girl scouts of historic georgia

Service Unit Agenda

November 2026

Council Updates

Travel Her Way
Big Adventures Start Here! New York City in 2027! London in 2028!
Where will Girl Scouting take you? Get ready to explore the world with Travel Her Way, Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia's exciting travel program designed to give girls unforgettable experiences, new friendships, and the confidence to discover the world on their own terms!

Join us for a Virtual Information Night on either 11/10 or 11/29 as we unveil two incredible upcoming adventures:

New York City Adventure
June 21–27, 2027. Cost: $2,050 per person.

London Calling!
June 17–24, 2028. Estimated Cost: $3,300 per person

2026-2027 Program and Resource Guide is now live!
Our Program Guide has a new look this year, be sure to check out our programming schedule for the whole school year now!
Your Girl Scout membership is nationwide. Don't forget, you can attend events all across our council's footprint and beyond - solo or with your troop!

Follow us on social media!

Want to stay up to date with the latest from GSHG? Follow us on social media for pictures and videos of all the exciting things girls are doing, program opportunities, council updates, and much more. Just search for “Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia” on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, or TikTok!

Help us hit our goal of 1,000 followers on TikTok so we can do exciting things like being able to go on TikTok Live from camp and events, and even open a TikTok Shop!



Membership Updates

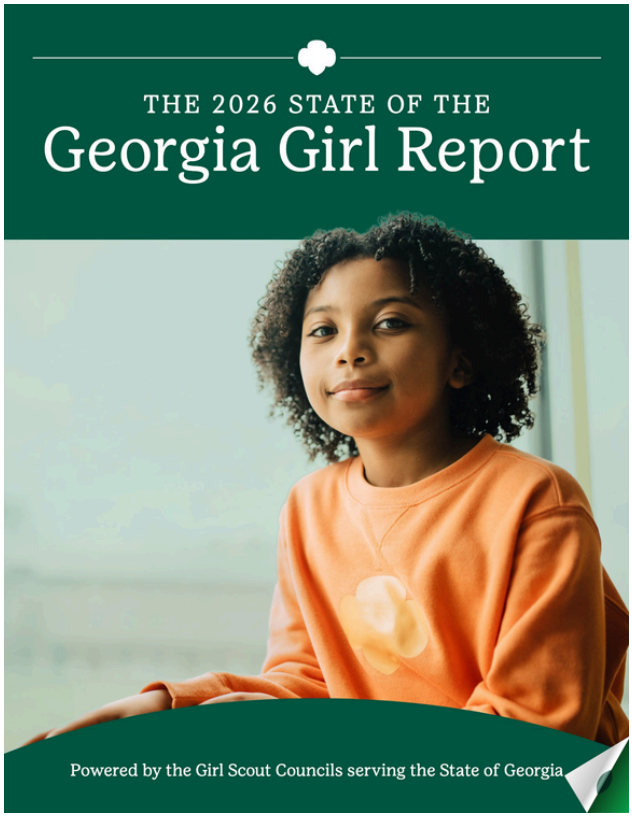
Does your service unit have an event coming up that you'd like to see added to our **council calendar**? Tell us about it!
Please note: to have an SU event on the calendar it must be open to Girl Scouts council-wide.



Insurance Partner Updates
Current and future Girl Scouts with insurance through our partners CareSource and Peach State will have an updated membership fee of $5 per girl. Refer to the Insurance section of our website for requirements set by our partners for eligibility.

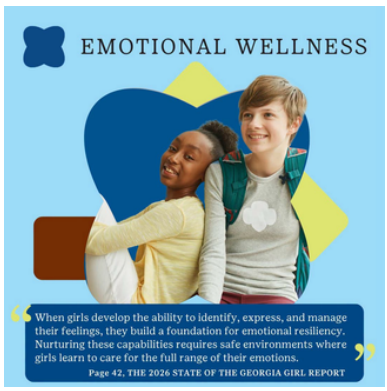
Troop Monthly Report
Remember to send in your Troop Report by the 15th each month! It's a fun way to share all the amazing things your girls have been up to—and it helps us bring the Girl Scout experience to life.
Bonus: Each meeting submitted earns your troop one entry into a random drawing for a $50 gift card!

