

Council Updates

Girl Scout Week 2026

Girl Scout Week is celebrated each March, starting with Girl Scout Sunday and ending with Girl Scout Sabbath on a Saturday, and it always includes Girl Scouts' birthday, March 12. Girl Scouts' birthday commemorates the day in 1912 when Juliette Gordon Low officially registered the organization's first 18 members in Savannah, Georgia!

Troop Monthly Report

Don't forget to send in your Troop Report by the 15th each month! It's a fun way to share all the amazing things your girls have been up to—and it helps us bring the Girl Scout experience to life. **Bonus: Each meeting submitted earns your troop one entry into a random drawing for a \$50 gift card!**

We'd also love your feedback! If you have ideas to make the form even smoother to use, pass them along to Rick Lemyre at rlemyre@gshg.org.



Town Halls

Join us for one of our upcoming Virtual Town Halls on March 24 at 6:30 PM or March 28 at 11:30 AM. These sessions are a great opportunity to share your feedback, ask questions, and connect with council leadership. We value hearing directly from our volunteers and hope you'll join the conversation. RSVP via the QR code.



We are hiring camp staff!

Spend your summer making a difference and having fun in the great outdoors. We're looking for enthusiastic and responsible individuals to join our summer camp team.

Apply today or share this opportunity with a friend who would make a great addition to our summer camp team!



Membership Updates

Early Renewal is coming up!

Early Bird Renewal will run from April 13-June 8 and it's never too early to start planning ahead! Troops should begin thinking about Early Renewal, especially since one of our cookie incentives includes coverage of the MY27 Membership Fee—yay!

Please note that a new membership fee structure for those renewing will go into effect on **April 1, 2026**:

- Girl Membership: \$70, Adult Membership: \$30 (no change)

Need help renewing? Call Customer Care at 888-689-1912!

Volunteer Development Updates

Ready, Set, Troop!

3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. March's meeting will take place on 3/16

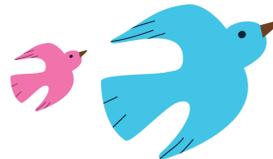
Are you a first-year Girl Scout troop leader? Join GSHG each month for Ready, Set, Troop!—a series of one-hour virtual sessions designed just for our First-Year Troop Leadership Team volunteers.

Each month features a new theme focused on timely topics to help you lead your troop with confidence. You'll have the chance to learn, ask questions, and connect with other new troop leaders across our council.



[Register here!](#)

March's Topic: Early Bird Registration



GRIT (Grow, Rise, Inspire, Train) Adult Training Weekend- Augusta - Region 2

Friday, March 27, 2026 - Sunday, March 29, 2026

REGISTRATION IS HERE! Please register by March 13.



Join us this spring for GRIT, our newest adult training weekend at Camp Tanglewood! Spend the weekend learning new skills, connecting with fellow volunteers, and enjoying a full lineup of classes including Songs & S'mores, Basic Water Rescue/Small Craft Safety, Archery, Advanced Cooking, enrichment sessions, and more. Camp Tanglewood is currently in a rebuilding season following last year's storms, so we'll be tent camping for this event—bringing an extra touch of adventure to the weekend!



Basic Outdoor Skills - Athens - Region 1
Friday, April 24, 2026 - Saturday, April 25, 2026

Basic Outdoor Skills prepares leaders with the knowledge and confidence to guide Girl Scouts through an outdoor overnight experience. This course covers the eight essential outdoor skills and is required for any trip involving outdoor cooking, campfires, or sleeping in the great outdoors. By completing this training, leaders gain the practical experience needed to help girls safely explore and enjoy their first outdoor adventures.

Basic Water Rescue and Small Watercraft Training - Effingham County - Region 3
Saturday, May 2, 2026

In this training, we'll learn what's needed to safely take Girl Scouts canoeing or kayaking. Topics will include basic water rescue techniques, safety procedures and equipment, instruction in canoe and kayak strokes and techniques, and what you need to prepare girls for a day trip on the water. We'll cover safety information and travel on the water ourselves. Bring a bag lunch, water, and suitable clothing.



