



## Happy Birthday, Girl Scouts!

Girl Scouts' birthday, March 12, commemorates the day in 1912 when Juliette Gordon Low officially registered the organization's first 18 members in Savannah, Georgia. This year, **Girl Scout Week will be observed March 10-16**, and we have plenty of activities, games, and other fun ways to celebrate each day.

This is also when we observe **Faith Week**; celebration days include Girl Scout Sunday (March 10), Girl Scout Jummah (March 15), and Girl Scout Sabbath/Shabbat (March 15 –16). It is a perfect opportunity for Girl Scouts to receive the religious recognition of their faith.



### Last call for Camp Early Birds!

Discounted pricing for summer camp registration ends after **March 15**, and spots are already filling up! Don't miss out on these outdoor adventures; check out the [Summer Camp Guide](#) to see everything that's available and get your camper signed up today at [gccc.org/summercamp](https://gccc.org/summercamp).

## Camp Open House

Discover the fun that awaits you at summer camp before the season even begins at our camp open house! Take a self-guided tour of our beautiful camp properties. Select a date/location to learn more.

- [Camp Darden, Courtland – March 2](#)
- [Camp Skimino, Williamsburg – March 9](#)
- [Camp Apasus, Norfolk – March 23](#)
- [Camp Outback, Chesapeake – April 6](#)

## Go on a Cookie Quest!

A big Cookie Congratulations to the winners of our Digital Cookie Video Contest!

- Girl Scout Daisy Elizabeth
- Girl Scout Junior Adalyn
- Girl Scout Brownie Seraphina
- Girl Scout Junior Kassie

The Digital Cookie Contest may have wrapped, but there are still a lot of cookie season activities to enjoy, like our new Cookie Quest! Check out the [Cookie Quest activity sheet](#) to see how you can earn a free patch!

## Scholarships and Contests

Deadlines are coming up, get your entries and applications ready!

### **Buck Harris Award** | [View Criteria and Nomination Form](#)

This award is named after Georgie “Buck” Harris who served as the executive director of what was then the Virginia Tidewater Area Council of Girl Scouts (now GSCCC) and was director of Camp Matoaka, a Girl Scout camp in Suffolk, until she retired in 1972. The recipient of this award will receive a framed certificate and will be able to select a week at a GSCCC-sponsored summer camp. Nominations are due by **March 31**.

### **She Believes She Can, So She Does Scholarship** | [View Criteria and Application](#)

This special GSCCC scholarship supports girls pursuing higher education

opportunities, including vocational training and undergraduate education. The scholarship provides opportunities for girls looking to further their skills and education while contributing to leadership positions and the workforce.

Deadline is **May 1**.

**Maylea Brockington Beasley Love & Laughter Scholarship** | [View Criteria and Application](#)

This special scholarship recognizes a Gold Award Girl Scout who demonstrates academic achievement, community service, and the relentless pursuit of love and laughter. Deadline is **May 1**.

**Get Excited for the Red, White, and Blue!** | [View Rules and Application](#)

Students in grades K-12 are invited to enter the VFW Auxiliary National Singing Contest for a chance to win hundreds of dollars in gift cards. First, second, and third place prizes are awarded across two grade level divisions. Video of contestant's solo vocal performance of The Star-Spangled Banner must be submitted by **March 31**.

**Illustrating America Art Contest** | [View Rules and Application](#)

This national contest aims to introduce, encourage and recognize young artists in grades K-8 with patriotism through art. Entries will be judged on patriotic theme and technique. First, second, and third place prizes are awarded across three grade level divisions. Final entries must be submitted by **March 31**.

## Highest Awards Event Promises to “Amaze”

Celebrating our changemakers! Save the date for the Girl Scouts Who Amaze Ceremony on **June 1**, where we will recognize special council award recipients and the 2023-24 class of Gold, Silver, and Bronze Award Girl Scouts! *(Note: Highest Award projects must be completed by March 31, 2024, for inclusion in this year's ceremony.)*



## Big Changes to the Commemorative Process

Are you tired of waiting months for your brick to be added to the commemorative garden? GSCCC is making a change to the process by adding a second commemoration to the year! Save the dates for our 2024 ceremonies on May 4 and October 12. Having two ceremonies will give you a timely way to show your appreciation of your troop leaders, service unit team, girls' Highest Award achievements, Mother's Day, birthdays and more!

- Spring ceremony on May 4 – orders due by April 1 (no fooling!)
- Fall ceremony on October 12 – orders due by September 6

Learn more and place your order for a brick or bench today at [gsc.org](https://gsc.org).