State of the Georgia Girl Report
Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia (GSHG) and Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta are honored to release the inaugural State of the Georgia Girl Report, the first study of its kind to bring together statewide data on the health, safety, education and wellbeing of girls across Georgia. The two councils commissioned the report as part of their shared mission to help every girl in Georgia thrive, starting with a clear picture of the challenges she faces today. View the report and recordings from our panel discussion in Savannah at www.gshg.org/georgia-girl









Volunteer Development Updates

Ready, Set, Troop!
Girl Scout Cookie Program: November 16, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Are you a first-year Girl Scout troop leader? GSHG will hold monthly information sessions for our first-year Girl Scout troop leadership team volunteers. The 1-hour sessions will be online with a theme each month. First-year Girl Scout troop leaders will learn about timely topics for leading a Girl Scout troop, ask questions and meet other new troop leaders. *The sessions will be held the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.*

Adult Awards and Recognitions

Adult volunteers make Girl Scouting happen! Would you like to recognize a volunteer in your Service Unit for the great work they do with the Service Unit and/or troops in your area?

The period to submit nominations opened on October 1, 2026. Service for these awards must have been provided from October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026. The nomination period will remain open until February 22, 2027.

Check out our website to learn more about our Adult Recognitions process. If you have questions about the process, forms or awards, please email Tiffany Connolly at tconnolly@gshg.org

Basic Outdoor Skills - Macon
November 13-14

Basic Outdoor Skills Training gives leaders the skills needed to take Girl Scouts on a beginning outdoor overnight experience. This is a facilitator-led course that is required before taking Girl Scouts on experiences where there will be outdoor cooking (campfire or propane stove) or sleeping in an outdoor setting (bathroom facilities in a separate structure, platform tents, cabins, pitched tents).
Course Prerequisite: GSUSA Girl Scouts in the Outdoors (online course on gsLearn for all registered adult members of GSHG).
This training is required before camping with Girl Scouts.

Basic Backpacking - Savannah
January 29-30

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 prepare 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 in Spring or Fall of 2027 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.

Save the Date: GRIT (Grow, Rise, Inspire, Train) Adult Training Weekend
Augusta, Camp Tanglewood: Friday, March 19, 2027 - Sunday, March 21, 2027

Product Program Updates

Upcoming Dates and Deadlines:

- **November 2:** Campaign end date for direct shipped and online storefronts
- **November 2:** Paper order entry deadline for Service Units
- **November 2:** Last day to opt out of rewards for additional proceeds
- **November 11 - 13:** Product deliveries to Service Units
- **November 23:** Girl delivery deadline to customers

Fall Product Program has ended: now what?
Your troop is now finished with the "sales" portion of the program, and the "delivery" stage is coming in a few weeks. You will still need to pick up your troop delivery from the SUFPPM and distribute to your troop so they can complete their deliveries. Now is a good time to schedule a day and time to meet with your troop to distribute the girl-delivered products.
Take a look at the "Reports" section of your troop dashboard to see how your troop did this year!
Watch this video for instructions: **Fall Product Program for Volunteers: Reports**

Get ready: the Cookie Program is up next!
All available cookie training and resources are accessible through gsLearn – this includes Caregiver and Troop 101s, helpful inventory tracking templates and all necessary forms.

For Service Unit Product Program Managers!
Take a look at page 5 of your Cookbook for tips and tricks to help prepare you for your Cookie Program.

Cookie Season Promo Kits from LBB are Here!
Thank you to our friends and partners at Little Brownie Bakers for sending over a PR package to celebrate year two of Exploremores!
Unbox these great cookie season resources with us and download them for yourself at **www.gshg.org**!









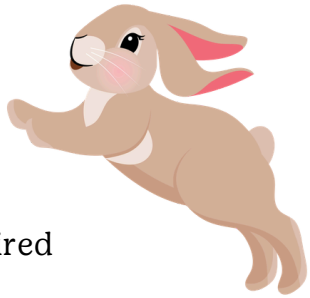
Product Program Updates *(continued)*

Are YOU ready for the 2027 Girl Scout Cookie Program?

