

## Service Unit Agenda August 2024

## **Council Updates**



#### **Upcoming Office Closures**

All council service centers and shops will be closed on Monday, September 2, for Labor Day.

All shops will be closed for inventory September 26-30.

#### More Than Cookies: Summer Social

Get ready for an unforgettable night! Join us for our third annual summer social on August 22, 2024, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Fall Line Brewery Co. Dive into this fun-filled event with beer flight tastings, heavy hors d'oeuvres, live music, and raffle prizes from our amazing community partners.



Celebrate with us and make lasting memories while supporting a great cause! Tickets are \$50 and proceeds benefit Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia. Attendees must be 21 +. To learn more or register, visit <u>www.gshg.org/maconevents</u>.



#### <u>S'morevivor</u>

Gear up for Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia's fifth annual S'morevivor Team Challenge at Camp Tanglewood on September 7, 2024, from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For just \$125 per team, you'll get to compete in our crowd-favorite Team Challenge and rock an exclusive S'morevivor buff!

Form your four-person team and tackle thrilling outdoor skills at various stations throughout the camp. Enjoy free Zaxby's and stick around after the event to explore the camp facilities. Don't miss out on this exciting adventure!

#### Into the Woods

Run through the diverse woods of Camp Martha Johnston (CMJ) at the second annual Into the Woods Trail Run on September 14, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.!

Experience miles of rustic scenery, hardwood forests, Sweetwater Creek, bridges, gravel, sand, mud, roots, and rocks... OH MY! And what's camp without fireside s'mores? Come for the adventure, stay for the treat! Register or learn more at <u>www.gshg.org/maconevents</u>.



## **Marketing & Communications Updates**



#### Send us your troop photos!

Submit your troop photos to us at media@gshg.org, and you may see them featured on GSHG social media or in 5 on Friday!

#### Website Tip

Need a travel form, information about an upcoming event, or resources for a new Girl Scout family? GSHG's website has you covered!



Explore our newly redesigned <u>"Forms and Documents"</u> page for quick access to the most requested forms, documents, and information. Just visit <u>www.gshg.org</u> and click the folder icon in the menu bar.

Having trouble finding what you need? Feel free to call Customer Care at 888-689-1912 for assistance.



## **Membership Updates**



#### Time to update your troop information!

It's that time of year again! With the new membership year approaching, it's time to update your troop information so that your Membership Onboarding Manager can update the Troop and Volunteers Opportunities Catalog. Please have one person from your troop complete <u>this short questionnaire</u> for the upcoming membership year.

#### **Operational Volunteer Policies**

We have updated our <u>Operational Volunteer Policies</u>. For quick access, you can find them in the "Governance and Policy" or "Volunteer" sections on the <u>Forms and Documents page</u> of the GSHG website.





#### **Troop Year Plans**

Want to add some sparkle to your Girl Scout troop? <u>Troop Year Plans</u> just got even better - now offering versions for all grade levels, including brand new ones for multi-level troops! Bursting with our top activities, these plans are your guide to enhancing your volunteering experience. Dive in, whether you're looking for fresh ideas or a little extra inspiration. Get them in print or <u>online</u>.



#### **It's Recruitment Time!**

Our 2024-2025 recruitment season has officially kicked off! Volunteers and staff are spreading the word about Girl Scouts and inviting families to join the fun. This year's theme continues "Your Year of" and focuses on fun, adventure, discovery, inspiration, and fulfillment for girls and adults alike.



If you know of a girl who may be interested in joining, you can invite them to a local recruitment event. Check out the <u>events page</u> of our website for more information about upcoming recruitment events!

Want to help with recruitments or need assistance? Contact your Membership Recruitment Manager and join the recruitment team!

#### **Troop Monthly Reports**

We look forward to hearing about all the wonderful things your troop is doing! Please <u>fill out this form</u> by the 30th of each month.



## Volunteer Development Updates



#### **Fall Outdoor Training Opportunities**

Level up your outdoor skills with one of our upcoming trainings!

- August 24: <u>USA Archery Level 2 Certification Lizella (Camp Martha</u>
  - <u>Johnston) Region 6;</u> register by August 16
- October 11: <u>Basic Outdoor Skills Fortson Region 5</u>; register by October 2

Don't forget to bookmark our calendar at <u>www.gshg.org/events</u> to look for more adult training opportunities!

