

Council Updates

Closures

All GSHG offices and shops will be closed on Monday, May 26, for Memorial Day.

Save the date for Summer Summit!

Join us Saturday, June 7, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., in Monroe, GA for Summer Summit! Gather your troop, family, friends, and colleagues for an incredible day of summer fun. Relive the magic of summer camp with a Fun Run, Team Challenges, Summer Fun Stations, Health Fair, Food Vendors, and more!



Whether you're joining the competition, cheering from the sidelines, or just soaking up the fun, there's something for everyone to enjoy!

Girl Scout members will receive a discounted rate for Summer Fun Station Punch cards. All proceeds benefit GSHG.

Marketing & Communications Updates

Keep up to date with GSHG!

Missed one of our newsletters? You can always access past editions of all our newsletters on our website. If you aren't receiving these newsletters and would like to, please reach out to Brandy Tatum at btatum@gshg.org or Ellie Riddell at eriddell@gshg.org.

5 on Friday: This weekly newsletter is sent to all currently registered members that are opted in for email and includes the latest announcements from GSHG.



Service Unit Agenda: This monthly newsletter, which is sent to service unit leaders and other volunteers who request it, includes a more in-depth look at things that troop leaders and service unit leaders may find helpful.



Program Newsletter: This quarterly newsletter is sent to all currently registered members and includes an overview of all the scheduled council programs coming up for the next quarter.



Daisy's Dispatch: This is our alum newsletter, which is sent to lifetime members, alum, and anyone else who requests it. It includes an overview of council happenings, girl and alum highlights, and other special things that alum might want to know. It is sent out 3 times per year.



Membership Updates

Early Bird Registration

Early Bird Registration runs from April 1-June 30. This year's theme is "Your Year of Adventure." Here's a little blurb you can use when sharing with your service units and troops: *We know that you have been having an amazing year of fun and exploration, but are you ready for a year of adventure? Renew your membership from April 1 to June 30 and continue your journey of discovering more of what Girl Scouts has to offer!*

Council Early Bird Incentives

- 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!
- Troops who re-register 80% of their girls and 2 adults during the first 2 weeks (April 1-15) will receive \$50!
- Troops who re-register 80% of their girls and 2 adults in the following weeks (April 16-June 30) of the campaign will receive \$25!
- 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.



Volunteer Development Updates

Save the dates!

July 18-19: Leader Glamporee - outdoor fun and learning for leaders at Camp Martha Johnston

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

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

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, will be live in gsLearn in May. It will include GSUSA's 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 the summer.

Product Program Updates

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 Camp or Travel Camp
- Girl Scout Destinations
- Silver/Gold Award Project Expenses
- GSHG Membership
- GSUSA Lifetime Membership

All Cookie Program Credits expire on December 15, 2025.

Extreme Team Rewards are arriving soon!

Check with your local Council Office for more information on your Girl Scout's reward.

All Summer Camp Vouchers and Starter Vest Kits will expire on September 15, 2025.

Now that cookie season is over, we are already prepping and planning for next year! Here's how you can help:

Give us your honest opinions on the Fall Product Program and Cookie Program via our [Product Program End Survey](#). This form will close on May 31!



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.



Program Updates

Check out our summer events!

Girl Scout Day with the Columbus Clingstones:

Friday, May 23, 2025, 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Purchase tickets by May 19.



Get ready for an exciting [Girl Scout Night](#) at the ballpark with the Columbus Clingstones on May 23! Enjoy special Girl Scout Game-Day perks like a pre-game on-field parade, the chance to lead the crowd in singing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" during the seventh-inning stretch, and a 90-minute all-you-can-eat buffet of classic ballpark favorites.

Girl Scout Night with the Macon Bacon:

Tuesday, June 3, 2025, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.



Bring your troop, family, and friends to cheer on the Macon Bacon while enjoying an all-you-can-eat ballpark feast, exclusive Girl Scout fun, and a free Macon Bacon hat with every ticket! Plus, a portion of each [ticket](#) benefits Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia.

Summer Camp

Get ready for a summer full of adventure, friendship, and unforgettable memories! Whether you're looking for an exciting overnight resident camp or a fun-filled day camp, there's something for every Girl Scout. [Register today!](#)

Resident Camp Options:

- June 1-6: Camp Like a Muggle - Camp Low
- June 8-13: Camp Like a Girl - Camp Martha Johnston
- June 15-20: In Our Element - Camp Martha Johnston
- June 22-27: Playing the Past - Camp Martha Johnston
- July 8-11: Living Out Loud - Camp Martha Johnston
- July 13-18: Travel Camp - Departing from Camp Martha Johnston



Day Camp Options:

- 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



Bridging Savannah's Bridge

Girl Scouts, family, and friends are invited to join us for a supersized bridging ceremony on June 21 where we'll be walking over the Talmadge Bridge! Girl Scouts from across the nation come to Savannah, the historic home of Juliette Gordon Low, to participate in this special and unique opportunity: to celebrate themselves; reflect on their contributions to their community; connect with their Girl Scout sisters and our history; and experience a Girl Scout Ceremony as they never have before! Registration is open now!



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

Bridging and Award Season is here!

Make sure to place your orders for badges, membership stars, bridging arcs, and graduation items as soon as possible so you have them for your end-of-year celebrations.

We have some great new rainbow gifts for your Girl Scouts, coil bracelets, shoe charms, and DIY Rainbow Bracelet Kits. All for \$4 or less. We also have new Mini Bridging kits with a certificate, bridging arc, and rainbow coil bracelet for \$5.75.

Your Girl Scout worked hard to earn that Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award. Recognize her efforts with a gift from our High Awards collection, including emblem patches, membership star backers, water bottle decals, necklaces, keychains, and more. Visit www.girlscoutshop.com to see the full collection and check with your local shop for availability.



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

Meet our Program and Property Staff

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

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