Basic Outdoor Skills - Savannah - Region 3
Saturday, May 2, 2026 - Sunday, May 3, 2026

Basic Outdoor Skills prepares leaders with the knowledge and confidence to guide Girl Scouts through an outdoor overnight experience. This course covers the eight essential outdoor skills and is required for any trip involving outdoor cooking, campfires, or sleeping in the great outdoors. By completing this training, leaders gain the practical experience needed to help girls safely explore and enjoy their first outdoor adventures.



ARC Wilderness and Remote First Aid - Macon- Region 6
Friday, May 15 - Saturday, May 16

This American Red Cross training gives individuals a foundation of first aid principles and skills to be able to respond to emergencies and give care in areas that do not have immediate emergency medical services (EMS) response. This includes wilderness and remote environments, including urban disasters, such as earthquakes and hurricanes.



Product Program Updates

Upcoming Dates and Deadlines:

- **March 1:** Cookie Cupboard reorders are due in eBudde at midnight for pickup on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday.
- **March 2:** Close out week! You have less than 7 days to finalize your 2026 cookie program.
- **March 6:** All cookie cupboards and warehouse will close for reorders.
- **March 8:** End of the cookie program!
- **March 9:** All money is due in troop bank account.
- **March 9:** Parents/caregivers submit final reward selections in Digital Cookie.
- **March 9:** Troops submit ACH Reduction Request for insufficient Final ACH Draft.
- **March 9:** Delinquent Account Form due (troops must submit this form if an ACH Reduction Request was completed for either Initial and/or Final ACH Draft).
- **March 10:** Troops submit final rewards in eBudde.
- **March 10:** All paperwork due at midnight.
- **March 10:** Extreme Team Reward Jotform due.
- **March 11:** SUs submit final rewards and submit all paperwork to council.
- **March 20:** Service Unit Bonus Form due.

Review your Troop 101 for detailed instructions on closing out your 2026 Cookie Program, submitting rewards and finalizing your Final ACH Draft.

For Service Unit Product Program Managers!

Take a look at pages 11-12 of your Cookbook for tips and tricks to help prepare you for your cookie program.

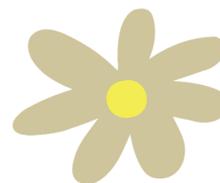


Get excited!

Rewards will begin arriving in April! Please be sure to check your items carefully when they arrive, as council will not be able to replace any missing or damaged rewards after May 1, 2026.

Personalized Patch Updates:

Girl Scouts who earned the Personalized Patch during the 2025 Fall Product Program have until **March 6, 2026** to update or tweak their avatar on the M2 Media platform—so log in, get creative, and make sure your patch reflects your one-of-a-kind Girl Scout style before the deadline!



We've heard you, and we want to share an exciting update to our Cookie Program social media policy.

Based on feedback from our members, we have updated our policy to better reflect how families are using digital tools today, while still keeping Girl Scouts safe and the program fair for everyone.

Previously, Digital Cookie links and cookie program promotions were limited to private social media profiles and private, closed groups. Our updated policy now allows public posting, as long as the following Girl Scouts of the USA guidelines are followed:

- Girl Scouts should partner with their troop and their families to learn how to safely run their online business; they should have a hands-on role!
- Girl Scouts, caregivers, and volunteers must review and adhere to the [Girl Scout Internet Safety Pledge](#), the [Girl Scout Digital Cookie Pledge](#), and [Safety Activity Checkpoints for Computer and Internet Use](#).
- Posting sales links to online resale sites is prohibited (eBay, Facebook Marketplace, Craigslist, yard sale groups, etc.)
- Paid social media ads should not be purchased or donated to promote sales link.
- Parents/caregivers should do the posting for youth under the age of 13.
- Parents/caregivers must review and approve a Girl Scout's website before it goes live.
- Parents/caregivers must review and approve any pictures or videos before they are posted to their website. If the youth is under 13 years old, a parent or caregiver must personally post the pictures and videos to their website themselves—youth under 13 are not permitted to do this.
- When they are marketing online, Girl Scouts should only use their first names, their troop number, and their council's name.

