

### Council Updates

#### Closures

All GSHG offices and shops will be closed on June 19 for Juneteenth and July 4 for Independence Day.

#### Summer Summit is just around the corner!

Join us Saturday, June 7, from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., in Monroe, GA for Summer Summit! It's the ultimate kickoff to summer with activities for everyone! From a lively Fun Run to team challenges, summer stations, a health fair, food vendors, and more—you'll want to be there with your troop, friends, and family!



Girl Scout members receive a special discounted rate on Summer Fun Station Punch cards! This card unlocks access to exciting activities like rocket building, knot-tying, water play, and so much more! Each station equals one punch, with the flexibility to skip or repeat any activity.

*\*Proceeds benefit local Girl Scouts.*

#### More Than Cookies: Summer Social

Join us for our 4th annual fundraiser on August 7, 2025, at Fall Line Brewing Co. in Macon, GA. This fun, 21+ event features beer flights, heavy hors d'oeuvres, live music, and raffle prizes from local favorites—all benefiting Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia. Celebrate community and help local girls grow into strong, confident leaders. Cheers to making a difference!



#### S'morevivor

Join us on September 13, 2025, at Camp Tanglewood for our annual S'morevivor Team Challenge! Teams of four will compete in outdoor skill stations like canoeing, archery, and ropes courses—all for a great cause. With divisions for corporate, community, and Girl Scout teams, it's a perfect team-building event for businesses, friends, families, and troops. Proceeds support Girl Scout programming across Georgia. Ready to take on the challenge?



## **Into the Woods**

Join us on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at Camp Martha Johnston in Lizella, Georgia, for a scenic three-mile race through 165 acres of wooded trails. Open to all ages and abilities—businesses, families, troops, and friends are welcome. Register by September 19 to guarantee a race shirt. Awards will be given to overall winners and top finishers by age group. Stick around after the run to help us celebrate the 100th anniversary of Camp Martha Johnston with special activities and a look back at a century of outdoor adventure!



## **Membership Updates**

### **Get Ready with Girl Scouts this summer!**

Girls who are new to Girl Scouts and entering kindergarten or first grade this fall can join Girl Scouts early for exclusive perks:

- 3 summer activity books
- A surprise gift
- Fun for the whole family!

*Sign up by June 30 to take advantage of this special offer!*

### **Girl Scout Experience Boxes**

It's easier than ever to lead the way with the Girl Scout Experience Box. As a Daisy or Brownie Girl Scout troop leader, you can receive complimentary meeting supplies delivered to your doorstep each month of the troop year!



#### **Daisy Experience Box:**

The Daisy Experience Box is available to new Daisy troops with at least 4 registered Daisy Girl Scouts.



#### **Brownie Experience Box:**

The Brownie Experience Box is available to new Brownie troops—including those brand new to Girl Scouts and those bridging to their first year of Brownies—with at least 4 registered Brownie Girl Scouts.

Troops receive a Welcome Box followed by up to 7 monthly boxes, depending on their start date. Shipments begin in August and each box ships for a limited time. The boxes include:

- Ready-to-go supplies for the Daisy or Brownie Girl Scouts in your troop
- Step-by-step instructions and thoughtful script suggestions
- Reusable resources to build your troop supplies



## **Troop and Volunteer Opportunities Catalog 2025-2026**

It's that time of year again...time to update your troop information for the Troop and Volunteer Opportunities Catalog!

In order for girls and adults to register online with your troop, the troop will need to be displayed in the catalog. We can display for open girl spots, as well as volunteer positions that are available in your troop. Please have only ONE person from your troop complete this short questionnaire for the Girl Scout Membership Year 2026.



*\*Please note that your exact meeting location WILL NOT be displayed in the Opportunities Catalogs. Meeting locations are listed as general areas, for example, "Troop meets in the Cataula area" or "Troop meets in the Midtown area".*

### **If you have questions about this, please contact the following staff members:**

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Ivy Westbrook - [iwestbrook@gshg.org](mailto:iwestbrook@gshg.org)



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### **Council Early Bird Incentives**

- If you haven't re-registered yet, now's the perfect time! Troops that re-register at least 80% of their girls and two adults between April 16 and June 30 will earn \$25.
- All girls who re-register for 2025 during the campaign (April 1-June 30) will receive the one-of-a-kind GSHG Early Bird patch designed by a GSHG girl!
- Service Areas will receive \$1 for every girl who early bird registers during the campaign (April 1-June 30).
- Don't forget to check out the [early bird incentives for your region!](#)



### **Reminder:**

For the membership year 2025-2026, which begins on October 1, girl memberships will be \$50, and adult memberships will be \$30.

