

Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia Council Update



It is a busy time around the council! The 2021 Cookie Program has come and gone; both virtual and socially safe in-person programming is happening, and preparations for summer camp and QuestFest® are underway! And these are just some of the experiences Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia uses to deliver life-changing lessons to girls.

Our Membership Team has been reaching out to girls in our council service areas so they can join our sisterhood. We are happy to report a few schools have allowed in-person events, but the majority are only allowing flyers to be dropped off for distribution. If you have a connection with your local school board or a private school in your area, we would love to either meet with school staff or drop off flyers to be distributed. Please let us know if you can help us make a connection by emailing us at alumni@gshg.org.

In addition to the usual programming opportunities GSHG offers, our Program Team is preparing for in-person Summer Camp! After a year riddled with uncertainty and disconnect from the things Girl Scouts treasure most, the need for camp is stronger than ever. Girls will have the opportunity to connect with the natural world, share new experiences with others, and develop skills they need to stand courageous and strong. Girls will be celebrated for their next-level skills, encouraged to step outside their comfort zone, and find friends that last a lifetime. We are following CDC and local government guidelines closely. To learn more about Summer Camp visit our website at www.gshg.org/camp!

Our Development Team is working on writing grants, organizing multiple fundraising events, and reaching out to the community to raise the funds needed to provide the Girl Scout Leadership Experience program to girls in our council. One of the grants recently awarded to GSHG was from the Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation (AFYF). Middle school girls across the state of Georgia are being empowered to get moving! GEM (Girls Empowering Movement) is a statewide program to improve physical activity in middle school girls by inspiring them to create their own solutions to improve their short-term and long-term health. **To learn more and hear from the girl leadership team, which includes Girl Scouts from Historic Georgia (pictured below!) visit www.healthmpowers.org/GEM and follow along on social media at #GEMpowerGA.**



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A note from our CEO:

One of the most rewarding things for me about being part of Girl Scouts is seeing and hearing of the difference Girl Scouting has made in the life of a girl or woman. Recently Ciera Walker shared her Girl Scout story with us. Ciera told of her journey from a shy Daisy to, presently, a freshman in college and Gold Award recipient.

She credits Girl Scouts with helping her find her voice and feel confident speaking out as well as learning how to communicate and collaborate with people who have different views and backgrounds. Ciera took the lessons she learned in Girl Scouting and put them into action for her Gold Award project, "Young Black Writers". She worked with elementary school children to encourage literacy, journalism, and public speaking skills. Ciera sees this as a "full circle moment" in her life. In her story, she not only told of the leadership skills she developed through Girl Scouts but also how important the Girl Scouting community and the friendships she made through the program are to her. What a wonderful tribute to what Girl Scouting is all about! GSHG is proud to be building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place!

Yours for the girls,



Sue Else
CEO of Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia



COUNCIL WISHLIST

- Pool Furniture for Camp Tanglewood
- 3-D Printer for programs
- Hammocks for all camps
- Indoor/Outdoor paint
- LED Lights for Camp Martha Johnston
- Picnic Tables
- Large trash cans

Interested in purchasing or making a donation for these items for GSHG? Contact Teresa Laird at tlaird@gshg.org.



AmazonSmile and Kroger Rewards will donate to GSHG when you shop! Get more information at gshg.org/donate.

Join the On My Honor Society! Your donation of \$1,000 provides GSHG with much-needed funds to support girls at GSHG.

UPCOMING COUNCIL EVENTS

All Girl Scout alums and volunteers are welcome to join us at the following upcoming council events!



QuestFest - July 24-25

Save the date for QuestFest 2021! Join us for a virtual Girl Scout scavenger hunt like no other. Find out more at gsquestfest.org!



S'morevivor - September 11

5K Race and Team Challenge at Camp Tanglewood in Augusta! For more information, visit gshg.org/smoresvivor.



Family Fun Day - September 19

Join us for a family fun day at Camp Low in Savannah! Save the Date and learn more at gshg.org/events.

HONOR the HEROES

Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia in Gainesville/Hall County offered members of its local community the opportunity to recognize the community's most essential workers who are former or current Girl Scouts, Girl Guides, or Girl Scout volunteers and have worked or are currently working with COVID-19 patients. GSHG ran ads in the Gainesville Times newspaper and digital news during Girl Scout Week, March 7-14, listing the honored individuals. You can find the entire list of honorees and sponsors on our website at www.gshg.org/honortheheroes.