As of 2/26, Girl Scouts across our council have already shared 1,469,163 boxes of cookies with supporters near and far—and we're steadily moving toward an exciting goal. If our girls reach 2,000,000 boxes, our camps will be equipped with outdoor movie sets, creating new opportunities for Girl Scouts to gather, celebrate, and make lasting memories together.

We hope this updated policy encourages girls to keep going as they work toward their personal, troop, and council-wide goals, expanding their reach while continuing to lead their businesses safely and responsibly.



[Girl Scout Internet Safety Pledge](#)



[Girl Scout Digital Cookie Pledge](#)



[Safety Activity Checkpoints for Computer and Internet Use](#)

Program Updates

Legacy Ambassadors Program - Savannah *Nominations must be submitted by April 1st.*

Know a Senior or Ambassador ready to shine? Nominate her for the Legacy Ambassadors program! Selected girls will attend Legacy of Leadership, our big fundraising event in Savannah, and have the unique opportunity to sit at tables with sponsors, build professional skills, and connect with community leaders.



Nominees must attend pre-event trainings as well as the full event on Wednesday, May 20 (7:00 A.M. arrival). Overnight stays at Camp Low may be available for girls traveling from outside the area.

Submit your nomination through [this link](#) and give a Girl Scout the chance to grow, lead, and represent!



Remember—this is just a small snapshot of all the fun we have planned! Be sure to check our [event calendar](#) for the full list of programs, and keep an eye on Five on Friday so you never miss out on the latest adventures and exciting opportunities.

Summer Camp Updates Are Here!

We're excited to share that resident camp registration is scheduled to open on March 2!

A few important reminders:

- Early Bird coupons expire March 31, so be sure to register early to save.
- Camp deposits have been updated to \$75 per camper.

Keep an eye on your inbox for more updates! We can't wait for an amazing summer camp season!

CAMP SCHEDULE:

Week 1: June 1 - June 5, 2026

Camp Low, Operation: REACT (Resident or Day Camp)

Cadettes

Girls will dive into unforgettable, hands-on workshops led by the experts at the Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA). They'll team up with real emergency responders, learn how to navigate natural disasters, explore fire academy and field-response operations, and even tackle a simulated zombie outbreak! This camp experience trains girls to stay calm, think clearly, and act with courage—just like real-life heroes.

Week 2: June 7 - June 12, 2026

Camp Martha Johnston, Suds and Spuds (Resident Camp)

Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, & Ambassadors

Dive into the ultimate summer adventure where every day brings fun on—and in—the water while learning how to protect it. Suds and Spuds combines high-energy activities with hands-on water ecology and conservation. Campers will build skills like canoeing and water rescue, then take on the Build-Your-Own-Boat Challenge—designing and racing boats made from recycled materials. Evenings keep the fun going, including a week powered by potatoes with cooking, crafts, and catapults, plus a Pirate and Mermaid Dress-Up Party with games, a treasure hunt, and stargazing.

Week 3: June 16 - June 19, 2026

Camp Martha Johnston, LOL: It's a Vibe (Resident Camp)

Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors

Living Out Loud (LOL) is a four-day camp by girls and for girls, giving you the power to custom-build your own perfect camp session. This isn't your average camp; it's an elective-based program where you call the shots. Your activity choices are driven directly by your feedback. Through pre-camp surveys, you get to choose the workshops, adventures, and special events you want to explore—from advanced wilderness survival and digital photography to college prep and leadership training. We listen to your voice and craft a program that reflects your interests



Week 4: June 21 - June 26, 2026

Camp Tanglewood, Galaxy Quest (Resident and Day Camp)

Brownies, Juniors, and Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors

Get ready to defy the sun and embrace the cosmos! This is not your typical summer camp—Galaxy Quest is a unique, late-night adventure designed specifically for the explorers in all of us. Sharpen your astronomy skills, and enjoy a schedule built around the stars.

