



Alumni Newsletter Summer 2024

A Note From Our CEO

It has been an exciting time at GSHG! From watching our young entrepreneurs flex their business skills during cookie season, to honoring girls and adults with highest awards, and everything in between, we have a lot to celebrate this season.

I'm happy to share that on May 29, we gathered in Columbus for the grand-opening of Dot's Little House, which now includes a DreamLab and a podcast studio where girls can learn to become media moguls. We are also in the midst of a project to open a Girl Scout DreamLab inside a Walmart in Albany. The Albany DreamLab is set to open this fall, and we hope you'll join us for our grand opening celebration. On top of that, we are in the early stages of a capital campaign to build a DreamLab from the ground up at Camp Tanglewood in Augusta, and we are exploring ways we can make some much-needed upgrades to Camp Low. I can't wait to see how all of these projects help us reach and empower more girls as they pursue their dreams.

As Girl Scout alum, you know first-hand the power of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. We'd love to hear - and share - your stories about what you're doing now and how Girl Scouts has helped shape your life. We also hope that you will continue to join us in our mission to build up the next generation of leaders by volunteering with the council, connecting with your Girl Scout sisters, donating to the council, or simply spreading the word.

Yours for the girls,

Sue Else CEO



Save these dates!

More than Cookies Summer Social

August 22, 2024; Macon, GA For more information, please contact LaDon Shaw at <u>lshaw@gshg.org.</u>

S'morevivor

September 7, 2024; Augusta, GA For more information, please contact Shawn Risher at <u>srisher@gshg.org</u>.

Promises to Keep Breakfast

September 12, 2024; Athens, GA For more information, please contact Lindsay McCuen at Imccuen@gshg.org.

Into the Woods

September 14, 2024; Macon, GA For more information, please contact Cheryl Legette at <u>clegette@gshg.org</u>.

Every Woman's Marathon

November 16, 2024; Savannah For more information, please contact Chelsea Simpson at <u>csimpson@gshg.org</u>.

GSHG Council Update

Product Program is still celebrating an amazing cookie season. Across the council, 3,914 girls sold 1,703,042 boxes of cookies. The top seller was Jazalyn H. with 8020 packages sold. We are so proud of these rockstars! Now the Product Program team is gearing up for the Fall Product Program, which includes candies, nuts, magazines, and more. Contact your local Girl Scout for more information about the Fall Product Program.

The Program team has been hard at work planning our summer programs. Summer camp is in full swing. GSHG is proud to offer 4 weeks of day camp and 5 weeks of resident camp at Camps Low, Tanglewood, and Martha Johnston, plus one week of travel camp to Washington, DC, and Philadelphia. We are also offering a mini Pajama Camp in Athens in July; it's like day camp but at night! In addition to our regular summer programs for girls, we are offering several adult training opportunities, including a leader glamporee, outdoor training, and service unit rallies. Visit <u>www.gshg.org/events</u> to find an event near you!

In May, we celebrated 172 Girl Scouts across the council who earned their Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards, as well as many adults who earned council and national level awards. Congratulations to everyone who earned an award this year! •

Every Woman's Marathon

We're ecstatic to announce that we're partnering with Every Woman's Marathon in their mission to create an empowering space for women running their first (or second, or third!) 26.2 miles. Powered by Team Milk, we'll be gathering in Savannah on November 16, 2024 as a charity partner to support all the female runners!

Every Woman's Marathon is a unique event specifically designed for women, by women, to celebrate female strength, uniting runners of all levels, abilities, and backgrounds in a genuinely inspiring, community-driven wellness weekend.

Fueled by Team Milk, this marathon showcases the resilience and endurance of women from all walks of life. Fueling your marathon journey goes beyond just lacing up your shoes; it's about giving your body the proper nutrients. Enter dairy milk – your ultimate nutritional partner during marathon training. Taking place in the beautiful city of Savannah, Georgia, participants are treated to a picturesque route that highlights the city's irresistible beauty and charm. Every Woman's Marathon is not just a race but a symbol of unity, empowerment, and the limitless potential of women in the world of sports.

We hope to see you in Savannah on November 16!

Scan the QR code or <u>visit our website</u> to register. Must be 18+ to register to run.



Juliette Gordon Low Quarter

The United States Mint has included our trailblazing founder Juliette Gordon Low among the honorees for the 2025 American Women Quarters[™] Program! This program features coins with designs reflecting the accomplishments and contributions of American women.

