

Council Updates

Closures:

All GSHG offices and shops will be closed November 6 through 7 for our annual all-together staff meeting and November 25 through 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.



Troop Monthly Report

Submit your Troop Report by the 15th each month to share your troop's latest activities. These reports help secure funding, guide council planning, and ensure the best experience for girls. The new form is quicker and easier than ever—plus, the Service Unit with the highest completion rate will get a big shout-out in 5 on Friday!

We're hiring!

At Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia, every role helps build girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. If you or someone you know is passionate about helping girls grow into their best selves and wants to be part of meaningful, mission-driven work, we'd love to have you on our team! Explore open positions and learn how to apply on our [website](#).



Letter Writing For Women's Volleyball SEC Championships!

Let's send some love to the amazing athletes competing in the Women's Volleyball SEC Championships! GSHG is collecting letters and coloring pages to brighten up the locker rooms at Enmarket Arena. Have your Girl Scouts write a note or color a page, then mail them to the Savannah office (535 E Liberty, Savannah, GA 31401) so they arrive before November 18, or upload them to the [Google Drive](#) by November 18 (you'll also find the coloring sheet and instructions there!).

Membership Updates



Renewal Time!

The new Girl Scout year is officially underway, and there's so much excitement ahead—new badges, adventures, and opportunities to learn and grow together! If any girls, volunteers, or caregivers in your troop haven't renewed yet, it's not too late. Renew now so no one misses out on the fun and friendship this year has to offer.

For the 2025–2026 membership year, girl membership is \$50 and adult membership is \$30.



Operational Volunteer Policies

The updated Operational Volunteer Policies and Procedures are here! You can now find the latest version on our website. Membership Managers will also be sharing the updated document directly with volunteers—so everyone has the most up-to-date information at their fingertips.

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.

Volunteer Development Updates

Ready, Set, Troop!

3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

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.

November's Topic: Troop Meeting Resources — Learn about helpful tools for planning meetings and get to know your regional staff team!

This month's meeting will take place on November 17, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



Register here!



2026 Outdoor Trainings - Registration Coming Soon!

Get ready to head outdoors! Our 2026 Outdoor Trainings are coming up soon, and they're the perfect way for volunteers to gain confidence and learn the skills needed to lead Girl Scouts on fun, safe outdoor adventures. From campfire cooking and tent pitching to safety tips and planning unforgettable troop activities, these trainings have you covered. Stay tuned for registration details!

Camp Low Challenge Course Facilitator Training- High & Low Elements- Savannah - Region 3 Friday, January 16, 2026 - Sunday, January 18, 2026

This required training certifies adult facilitators to operate the zipline and rock wall at Camp Low in Savannah, GA. The course also includes instruction on low elements. Participants must be registered members of Girl Scouts.

GRIT (Grow, Rise, Inspire, Train) Adult Training Weekend- Augusta- Region 2 Friday, March 27, 2026 - Sunday, March 29, 2026

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 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.

Product Program Updates

The Fall Product Program is officially coming to a close!

Congratulations to all participating Girl Scouts and a special shoutout to our volunteers for leading our Girl Scouts with courage, confidence, and character. For detailed instructions to closing out your program, take a look at the 2025 Fall Product Troop 101 found in [gsLearn](#).



Upcoming Dates and Deadlines:

- **November 7– 14:** ACH drafts will begin appearing in troop bank accounts
- **November 12-14:** Product delivered to your Service Units
- **November 23:** Deadline for Girl Scouts to complete their product deliveries
- **December 1:** Double check that your troop roster is up to date in myGS
- **December 1:** gsLearn Cookie Training is LIVE
- **December 19:** All paperwork due to council for volunteer upload on January 2, 2026
- **December 19:** Cookie booth spreadsheet due to council for January 10 Cookie Booth Selector
- **January 2:** Cookie Program begins!

Are YOU ready for cookies?!

Before cookie season kicks off, make sure your Troop Cookie Program Manager is all set! This volunteer must be registered Girl Scouts with a current, approved background check for this membership year. Need to check your status? Give Customer Care a call at 1-888-689-1912.