Week 5: June 28 - July 1, 2026

Camp Tanglewood, Tanglewood Time Travelers (Resident Camp)

Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors

This three-night, four-day camp invites you to step back in time as you solve mysteries and uncover clues from the past. Throughout the week, you'll work together to piece together evidence, follow leads, and catch the culprit behind the chaos. Each day highlights a different time period, giving you the chance to explore centuries in just a few unforgettable days.

Week 6: July 7 - July 10, 2026

Camp Low, LOL: It's a Vibe (Resident Camp)

Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors

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Retail Updates

America's 250th Anniversary Pin!

Available exclusively during 2026 to celebrate America's 250th!



This pin is a unique keepsake that celebrates our nation, our history, and Girl Scouts! The pin - an official uniform component - may be purchased at FHQ for those visiting this year or collected as a special keepsake to mark this moment in our history.

****Limited quantities available for purchase at the conclusion of your First Headquarters tour****

Build-A-Bear Workshop

A fun and memorable way to celebrate your cookie sellers has arrived at our Girl Center in Savannah! The Build-A-Bear Boutique, open as of February 27, gives Girl Scouts the chance to create their very own furry friend and dress them in adorable Girl Scout vests and outfits. It's the perfect way to turn cookie success into a special keepsake.

Shop Hours

Monday–Thursday, 10 A.M. – 4 P.M.
(Maximum of 4 participants at a time)

Party Times

Thursday–Friday, 6 P.M.

Saturday, 10 A.M. and 2 P.M.

Parties must be booked at least two weeks in advance and can accommodate 5–20 participants.

Questions? Reach out to Dawn Cusack at dcusack@gshg.org.



Our next Shop Saturday will be March 7 from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come visit us at one of our locations!

- Athens Shop: 185 Newton Bridge Road, Athens, GA 30601 (*open 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*)
- Macon Shop: 6869 Columbus Road, Lizella, GA 31052
- Savannah Shop: 535 E. Liberty Street, Savannah, GA 31401

March Mobile Shop Schedule

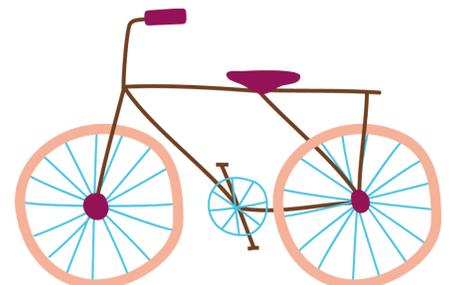
Augusta - March 14 at World Thinking Day

Gainesville - March 21 at The Lakes World Thinking Day

Athens - March 22 at River Shoals World Thinking Day

Columbus: March 17 at the Columbus Girl Scout office

Albany: March 10 at the Girl Scout DreamLab



Meet the Retail and Customer Care Teams!

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

Athens & Gainesville

Sidney Popish, Retail Sales Associate

Alicia Palmer, Reservation Specialist

Lori Cobb, Customer Care Specialist

Augusta

Juliette Williams, Data Administrator

Savannah

Amare Shager, Onboarding Manager

Dawn Cusack, Retail Sales Manager

Nasheemah Kennedy, Retail Sales Associate

Albany

No Retail or Customer Care staff in this region.

Columbus

Jackie Ramsey, Director of Customer Care

Eltalena Freeman, Onboarding Manager

Macon

No Retail or Customer Care staff in this region.



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!