What an incredible way to celebrate Juliette and her vision of a Movement that prepares girls for leadership and emphasizes civic responsibility and improving the world around them. This acknowledgment both elevates Juliette as an influential historical figure and affirms the enduring relevance of Girl Scouts for today's girls.

Juliette is in great company—the other honorees announced for 2025, the program's fourth and final year, include:

- legendary investigative journalist, civil rights activist, researcher, and co-founder of the NAACP Ida B. Wells.
- trailblazing astronomer Dr. Vera Rubin, who pioneered work on galaxy rotation rates.
- activist Stacey Park Milbern, who helped create and build the disability justice movement.
- barrier breaking tennis champion Althea Gibson, the first Black athlete to win a Grand Slam title and the first Black player to compete on the Women's Professional Golf Tour.

The designs for the quarters featuring the 2025 honorees will be unveiled in springor summer 2024, and they will go into circulation in 2025.

Camp LAKE Pajamas

In collaboration with Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia, LAKE pajamas recently launched two limited edition sets of children's pajamas. The pajamas celebrate the adventurous spirit of Girl Scouts with a fun, camp-themed pattern printed on 100% Peruvian Pima cotton. The print is available in LAKE's signature <u>Kids Shorts Set</u> and <u>Long-Long Sets</u>. A portion of the pajama proceeds will be donated to Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia to be used for camp renovation efforts throughout the council. Check out <u>lakepajamas.com</u> to purchase a pair (or two)!





Girl Scout Spotlight

This year, Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia partnered with Rotary International on a Girl Empowerment Project focused on period poverty.

A team of our girls lead the effort to collect materials and sew reusable sanitary napkins for girls who have limited access to resources. Our Girl Scouts journeyed with Rotary to Nassau and worked side-by-side with fellow Girl Guides in Nassau and Rotarians to plant a sunflower garden, identify and label native plants at a Girl Guide camp, assemble 384 period hygiene kits, and write notes of affirmation for girls receiving the kits. The Girl Guides and Rotarians from Nassau will collaborate to distribute to girls in need in the Nassau community and put the systems and partners in place to ensure this project's long-term sustainability.

What a wonderful way for Girl Scouts to support Rotary International's Girl Empowerment initiative and directly assist with the child and maternal health priority!



Troop 2012 News

Savannah Alumni

If you would like to receive information about joining Troop 2012-Savannah, please contact <u>Alumni@gshg.org</u> and we will let the troop know of your interest.

Gainesville Alumni

On December 14, Gainesville Alumni Troop 2012 presented Ellie Wingate with a \$1,000 college scholarship. The scholarship is available for high school seniors in Region 1 who have been actively involved in Girl Scouts.



<u>Join the On My Honor</u> Society!

Your donation of \$1000 or more provides GSHG with much-needed funds to support girls at GSHG. Interested in making a donation for GSHG? Contact LaDon at <u>lshaw@gshg.org</u>.



Planned Giving

The first planned gift in the Girl Scout Movement came from our founder, Juliette Gordon Low. After converting the carriage house of her home into the first Girl Scout national headquarters, she gifted the property to Girl Scouts in her will. Carry on her legacy and make Girl Scouts a beneficiary of your estate plans when you become a member of the Juliette Gordon Low Society.

Making a planned gift to Girl Scouts can include naming Girl Scouts as the beneficiary of any of the following:

- Will
- Retirement plan
- Charitable gift annuity
- Living trust
- Donor-advised fund
- Life insurance policy
- Charitable remainder trust
- Charitable lead trust
- Remainder gift of real estate
- Any other gift that benefits Girl Scouts in the future



Learn More

Girl Scouts has partnered with FreeWill to provide access to a complimentary online toolkit to create your legal will or trust. Thank you for considering Girl Scouts in your legacy plans. By doing so, you are supporting of the next generation of Girl Scouts and creating a world where all girls can thrive.

Alumni Spotlight



On December 1, 1948, J**oy Bertram Daniels** was present at the groundbreaking of the Little House in Columbus.

More than 75 years later, she attended the rededication ceremony for the newly renovated building. Joy has fond memories of her time as a Girl Scout and is thankful for the skills she learned and the friends she made. She donated her original uniform to the council, and it is now on display at Dot's Little House in Columbus.





Past Events



Cookies & Cocktails, Augusta

On February 22, Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia, Elk's Lodge, Outback Steakhouse, and Augusta Tech partnered for Cookies & Cocktails, a unique Girl Scout event for the Augusta community. Augusta Tech culinary students created specialty desserts from iconic Girl Scout Cookies. It was a fun night filled with drinks and dessert!