Step 1: Be Product Program Ready! This checklist contains the steps necessary to participate in the Cookie Program:

- Be a registered Girl Scout volunteer with an approved background check for the current Girl Scout Membership year. To verify, call Customer Care at 1-888-689-1912.
- You must have the Troop Cookie Program Manager role assigned to you in myGS to gain access to eBudde and have two non-related, background-checked volunteers assigned to the troop leadership role in myGS.
- Troops with less 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 at 1-888-689-1912 for verification.
- Have your troop bank account set up by the Troop Account Manager.
- Complete the 2026-2027 Product Program Manager Agreement and Debt Form via Jotform.

Step 2: Watch training videos! Go to gsLearn to access the entire Cookie Program Training playlist. Get started by watching the GSHG Cookie Program Training video to gain access to your Digital Cookie troop site and receive eBudde access.
Step 3: Mark your calendar! Be aware of all deadlines set throughout the Cookie Program.



Are YOUR GIRL SCOUTS ready for the 2027 Girl Scout Cookie Program?

Step 1: Complete the Caregiver Checklist! This checklist contains the steps required to participate in the Cookie 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 2026-2027 Product Program Caregiver Permission Form and Debt Form via Jotform with your troop number, service unit name, and region before December 14, 2026. If you are unsure of this information, please contact your troop leader.
  - Girl Scouts registered in multiple troops may participate in the Cookie Program through only one troop.
  - Submission of any product program forms does not require your participation in either program.
  - For households with more than one Girl Scout, submit one permission form per girl.

Step 2: Watch the training videos! Head to www.gshg.org/cookies to access available training resources.
Step 3: Mark your calendar! Be aware of all deadlines set during the Cookie Program.

Program Updates

Self-Paced Gold Award Training Now Available!
GSUSA has released an online Gold Award training that Girl Scouts can take anytime, at their own pace—no gsLearn account or login needed. It works on any device (computer, tablet, or phone), designed to meet girls where they are.

What to know:

- Self-paced—start, stop, and revisit anytime
- Works on any device, no login required
- Open to Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors ready to explore the Gold Award. Required for Girl Scouts who plan to earn the Gold Award.
- Adults are welcome to take it too, just to see what it's about!

Ready to take the next step? At the end of the training, there's an interest form for Girl Scouts who want to move forward and be matched with a Gold Award Coach - a local volunteer from our council. GSUSA tracks completions and will notify us when a Girl Scout is ready for a coach.

Note: If you're not a Girl Scout Senior or Ambassador, feel free to explore the training, but please don't submit the interest form. Let's keep that step reserved for those eligible and ready to begin their Gold Award journey.

Link to the training: GSUSA Gold Award Training. Feel free to share and let us know what you think! Questions? Mygoldaward@gshg.org or your local GSHG staff member.

Upcoming Programs
We're always adding new events to our calendar, so don't forget to bookmark www.gshg.org/events to stay up to date with what's new and see what's coming up next at GSHG!

Region 1 Events
11/8: UGA Women's Hockey Game
11/21: Girl Scout Night with Rock Lobsters
12/11: Girl Scout Night with Rock Lobsters

Region 2 Events
11/20: Nutcracker! A Christmas Ballet
11/14: Girl Scouts Day with iCode
11/18: Girl Scout Night with AU Women's Basketball

Region 3 Events
11/6: Build-A-Bear Sleepover
11/21: Girl Scout Island Ultra at Camp Low
11/21: Feathers 10k at Camp Low

Region 4 Events
11/17: Knead the Dough
11/24: She Creates What's Next

Region 5 Events
11/12: Event Director Training
11/14: 2026 Veterans Day Community Project
11/17: Bronze Award Training
11/18: Silver Award Training
11/19: Gold Award Training

Region 6 Events
11/13: Basic Outdoor Skills
11/27: CMJ Black Friday Hike

Virtual Events
11/10 and 11/29: Travel Her Way
11/9: Bronze Award Training
11/16: Silver Award Training
11/23: Gold Award Training

Retail Updates



GSHG Holiday Gift Guide
When you give a Girl Scout a gift, you are also giving a gift to girls. Check out this year's retail offerings available across our council shops!

Find the perfect gift for every Girl Scout!

GSHG Certified Cookie Seller T-shirt



$27.00

More than Great Cookies Hoodie



$38.00

Last Chance Cookie Bundles



Mega Bundle
$69.99



Basic Bundle
$59.99



Explore Bundle
$59.99

Limited quantities available. Items also sold individually.

Meet the Membership Team!

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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!