- ☐ You must have the Troop Cookie Program Manager role assigned to you in myGS to gain access to your Troop M2 Media Dashboard and have two non-related, background-checked volunteers assigned to the troop leadership role in myGS.
- ☐ Troops with fewer than 5 registered girls in grades K-5 and/or less than 3 registered girls in grades 6-12 may participate in upcoming Product Programs IF they are open in the Troop Catalog. Call Customer Care on 1-888-689-1912 for verification.
- ☐ Have your troop bank account set up by the GSHG troop account manager.
- ☐ Sign the [2025-2026 Product Program Manager Agreement](#) and [Troop Debt Procedure](#) via JotForm by December 19, 2025.



[Product Program
Manager Agreement](#)



[Troop Debt
Procedure](#)

Are YOUR GIRL SCOUTS ready for cookies?!

Have adults complete the Parent Checklist! This checklist contains the steps required to participate in the Fall Product Program.

- ☐ Register your girl for the current Girl Scout membership year. To verify, call Customer Care at 1-888-689-1912.
- ☐ Opt-in to receive emails. Ensure that your correct email address is in your myGS account and verify that you opted-in to receive emails to receive your Girl Scout’s online site invite.
- ☐ Complete the [2026 Parent Debt Procedure](#) before January 2, 2026. Completion of this form allows for Girl Scouts to receive packages/cases without pre-paying for cookies.
- ☐ Submit the [2025-2026 Product Program Parent Permission Form](#) with your troop number, service unit name, and region before January 2, 2026. If you are unsure of this information, please contact your troop leader.
 - For Girl Scouts in multiple troops, you can only participate in one troop for the duration of the cookie program.
 - Submission of any product program forms does not require your participation in either program.

[Parent Debt Procedure](#)



[2025-2026 Product Program Parent Permission Form](#)



Start searching for those cookie booth spots!

It’s never too early to start planning where your troop will sell cookies. Connect with your Service Unit Product Program Manager for the forms you need and some handy tips on asking permission. The sooner you start, the sweeter your cookie season will be!

Cookie Season Stretch Goal Survey:

We’re planning something extra special for this year’s cookie season—a councilwide stretch goal! If Girl Scouts across our council reach this big goal together, we’ll add a brand-new feature to our camp properties. But first, we need girls to help decide what that feature will be!

Girls can [vote](#) for one of three fun options:

- Silent Disco Set (Robert Lewis would receive stargazing equipment)
- Outdoor Movie Set
- Geocaching Adventure Set

Encourage your Girl Scout to take the quick survey and cast her vote!



Program Updates



Girl Scouts Do STEM - Warner Robins - Region 6

November 8, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., *Register by November 3.*

Open to **ALL GIRLS** in grades 2–12—not just Girl Scouts—this hands-on event is full of fun, creativity, and curiosity! Led by inspiring women from Georgia Power, participants will explore exciting STEM activities, experiment with innovative tools, and discover how science and technology can spark their imagination. Don't miss this chance for a day of learning, building, and inspiration!

Virtual Flag Ceremony Trainings

Sessions available nightly from November 9 through 14, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Learn (or just brush up) flag etiquette, flag ceremony calls, flag folding, and more! Learn how to be a part of a honor guard and handle the flag properly! Girls who complete this training will be placed on a list to act as members of the official "GSHG Honor Guard" at council and other public events.

**Each session has a registration deadline, so be sure to sign up ahead of time.*



Girl Scouts Day with the Atlanta Falcons

November 16, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., *Purchase tickets by November 7.*

Ticket sales for this event have been extended to November 7, so there's still time to join the fun. Gather your troop for an unforgettable Girl Scouts Day where football meets community spirit. Each ticket purchased through this special link contributes \$7 to your council's fundraiser and comes with an exclusive Girl Scouts patch. Cheer on the Falcons, connect with other Girl Scouts, and make a positive impact—all in one amazing game day 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



Shop Closures

Shops will be closed November 6 through 7 for our annual all-together staff meeting and November 25 through 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Shops will close at 12:30 p.m. on November 26. Don't forget you can shop [Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia online](#) 24/7!

Upcoming Mobile and Pop-Up Shops:

- 11/4: Augusta Mobile Shop
- 11/18: Columbus Mobile Shop
- 11/19: Gainesville Mobile Shop

Our next Shop Saturdays will be on November 1 and December 6 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
- Macon Shop: 6869 Columbus Road, Lizella, GA 31052
- Savannah Shop: 535 E. Liberty Street, Savannah, GA 31401

Meet the Executive, MarComm, Fund Development, and Finance Teams!

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

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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!