#### **Service Unit Team Rallies**

We want to help build your Service Unit Team to be its best by offering interactive trainings and workshops, sharing information and updates for the coming year, giving you time to connect with others who have similar Girl Scout roles, and making sure you have the resources you need.

We are hosting three conferences around the council this fall to connect with our Service Unit Teams. The content will be the same at all three events. All volunteers that serve in a Service Unit role are invited to attend any of the rallies:

- September 7, 2024 Athens, GA
- September 14, 2024 First Presbyterian of Pooler (Savannah area)
- September 28, 2024 Camp Martha Johnston/Lizella, GA

Please contact your Membership Support Manager for more information.



## **Product Program Updates**

**Fall Product Rallies** Welcome back, Girl Scouts!

# SEMBRACE POSSIBILITY

Embrace possibility and come have an "elephant-astic" time during the 2024 Fall Product Rally. Welcome back your sister Girl Scouts, make new friends, and discover our fall mascot, the Asian elephant!

#### Region 1 - Athens/Gainesville

September 14, 2024 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Athens Service Center 185 Newton Bridge Rd. Athens, GA 30607 <u>Region 2 - Augusta</u> September 14, 2024 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Camp Tanglewood 4687 Columbia Rd. Martinez, GA 30813

<u>Region 4 - Albany</u> September 7, 2024 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Union Baptist Church 4144 US Hwy 41 South Tifton, GA 31794 <u>Region 5 - Columbus</u> September 14, 2024 <u>C,S,A</u>: 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. <u>D,B,J</u>: 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Dot's Little House 1807 17th Street Columbus, GA 31901

#### <u>Region 3 -Savannah</u> September 21, 2024 <u>Session 1</u>: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. <u>Session 2</u>: 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Girl Experience Center 535 E. Liberty St. Savannah, GA 31401

<u>Region 6 - Macon</u> September 14, 2024

3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Catholic Church Parish Activity Center 300 S Davis Drive Warner Robins, GA 31088



The 2024 Fall Product Program officially beings on September 21, 2024 and ends on November 3, 2024. Check out the 2024 Fall Product Program Calendar, the 2024 Fall Product Volunteer Manual, and the How to Participate in the Fall Product Program guides for troops, parents, and Juliettes on the <u>Fall Product page</u> of the website!

## **Program Updates**

#### Check out the Program Guide to plan your Girl Scout year!

Our Program Guide is the Sears catalog of Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia programming! Published annually every August, it is our way of giving you a sneak peek into all of the exciting program we have planned across the council.

This year's digital-only Program Guide is fully interactive and includes clickable links to program listings, a website navigation guide, information about signature events, and much more. It also includes information about future events that may not already be listed on gsEvents.

The Program Guide will be published in early August, so watch your email and GSHG social media accounts for a direct link once it goes live. You can also check out the <u>Program Guide page of our website</u> any time!







#### **Girl Scouts Love State Parks**

It's time to lead the way at your favorite state parks and help create a better planet for all! How? By heading out to explore local state parks during this year's Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend! On September 14 and 15, Girl Scouts can participate in self-guided tours, family hikes, watersports, stargazing, and more. The <u>FREE passport activity sheet</u> will guide Girl Scouts toward adventure and help unlock a new patch!

#### **Every Woman's Marathon Wellness Pep Rally**

Join the Girl Scout Pep Squad for an unforgettable marathon experience! Join the Girl Scout Pep Squad for an unforgettable experience at the sold-out Every Women's Marathon on November 16, featuring 7,000 runners, including Girl Scouts of the USA national CEO Bonnie Barczykowski!



We've put together a full weekend of fun, starting with a high-energy <u>Wellness Pep Rally</u> on November 15 at the Girl Experience Center in Savannah. Cheer on our #RunLikeaGirlScout team, enjoy exclusive swag, and get your unique Pep Squad t-shirt! Optional overnight stays at Camp Low and special events in Savannah, including a self-guided tour of the First Headquarters, add to the excitement - all for just \$10 per person! Join us for an inspiring, funfilled weekend while showing your Girl Scout spirit and support for our incredible runners. Enjoy a weekend filled with fun, friendship, and unforgettable memories!

