



Early Renewal is happening now!

Sign up for another year today and keep the excitement going! In addition to all the [amazing incentives](#) we are offering this year, **every “early bird” who renews their membership today, April 1, will receive the special “First Day Patch”** designed by Girl Scout Brownie Grace of Virginia Beach Troop 1014! See what other kinds of rewards await you at gscoc.org/renew — all just for saying “yes” to another year of fun, friendship, and making the world a better place.



Grace's inspiration for this year's theme: "One of my favorite Girl Scout activities is taking a hike with my troop when we go camping. Each hike, especially with my sister Girl Scouts, is full of adventure! Every year in Girl Scouts is a year of fun and adventure!" We can't wait to see Grace's patch on vests, sashes, and tunics all across the Colonial Coast!

Thank you to everyone who entered and voted! Be sure to [renew](#) for your “Your Year of Adventure” today to score Grace's winning design.



Register for Summer Camp by June 1

Our [summer camp sessions](#) are filling up but there are still plenty of opportunities for your Girl Scout to get in on the fun! From high-adventure offerings like white water rafting trips to practicing teamwork with games at day camp, there is something for every age and interest.

Parent/Caregiver Virtual Meetings

Questions about summer camp? Join one of our upcoming chats. [Register online](#) for any of the following dates.

- Sunday, April 28, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. – Emotional Readiness for Camp
 - Tuesday, May 7, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. – Tips for First-time Campers
 - Sunday, May 19, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. – Help Prevent Homesickness
 - Tuesday, May 28, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. – Camp Prep Checklist
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Upcoming Events

These are just a few of the amazing offerings available this spring! Download a printable version of the entire calendar of events through September 2024: [Program Events Calendar](#) (PDF)

Celebrate Earth Month in April!

Make this a time to reflect on our relationship with the planet and take action to protect it. There are a lot of special events going on this month, including two with a Girl Scout focus.

Great Bridge Battlefield & Waterways History Foundation is hosting **Celebrate Earth Day on April 6 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**, a Girl Scout Gold Award driven event organized by Girl Scout Ambassador Maureen K. that is free and open to the public. There will be fun activities to help everyone learn how to keep our community clean and green. Bring your “what do I do with all these?” plastic bags for recycling — they may become a new bench! Bring gently used clothes for the clothes swap! Enjoy vendor exhibits from Chesapeake Environmental Improvement Council, Tidewater Bee Keepers, The Butterfly Society and more.

Be sure to tune in to WHRO’s premiere of their documentary, [Against The Current](#), on **April 24**. GSCCC has Girl Scout projects on exhibit at their premiere screening events; the next one is coming up on **April 18** in Virginia Beach.

And we want to remind folks that [Earth Day will be celebrated at Mt. Trashmore](#) again this year! Join GSCCC along with many other vendors, food trucks, and more on **April 20**. The event is free and open to the public, so stop by any time from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and enjoy a fun craft to take home!



Rhythm: The Heartbeat of The Orchestra – Sunday, April 7

This Peanut Butter & Jam concert will explore the many ways that rhythm organizes sound. With marches, waltzes and steel drums, the Virginia Symphony Orchestra will have you dancing in the aisles as you discover how melody and rhythm intertwine. [Use code GIRLSCOUTS for 15% off your tickets!](#)

It’s Your Planet, Love It! Journey – Saturday, May 4

Learn about how and where food is grown, harvested, processed, distributed, and consumed, and why that matters. Plan a Take Action Project to share your

knowledge with others. Tidewater Collegiate Academy staff will be on hand to teach girls the importance of caring for our planet from earth to sky!

Location: Virginia Wesleyan University, Virginia Beach

Levels: All

Registration Deadline: April 15

The Science of Golf – Sunday, May 12

Take a day trip to Topgolf Virginia Beach and pick up all the basics of teeing off. Learn about the game of golf using next-level technology in climate-controlled hitting bays and have some interactive play time with your Girl Scout friends while enjoying lunch!

Location: Topgolf, Virginia Beach

Levels: All

Registration deadline: May 1

Geocaching – Saturday, May 18

Geocaching is an exciting exploration game using a Global Positioning Satellite (GPS). Search for hidden treasures all around the camp property. At the end of the session the group will learn how to set up their own cache for others to find!

Location: A Place for Girls, Chesapeake

Levels: J/C

Registration deadline: May 9

Girls Night Out with the Tides – Friday, May 31

It's time for our annual trip to the ballpark! Join your sister Girl Scouts for a fun night of baseball with the Norfolk Tides at Harbor Park. Price includes a hot dog and a drink! Optional overnight: Spend the night camped out under the stars at Harbor Park after the game, and watch a movie on the Jumbotron!

Location: Harbor Park, Norfolk

Levels: All

Registration deadline: May 14

In-Person Auction Finale: May 4, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

The d'Art Center in Norfolk is hosting an art-themed Camp is Calling Finale for adults 21+. Paddles at the ready for the live auction of specially curated items! Enjoy artist led activities to make your own masterpieces. You will leave with your new-found treasures that evening. Get your tickets now!



April is Month of the Military Child

Show your Girl Scout and military pride this month! Find resources and fun activities on our [Supporting Military Families](#) page, including our Explore Military Pride patch series. Girl Scouts is proud to serve military families across our country and the world. Celebrate with us on social media with #MonthOfTheMilitaryChild and be sure to tag us in your post!

Scholarship Reminder

Graduating Girl Scouts have opportunities to receive scholarships for their continuing education. Applications are being accepted through May 1, 2024. Please visit gsc.org to learn more.