## Extended Year Membership for New Members

Know someone ready to start their Girl Scout journey? Invite them to join with an Extended Year Membership and unlock up to 5 extra months of adventure! Starting April 1, 2025, their membership will run all the way through September 30, 2026—giving them even more time to make friends, explore new skills, and create unforgettable memories.

*Extended year cost:*

- New girl members: \$68
- New adult members: \$42

## Troop Monthly Reports

We look forward to hearing about all the wonderful things your troop is doing! Please [fill out this form](#) at the end of each month.



## Attention Region 2 Volunteers!

Summer is the perfect time to update your GSUSA adult training and Region 2 - Augusta is starting something new.

Region 2 is hosting "Terrific Training Thursday" on the 1st and 2nd Thursday (excluding holidays) of each month where volunteers can come and share with each other as they learn about: moving to the next level, adding new activities, and understanding new ways to deliver the Girl Scout experience.

Please check out these upcoming trainings to get the information and skills you need to make the upcoming Girl Scout year even better for you and your girls:

- June 5 - Including Girl Scouts with ADHD
- June 19 - GSUSA Cadette Grade Level Essentials
- July 17 - Sharing Girl Scouts with Your Community

*Please reach out to your membership manager with any questions.*



## Volunteer Development Updates

### Save the dates!

September 27-28: Basic Outdoor Skills - Augusta - Region 2

October 17-19: LEAP adult training weekend - Savannah - Region 3



### **July 18-19: Leader Glamporee - Macon**

Join us for a weekend of learning, laughter, and connection! Whether you're a brand-new leader, a returning volunteer, or a longtime supporter, this weekend is designed just for you. Learn new skills, gain fresh ideas, and enjoy the company of passionate Girl Scout adults—all in the beautiful setting of Camp Martha Johnston.

### **July 18-19: ARC Lifeguard Training - Macon**

When girls swim or are in the water for some Girl Scout activities, one adult in attendance must be currently lifeguard certified and act as the lifeguard for the activity. This course will run during the same time as Leader Glamporee. Participants that also register for Glamporee can spend the night at camp and have breakfast and lunch provided on Saturday.



### **August 8-9: Basic Backpacking - Augusta**

Join us to learn the skills to successfully plan and carry out an overnight or weeklong backpacking trek. You will learn what you need to teach your older girls so they will be ready to embark on a backpacking trip as a troop or group. At the end of the course, you will plan an overnight backpacking trip for Fall 2025 or Spring 2026 and choose a place to go on your own adventure, so you will gain the experience of an overnighter in the wilderness using the skills learned during this course. Don't worry, your instructor will go on this trip with you and help you plan a successful trip.



### **Service Unit Team Conference**

*August 8-10 at Camp Martha Johnston in Lizella, GA*

We're bringing something new and exciting your way! This August, we're combining our annual Product Program Rally and Service Team Rallies into one dynamic weekend event—designed to give your Service Unit Team the tools, knowledge, and inspiration they need for a successful year.

Throughout the weekend, representatives from Membership, Product Program, Program, and Volunteer Development will offer training, updates, and Q&A opportunities. Your team will also have the chance to connect with other Service Unit volunteers, explore fun activities at Camp Martha Johnston, and discover what's new for the upcoming Girl Scout year.

Registration will open in the coming weeks. A registration link will be emailed to Service Unit Managers, who will be asked to forward it to adult volunteers currently serving in Service Unit Team roles.



## gsLearn Updates

GSHG is transitioning to a new mandated reporter training created by GSUSA and our liability insurance provider, Palmer and Cay. The course, 325 GSHG: Mandated Reporter Training and Acknowledgement for Volunteers, went live in late May. It includes the course from GSUSA, GSUSA Girl Scouts Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Course, along with an e-signature form to sign that volunteers acknowledge that they are mandated reporters in the state of Georgia as volunteers for Girl Scouts. We will transition away from the state training over this summer. Updates will be made to our website accordingly.

## Product Program

### Start getting Product Program ready now!

- Be a registered Girl Scout volunteer, with approved background check, for the current Girl Scout Membership year. You must have the troop cookie program manager role assigned to you in myGS to have access to your troop eBudde dashboard.
- In order to be Product Program-ready, you must have two (non-related and background checked) volunteers assigned to the troop leadership role in myGS.
- For troops with fewer than 5 registered girls in grades K-5 and/or fewer than 3 registered girls in grades 6-12, you may continue to participate in upcoming Product Programs IF you are open in the Troop Catalog. To verify, call Customer Care at 1-888-689-1912.

### Now that Cookie Season is over, we are already prepping and planning for next year!



#### ***Here's how you can help:***

Tell your girls about the [Girl Advisory Committee](#)! During these monthly meetings, we chat with your girls about what rewards they want to see on next year's order card, what product programming means to them and so much more.