The Girl Scout Cookie Challenge, Columbus

In February, six restaurants in the Columbus area participated in a challenge to make the best dessert inspired by Girl Scout Cookies. Members of the community voted on their favorite dessert. The winning restaurant was Hudson's At Main Street with their delicious S'mores Cheesecake.



Gainesville Woman of Distinction

On March 12, Marty Owens was honored as the Gainesville Woman of Distinction at a special event at the Chattahoochee Country Club. Marty has dedicated her life to serving the community and working to meet the needs of others.



Legacy of Leadership, Savannah

The 2024 Legacy of Leadership breakfast was held on May 8 at the Hyatt Regency Savannah. The keynote speaker was Girl Scout alum Dr. Denise Watts. Mary Morrison received the Legacy of Leadership award for her impact in the local community. Current Girl Scout, Ella S., was also recognized as a Young Leader.

Join the 1912 Society!



Your recurring donation of \$19.12 per month provides Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia with much-needed funding to better support girls at GSHG. Scan the QR code or visit <u>www.gshg.org/donate</u> to learn more!



Past Events

Columbus Women of Distinction

The Columbus Women of Distinction event was held on May 9 at Columbus State University Cunningham Center. It was a wonderful evening honoring four amazing women in the local community: Wanda Amos, Bettye Cheves, Dr. Chasity Reese, and Messiah Williams. Friends and family spoke on behalf of the honorees, and Sue Else, CEO of GSHG, presented their awards.

Dot's Little House Grand Opening, Columbus

On May 29, Girl Scouts, alum, volunteers, staff, and community members gathered to celebrate the grand opening of the newly renovated Little House in Columbus. After 75 years of use, the Little House was renovated, restored, and rededicated as "Dot's Little House" in honor and memory of Dorothy "Dottie" Morris Cheves, a former Girl Scout staff member who upheld the Girl Scout mission of courage, confidence, and character as she made the world a better place.

The newly renovated Little House includes a podcast studio, a DreamLab, and updated meeting and office spaces. The building is now ADA compliant to ensure accessibility for all Girl Scouts and visitors.







Bridging Savannah's Bridge

On June 8, we gathered in Savannah to for a supersized bridging event. Girl Scouts marched across the Fort Pulaski bridge, through the magazines, and out to cross the bridge over the South Channel of the Savannah River. Bridging was followed by a celebratory Part at the Pier on the beach at Tybee Island. More than 350 people from at least 10 states participated in the bridging fun. We even had Girl Scouts from as far away as California celebrate bridging with us!



Volunteer Opportunities

Camp Low A.C.T. Workdays (Savannah, GA)

Come help the Adopt-A-Camp Team work on various projects at Camp Low. Projects range from cabin clean up, to painting, brush pick up, building projects, etc. The workday is typically from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., but you don't have to stay the whole time. Upcoming workdays: September 28, 2024, November 1-3, 2024, January 11, 2025, March 15, 2025, May 10, 2025. For more information, please contact Diana McDaniel at <u>dmcdan@georgiasouthern.edu</u>.

Camp Martha Johnson A.C.T. Workdays (Macon, GA)

Come help the Adopt-A-Camp Team work on a few projects at Camp Martha Johnston. The next workday is Saturday, June 22, 2024. For more information, please contact the Adopt-A-Camp Team at <u>cmjadoptacamp@gmail.com</u>.

Camp Tanglewood A.C.T. (Augusta, GA)

To volunteer with the Camp Tanglewood Adopt-A-Camp Team, contact Jane Behrend at <u>sbehrend@bellsouth.net</u>.

Camp Robert Lewis A.C.T. (Fortson, GA)

Love Camp Robert Lewis? Join the Camp Robert Lewis Adopt-A-Camp Team and help take care of our beloved camp. To volunteer, contact the Adopt-A-Camp Team at <u>gshgcamprobertlewis@gmail.com</u>.

Program Volunteers

Please look at the <u>council calendar</u> to see what activities are happening around the council. If you are interested in volunteering for any of the activities on the calendar, please let us know by filling out <u>this form</u>. We are always happy to have volunteer assistance for most events.

I want to invest in girls!	Please include this form and mail your donation to GSHG at 6869 Columbus Rd, Lizella, GA 31052, or visit www.gshg.org/donate.
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 ENCOURAGE□ \$35/month Gives a camp scholarship for a girl with <i>financial hardship.</i> HONOR□ \$50/month Provides leadership development for girls in outreach programs. 	Email
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EMPOWER \$100/month Provides leadership development for girls in underserved areas.	Expiration Date 3 Digit Code
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