Acts of Service, Acts of Kindness



Gold Award: Eating Disorders



World Thinking Day

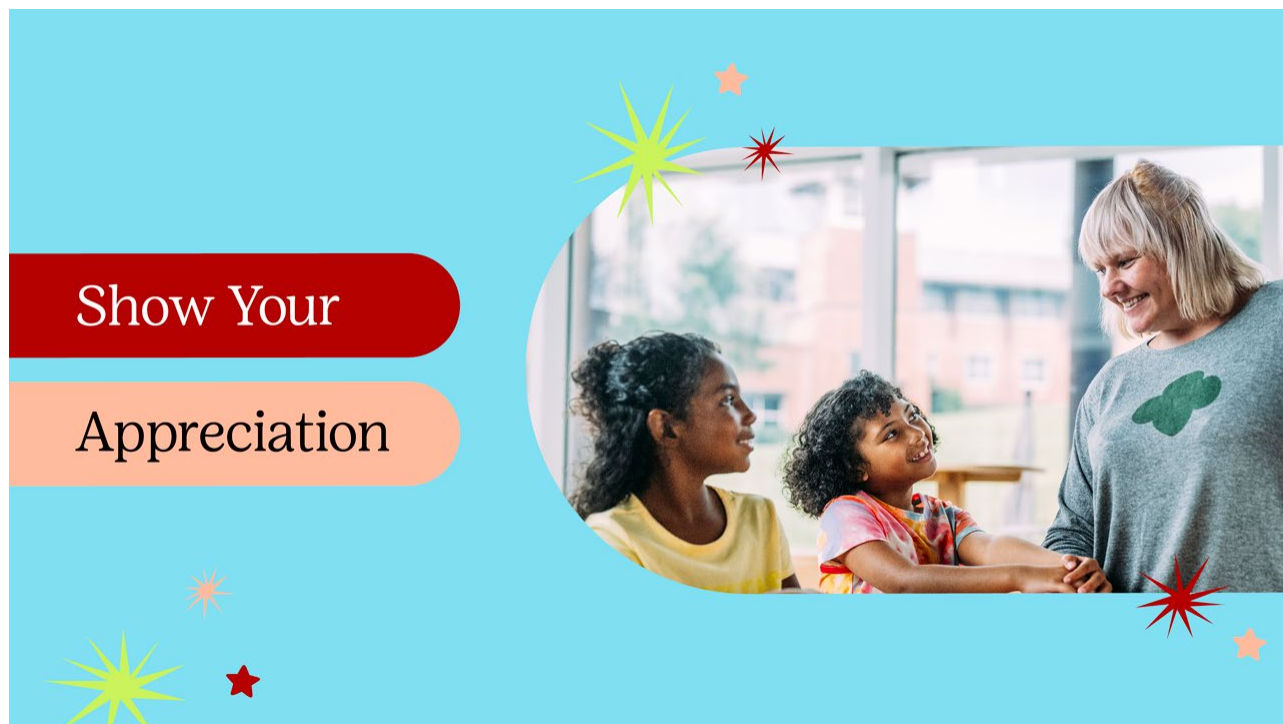
In The Spotlight: Stories from the GSCCC Blog

Acts of Service, Acts of Kindness—Troop 94 did a community service project and other activities to earn a patch. [Read the full article](#)

Gold Award Spotlight: Education: Learn about Eating Disorders—Girl Scout Lydia created a lesson plan to educate her community about teen ED. [Read the full article](#)

World Thinking Day—Troop 782 had a “royal” time learning about England for a special SU event. [Read the full article](#)

Want to see your news featured on our blog? [Share your story with GSCCC!](#)



April is National Volunteer Appreciation Month!

We know we're not alone when we say we love our volunteers. When asked about their troop leaders, 86% of Girl Scouts said their leader makes them feel important and 94% of parents/caregivers say their Girl Scout's leader made their family feel like part of a community.

- Troop Leader Appreciation Day: April 22
- National Volunteer Week: April 21-27
- National Volunteer Week: April 21-27, 2024

Tell your troop leader—or any Girl Scout volunteer—how much you appreciate them with the fun, creative ideas and activities we've curated at gsc.org.



GSCCC Shop Specials

April 3, 10, 17 and 24: Discount Wednesdays!

Pick a lucky unicorn at checkout and receive a 10% or 15% discount off the entire purchase. *May not be combined with any other offer.*

Neon Trefoil Gradient T-Shirt: A soft, soothing ombré color design reminiscent of a sunset in peach, pink, and light blue, along with a striking solid pink trefoil graphic encircled by the words "Girl Scouts" and printed in a bold, neon gel texture. Girls': \$25, Women's: \$28.

Bridging Kits: Each kit contains the must-have items to be presented to girls as they bridge to the next level. Brownie, Senior and Ambassador: \$8; Junior and Cadette: \$10.

Baseball Caps: These soft, stylish caps are the perfect accessory for all your outdoor adventures! Assorted colors, one size fits all. \$18 each.

Rainbow Baseball T-Shirt: This rainbow baseball crewneck girls' tee is sure to be a favorite. In light heather grey with eye-catching blue contrast color sleeves and neck. Repeat "Girl Scouts" rainbow graphic adds even more fun. \$20 each.

It's your one-stop-shop to hop into spring, with badges, awards, and fun, new bling—[let's go shopping!](#)



Honor Trees this Arbor Day, April 26

Trees do so much: provide habitat for wildlife, create shade on hot summer days, remove asthma-causing air pollution, and more. Join Girl Scouts to make the world a better place as we plant, protect, and honor trees with the Girl Scout Tree Promise. [Get the free activity guide and learn how to earn this patch!](#)