#### **Meet Shirley!**

Shirley the black-footed ferret is our official mascot for the 2026 Cookie Season! While you're getting to know her, take a sneak peek at next year's rewards and [vote for your favorites](#)!



#### **Cookie Program Credits!**

New! \$15.00 of Cookie Program Credits can be applied towards your total \$50.00 GSHG membership cost. These credits cannot be applied towards an adult Girl Scout membership. Complete the [Cookie Program Credit Request Form](#) for processing.

**New!** Council Cookie Program Credits can be used towards all online shops, including GSUSA shop and GSHG shop. Shipping is an additional cost for which credits do not apply. Orders can be placed for local council shop pick-up for no additional fee.

Council Cookie Program Credits can also go towards:

- Council events
- Service Unit sponsored events
- GSHG resident, day, or travel camp
- Girl Scout Destinations
- Silver/Gold Award project expenses
- GSHG membership (up to \$15)
- GSUSA Lifetime Membership (for Ambassadors only)

*All Cookie Program Credits expire on December 15, 2025.*

## Program Updates

### Get ready for your summer of ideas!

Camp season has officially arrived, and we're ready to kick off a summer full of creativity, curiosity, and confidence. As you prepare for drop-off day, make sure you have all the details you need to set your Girl Scout up for success. Our Camp Guide includes everything you need to know, including packing lists, drop-off and pick-up times, and more. Whether it's her first summer at camp or she's a seasoned pro, the Camp Guide is your one-stop resource for a smooth and stress-free experience.



### Day Camp Options:

Looking for a camp experience without the overnight stay? Check out our day camp options for all the fun of camp during the day—and home at night.

- Girl Experience Center in Savannah: June 2-6, July 14-18, July 28-August 1
- Albany Girl Scout DreamLab: June 2-6, June 9-13, July 7-11, July 21-25
- Dot's Little House in Columbus: June 9-13, July 14-18



### CMJ's 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration!

Campfires, crafts, s'mores, songs, and sisterhood—Camp Martha Johnston has been the heart of Girl Scout adventures for 100 years. Now, it's time to celebrate! After the Into the Woods Trail Run on September 27, stick around for a magical afternoon at Camp Martha Johnston's Centennial Celebration. More information coming soon!

### Albany Girl Scout Dream Lab

The Albany Girl Scout DreamLab is a flexible program space that features a podcast studio, Girl Scout boutique, STEM lab, and a space to make your dreams come true. Take a look at our daily program [schedule](#) — there's something exciting for every girl to experience!



### Look for other upcoming events!

Remember, your membership is nationwide, so you can attend any of our programs, no matter what region you live in. [Visit our website to register](#) for events!

## Retail Updates

### Summer Hour Changes for Savannah Shops

From May 31 to July 26, the Liberty Street Shop will be open every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (*excluding July 5*).

From June 4 to July 30, First Headquarters will be open on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Is there a Dad in your life that does it all for your Girl Scout or her troop?

Celebrate him this Father's Day with a New Girl Scout T-shirt, just for him. Our New Girl Scout Dad t-shirt comes in sizes medium to 4X and is only \$18.00. Contact a local shop for more information.

### The countdown to camp is on.

Stop by your local shop to pickup those camp essentials like Girl Scout t-shirts, water bottles, scrunchies & headbands, lanterns, and more.



**Don't forget!** You can shop [Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia online](#) 24/7!



## Meet our Executive, Fund Development, MarComm, and Business Operations Teams

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

### Athens & Gainesville

**Cheryl Legette**, Chief Operating Officer

**LaDon Shaw**, Chief Advancement Officer

**Rick Lemyre**, Grants Administrator

**Stefanie Murray**, Accounting Manager

**Brandy Tatum**, Multimedia Communications Manager

**Ellie Riddell**, Marketing and Social Media Specialist

**Lindsay Woodson**, Community Engagement Manager

### Augusta

**Janelle VanReenen**, Director of Accounting

**Monica Jones**, Grants Administrator

**Shawn Risher**, Community Engagement Manager

### Savannah

**Krystal Crawford**, Chief Executive Officer

**Chelsea Simpson**, Community Engagement Manager

**Mollie Andrade**, Troop Account Manager

### Albany

No staff in these departments.

### Columbus

**Sophie Jones**, Community Engagement Manager

### Macon

**Deborah Dees**, Executive Assistant to the CAO and COO

**Kimberly Novak**, Community Engagement Manager



*You can always access our full [staff directory online](#) or call Customer Care at 888-689-1912, and they will direct you to the right person!*