

A Note from Our CEO

Dear Girl Scout Alums,

It's hard to believe it's been over 9 months since I stepped into the role of CEO of Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia in May 2025. Over the past months, I've had the incredible privilege of getting to know this community more deeply and what stands out most is the strength of the sisterhood that spans generations.

From day one, I felt a network rooted in tradition, fueled by passion, and united by a shared belief in the power of girls. Once a Girl Scout, always a Girl Scout. Whether your memories include earning badges, exploring the outdoors, leading a troop, or navigating cookie season, you remain an essential part of this movement.

I've seen firsthand how today's girls are carrying that legacy forward—leading, speaking up, and making an impact in their communities. It's inspiring to witness and made possible by the foundation you helped build.

As we look ahead, my commitment remains strong: to ensure Girl Scouts continues to be a place where girls grow, connect, and shine—and where alums always feel welcomed and valued.

Thank you for the paths you've paved, the stories you've shared, and the legacy you continue to strengthen.

Have a great day on purpose!



Krystal Crawford
Chief Executive Officer



Save
these dates!

Gainesville Woman of Distinction

March 11, 2026 | Gainesville

Grits and Girl Scouts

April 23, 2026 | Augusta

Cookies & Corks

May 1, 2026 | Albany

Columbus Women of Distinction

May 8, 2026 | Columbus

Legacy of Leadership

May 20, 2026 | Savannah

Our signature events bring communities together to celebrate leadership and invest in the future of Girl Scouts across Historic Georgia. Join us in supporting girls as they grow into courageous, confident leaders. Visit [our website](#) for more information and to purchase tickets.

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GSHG Council Update

The beginning of 2026 has been nothing short of incredible for our council. Girls, volunteers, and staff alike are in the throes of cookie season, and the energy is contagious. From bustling booth sales across our communities to online orders reaching friends and family near and far, our Girl Scouts are showing up with confidence, enthusiasm, and serious entrepreneurial spirit.

We're closing in on our council goal of 1.8 million boxes—so if you haven't grabbed your favorite Girl Scout cookies yet, now's the time! And here's something even sweeter: if we hit our stretch goal of 2 million boxes, every one of our camp properties will get a brand-new outdoor movie set!

At the same time, we're beginning to ramp up for summer camp season! Camp Tanglewood in Augusta is steadily recovering, and we are so encouraged by the progress. There's something special about watching camp come back to life, and we cannot wait to welcome girls back for a season full of adventure, laughter, and growth.

This summer more than ever, we are leaning into the “girl-led” part of Girl Scouts with a “Suds and Spuds” themed week based on feedback received straight from the girls! This week will include all things water- related and yes, potatoes. It's playful, imaginative, and full of creativity, and it's a perfect example of how Girl Scouts continues to evolve while staying true to its mission of building courage, confidence, and character. We are currently hiring for camp staff (along with several council positions), so if you or anyone you know is interested, check out [this link](#)!

Looking ahead, Early Bird renewal for the 2026–2027 membership year will run from April 13 through June 8. Membership dues for girls will increase to \$70. While this increase may feel significant, our council is committed to ensuring every girl can participate, with insurance vouchers through PeachState, CareSource, and Amerigroup, as well as GSHG scholarships available to help cover national membership dues.

Thank you for continuing to champion Girl Scouts—through mentoring, giving, volunteering, hiring a Girl Scout, or simply sharing our story. Because of you, the next generation of girls is dreaming bigger, leading boldly, and creating memories that will last a lifetime.



Cookie Season Fun!



Girl Scout Day at the Capitol



LEAP Volunteer Conference

Scholarship Opportunities for Girl Scouts

Did you know that Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia offers a variety of scholarships to support girls in pursuing higher education and once-in-a-lifetime Girl Scout experiences? In addition, several colleges and universities—including Brenau University and many others—offer scholarships specifically for Girl Scouts. These opportunities recognize the leadership, commitment, and community service skills girls develop through our Movement.

As an alum, you know the difference Girl Scouts makes. Help us spread the word to the girls in your life—whether family, neighbors, or community members—so they don't miss out on these life-changing opportunities. Learn more [on the GSHG website](#).



Alum Spotlight

Girl Scout alum Mandey Collins “grew up” at Camp Martha Johnston (CMJ), where her love for Girl Scouting became a family legacy. She is the granddaughter of beloved CMJ Ranger Gerald “Hulk” Smith and the grand-niece of Camp Sarah Bailey Ranger Bennie Smith. Mandey was a Girl Scout from Brownie through Ambassador, served as a CIT and Counselor, and later became an adult leader for her daughter’s troop after moving to South Carolina.

During CMJ’s summer seasons, Mandey and her siblings helped with luggage, kitchen duties, first aid, trail prep, and camp upkeep. She also fondly remembers serving as an “elf” during her grandfather’s Santa visits to underserved communities in Macon, sharing candy canes and coloring books collected by local Girl Scouts. Inspired by her camp experiences, Mandey is now a Special Education teacher, and her sister is a nurse—both crediting Girl Scouts for shaping their paths.



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!

Girl Scout Spotlight

Girl Scout Troop 40489 recently took a meaningful pause from cookie season to experience history in a powerful, hands-on way with a special trip to Selma and Montgomery! Funded by their cookie earnings, the girls spent the day exploring important landmarks including the Rosa Parks Museum, Legacy Museum, Freedom Monument Sculpture Park, and National Voting Rights Museum and Institute. They even capped off the day with dinner at the Fried Tomato Cafe!

The experience brought history to life in a way that went far beyond the classroom, encouraging reflection, meaningful conversations, and a greater appreciation for leadership and civic responsibility.

This unforgettable trip was made possible by the girls' hard work during cookie season. Experiences like this highlight the power of the Girl Scout program—giving girls the opportunity to set goals, earn their own way, and explore the world around them while building confidence and leadership skills that last a lifetime!



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.

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 to explore the 1912 Society and discover our other giving societies to find the level of impact that's right for you.

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 gshgcamprobortlewis@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 program manager](#) to share your interest and get involved.



[Event Calendar](#)

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](#)!



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