GSHG Alum Spotlight

Sarah Randolph Bailey

Sarah Randolph Bailey (1885-1972) whose heart led her to educate and support children in numerous ways is an influential figure in Girl Scouting history. Mrs. Bailey, a soft-spoken African American lady, lived in Macon where she was a schoolteacher and a school principal during her working career. Her experiences working with young girls lead her to establish the Girl Reserve groups through the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) in 1935, where they learned life lessons and life skills like the Girl Scouts.

Girl Scouts of the USA took notice, and contacted Mrs. Bailey, inviting her to organize the first Black Girl Scout troop in Macon in 1945. Mrs. Bailey was appointed chairwoman of the Central Committee for Macon's troops. She went on to act as a troop leader, a district and council leader, and a camp director. Camp Sarah Bailey was named for her in 1961, and Macon's Girl Scout Center became the Sarah Bailey Service Center in 1994.



Celebrations



Kayla Wilson

married Benjamin Dieterich

April 26, 2020
Augusta

Kayla is the daughter of GSHG board member Jeff Wilson, and serves on the S'morevivor committee.

Congratulations, Kayla and Benjamin!



Summer Neal

married Matt Barge

February 13, 2021
Augusta

Summer is a former GSHG Program Manager from the Augusta office.

Congratulations, Summer and Matt!

Submit your Girl Scout photos at bit.ly/gshgalumnews or email them to alumni@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. Visit us online at bit.ly/gshgalumnews to submit your news! Know a GSHG alum who should receive this newsletter? Pass it along and send them to bit.ly/gshgalum.



In Memoriam

Helen Brodbeck Member of the first integrated Augusta troop
Wanda Trammell Augusta Girl Scout Leader for 20+ years
Sara Geist-Sink Former GSHG Program Manager
Dawn Kaley Former GSHG Staff

Please let us know if we have missed your loved one!



I want to invest in girls!

INSPIRE..... \$25/month
Gives 12 girls a Girl Scout Membership for 1 year.

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Gives a camp scholarship for a girl with financial hardship.

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Provides leadership development for girls in outreach programs.

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Provides leadership development for girls in underserved areas.

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Builds girls of courage, confidence, and character.

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Girl Scouts has fed the female leadership pipeline since 1912. And so can you.

Whether you were a Girl Scout for one year (or 10!), you're part of a dynamic sisterhood of more than 50 million alums who are blazing trails and changing the world. Discover how your fellow alums are making an impact across the globe and promote women's and girls' empowerment through the **Girl Scout Network™** LinkedIn page!

Follow the **Girl Scout Network LinkedIn** page today:
[GirlScouts.org/GirlScoutNetwork](https://www.girlscouts.org/GirlScoutNetwork)



SERVICE AREA SPOTLIGHT



Juniors from Troop 50020 in the Columbus area completed their Bronze Award, and worked together from May to September 2020 to complete three "Book Barn" little libraries for their community!

All planning meetings were held virtually over Zoom, and the girls met in person in July to start building. The libraries will be placed around the Fort Benning area for public use!

TROOP 50020 - REGION FIVE


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Dear Girl Scout Alumni,

Happy Spring! Birds are chirping, flowers are blooming, and pollen is everywhere. During this time of year, we are all excited about getting outside to do something fun – just like when we were kids!

As a former Girl Scout, you may find yourself reminiscing about your outdoor experiences, like summer camp. Sunny days conjure up memories of special times shared, lessons learned with friends and leaders during summer camp. GSHG is especially happy to be able to offer in-person summer camp at three of our locations this year. Girls (and their parents) are so excited to attend that we are almost at capacity. Woohoo!

Summer camp is rarely a money maker for our council. However, camp during the covid pandemic requires several safety precautions which include increased staff, limited occupancy, changes to meal preparation, and additional health/safety protocols. All of these changes have been costly; to operate camp this year we will be running at a deficit. We didn't want to pass on the additional expenses to already cash-strapped families so, we have kept the cost low compared to other summer programs. Despite our best efforts, camp rates are still out of reach for some families for those we make scholarships available.

Can you help make a difference this year and make a donation that will change a life? \$70 will allow a girl to attend one-day of resident camp or two-days of day camp. Your donation will help provide girls with the chance to enjoy camp after many months of being cooped up indoors with only virtual experiences and limited social interactions. To donate and ensure we can provide girls with a memorable, safe, and fun experience you can go to www.gshg.org/donate or return the donation form located in the newsletter.

Be on the lookout for information in the alumni newsletter or on social media about upcoming local alumni gatherings. We appreciate your support and hope you reconnect with us soon.

If you have any questions, please contact us via email at alumni@gshg.org. Take care and be safe.

Best regards,



Sue Else
CEO
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