is designed to help Girl Scout alums stay connected, socialize, and continue supporting GSHG.

TROOP
2012



Alumnae in Athens are invited to join our Athens Area Girl Scout Alumni Group! For the first time this year, Athens Area Alumni will host a table at the Promises to Keep breakfast! The table has a fundraising goal of \$2,500. There are 8 seats. So if you sign up for a seat your goal is \$312. Contact Lindsay Woodson for more information!

If you're looking for an alumnae group that is very hands on with current Girl Scouts, the Green Hat Society is a national alumnae group dedicated to preserving and sharing the rich traditions of Girl Scouting. Rooted in community and connection, members celebrate Girl Scout values and the friendships that last a lifetime, dedicated to having fun while preserving and passing on classic Girl Scout traditions! The "Greenies" focus on outdoor adventures, community service, and mentorship. *Must be over 40 to join.*



Started this year to celebrate Girl Scouts Birthday and Father's Day is our Green Tie Guys group! If you know of a Girl Scout dad, husband, or supporter who would be proud to represent Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia, contact your local community engagement manager!

For more information, reach out to one of our community engagement managers!

- Lindsay Woodson, Athens/Gainesville, lwoodson@gshg.org
- Chazmine Mitchell, Augusta, cmitchell@gshg.org
- Sally McCoy, Savannah, smccoy@gshg.org
- Cullena Morman, Albany, cmays@gshg.org
- Sophie Jones, Columbus, sejones@gshg.org
- Kimberly Novak, Macon, knovak@gshg.org



We want to hear from you!



Whether it's a new job, a wedding, a troop reunion, or honoring the life of a GSHG alum or volunteer, we would love to hear about it. Email us at **alumni@gshg.org** to submit your news! Know a GSHG alum who should receive this letter? Pass it along and tell them to email **alumni@gshg.org** to sign up for the email list!

More Ways to Give Back

Have you reserved the NEW Girl Scout Specialty License Plate yet? This opportunity allows you to celebrate Girl Scouting while helping expand opportunities for girls across Georgia. Available beginning in 2027, the license plate gives Girl Scout families, alums, and community champions a visible way to support the mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character every time they drive.



Reserve your Girl Scout Georgia Specialty License Plate today for \$25, or \$50 to secure a special low-number plate. When registrations renew in 2027, drivers will simply pick up their new plate and pay the standard annual registration and specialty tag fees. The Girl Scout Georgia license plate will be more than just a tag - it will be a statewide symbol of support for the leadership, entrepreneurship, and life skills that Girl Scouts develop every day.



Scan here to preorder!

Follow us on social media!

Want to stay up to date with the latest from GSHG? Follow us on social media for pictures and videos of all the exciting things girls are doing, program opportunities, council updates, and much more. Just search for "Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia" on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), or [TikTok](#)!

Help us hit our goal of 1,000 followers on TikTok so we can do exciting things like being able to go on TikTok Live from camp and events, and even open a TikTok Shop!



I want to invest in girls now!

INSPIRE..... ☐ \$25/month

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