#### Check out some of our other upcoming events!

- August 24: Adulting 101: Automotive Skills Martinez Region 2
- August 30: Cadette Breathe Journey Weekend Athens Region 1
- August 31: Playing the Past Milledgeville Region 6
- September 7: Middle Georgia Honor Flight Macon Region 6
- September 19: Design Divas Athens Region 1
- September 28: Family Fun Day 2024 Savannah Region 3
- September 29: CMJ Family Open House Lizella Region 6
- October 3: Pumpkin Spice and Everything Nice Warner Robins Region 6
- October 3: Cybersecurity 3 Virtual
- October 5: Animal Adventures at Oxbow Meadows Columbus Region 5
- October 5: Hometown Heroes Workshop Lizella Region 6
- October 5: Democracy in Action Martinez Region 2
- October 5: Middle Georgia Honor Flight Macon Region 6



#### Register for an event with us today!

Visit our website to see all of the programs happening around the council! Remember, your membership is nationwide, so you can attend any of our programs, no matter what region you live in!



#### **Community Service Opportunity - Macon Area**

Is your troop looking for an opportunity to make a difference in your community? Central Georgia Technical College has recently opened a food pantry to help address food insecurity among college students. If your troop would like to collect nonperishable food items for this pantry, they can be dropped off in C-135 at the Warner Robins campus or J-145 at the Macon campus. You can also arrange for pick-up by contacting Tonja Simmons Lee at tlee@centralgatech.edu.

Not in the Macon/Warner Robins area but still want to help? Contact your local food bank to see how your troop can give back!

## **Retail Updates**



#### **Girl Scout Promise Challenge**

Can you recite the Girl Scout Promise? Reciting the Promise is a sign of respect for the Girl Scout tradition and history. It honors the vision of Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of Girl Scouts, who aimed to empower girls and young women. Between now and August 31, Historic Georgia members can visit one of our GSHG Shops and recite the Girl Scout Promise in person to earn the Promise Pin!

#### **My Girl Scout Kit**

My Girl Scout Kit is great for new and bridging Girl Scouts. Select insignia, uniform items, badge requirements, journey books, and much more.

Spend \$60\* or more from one grade level and receive a FREE drawstring badge. \*while supplies last. Limit of 15 free bags per transaction.

#### **Columbus Mobile Shop**

Hey Columbus! Our Mobile Shop is headed to Dot's Little House on the third Tuesday of every month starting Tuesday, August 20. We will have uniforms, fun patches, t-shirts, bags, accessories, and more. Pre-orders for badges, large quantities of uniforms, and other specialty items can be placed through the Macon shop by emailing Catherine Shinn at lizellashop@gshg.org.

#### **Macon Shop Updates**

Our Macon Shop has been refreshed for an easier shopping experience. Drop by the shop to check out the exciting new updates and load up on all of your back-to-troop needs!



## Shop Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia 24/7 online



## Meet the Customer Care, Product Program, and Retail Teams!

Questions about your area? Reach out to our staff, or call Customer Care at 888-689-1912 today!

#### Athens & Gainesville

•Lori Cobb Customer Care Specialist

•Alicia Palmer Customer Care Specialist

•Addie Kelly Product Program Manager

•Sidney Popish Retail Manager

#### Augusta

•Juliette Williams Data Administrator

•Quiana Wizzart Product Program Manager

#### Savannah

•Lori Warnock Product Program Manager

•Dawn Cusack Director of Retail Sales

•Nasheemah Kennedy Retail Manager

## Albany

•Shanika Price Product Program Manager

### Columbus

•Jackie Ramsey Director of Customer Care

•Susan Freeman Director of Product Program

•MaryBeth Hardy Product Program Manager

#### Macon

•Becki Sandifer Product Program Manager

•Catherine Shinn Retail Manager



Looking for someone else? You can access our staff directory online or call Customer Care and they will direct you to the right person!

#### We're Hiring!

Working for Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia is about much more than a job. It's about passion and commitment to help girls – all girls – grow into the best version of themselves. It's about delivering leadership programs for girls, working side-by-side with volunteers to bring the Girl Scout mission to life and forming lasting partnerships in the community.



If you are ready to embark on a challenging, yet rewarding career, apply to any open position listed on our website!