Gold Award: More Than Art Con



Gold Award: Gardens at ForKids



Bronze Award: Hopeful Hats

## In The Spotlight: Stories from the GSCCC Blog

**Gold Award Spotlight: More Than Art Con**—Girl Scout Susie introduced community families to various fine arts experiences. [Read the full article](#)

**Gold Award Spotlight: Sustainable Pollinator Roof Top and Ground Level Garden at ForKids in Chesapeake, Virginia**—Girl Scout Chardan installed two special gardens at a local community shelter. [Read the full article](#)

**Bronze Award Spotlight: Hopeful Hats**—Girl Scout Pippa taught others how to knit special hats for babies in NICUs. [Read the full article](#)

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



## **Spread Kindness Patch Program ends March 31**

Have you participated in the Spread Kindness campaign? **Here is your reminder that all patch requirements must be completed by March 31.** Check out this [story on Troop 94](#) who recently completed the program, then [download the free activity sheet](#) to see how you can make the world a better place by spreading kindness this month!

## **Last Call for First Day Patch Contest**

We want YOU to design our First Day Patch! Your design could be produced as the official patch given to everyone who renews their membership on April 1, 2024. Follow the theme: “Your Year of Adventure” and **submit your original design by March 15.** Get all the details at [gsc.org/renew](https://gsc.org/renew). (Renewal incentives will be announced on March 12!)

# Upcoming Events

Download a printable version of the entire calendar of events through September 2024: [Program Events Calendar](#) (PDF)



## **Hurrah Players Present: Matilda Jr., March 8 & 9**

A gleefully witty ode to the anarchy of childhood and the power of imagination! Packed with high-energy dance numbers and catchy songs, Matilda Jr. is a joyous girl power romp. [Learn more and get tickets](#) for this fun musical today!

## **Cookies on Ice with the Norfolk Admirals – Saturday, April 6**

It's Girl Scout night for hockey fans and their families! Join us for fun pre-game activities starting at 5:30 p.m., and then get ready to watch the Norfolk Admirals take on the Reading Royals from Pennsylvania. Patch included!

Location: Norfolk Scope

Levels: All

*Registration Deadline: April 1*

## **Are You Sorority Ready? – Saturday, April 6**

Learn all about the work sororities do, from supporting their members to giving back to their communities. Much like Girl Scouts, these campus organizations offer young women opportunities for leadership development, community service, and friendship, while encouraging academic success. Girl Scout and Kappa Delta Sisters will celebrate Earth Day by planting flowers, make bird feeders, and learn about how we can help the environment by making small changes at home!

Location: The College of William & Mary, Williamsburg

Levels: All

*Registration deadline: March 18*

## **A Fusion of Glass – Sunday, April 7**

Learn how to make art with glass! Experience a fun beginner's workshop in glass fusion. Girl Scouts will place small chips of glass together to create their very own sun catcher masterpiece.

Location: Happy Hour Glass Works, Suffolk

Levels: D/B

*Registration deadline: April 1*

## **Year in the Life of a Girl Scout: Awards & Appreciation – Saturday, April 13**

You may already know about the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. But do you know about the Buck Harris Award, the Congressional Award, or the community service bar? Are you familiar with all the scholarships and tuition rewards that are only available for Girl Scouts? Well cover all these and more, plus: April is Volunteer Appreciation Month, which includes Troop Leader Appreciation Day on April 22. How can you recognize and honor your favorite volunteer or leader?

Location: A Place for Girls, Chesapeake

Levels: All

*Registration deadline: March 27*



## **GSCCC Shop Specials**

### **March 6, 13, 20 and 27: Discount Wednesdays!**

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

### **Girl Scout Week Special!**

During the week of March 11-15, enjoy 20% off one Colonial Coast-branded item. May not be combined with any other offer.

**Anywhere Belt Bag:** Strap on this useful accessory and hit the ground running! Adjustable strap ensures a perfect fit. Available in assorted colors, see shop for details. \$10 each.

**Cookie Sweatshirts:** Keep warm at the cookie booth! Our cozy cookie hoodies in Girl Scout green are available in multiple sizes. \$35 each.

**Cookie Booth in a Bag:** Everything you need to bring your cookie booth at a big savings! Items include a vinyl banner, table cloth, money pouch, magnet, tote bag and more. \$55 each.

**Magic Cookie Lounge Shorts:** Super soft, colorful shorts for girls designed in a tie dye motif with side seam pockets. \$25 each.

Your one-stop-shop for cookie merch, troop supplies, and fun, personal items, too—[let's go shopping!](#)

## **“Camp is Calling” Virtual Auction to Support Girl Scout Camps**

*Save the date:* The next auction will be held **April 28 – May 4, 2024**. You'll have a chance to bid on some amazing items, trips, and unique experiences. (We are still accepting donations; if you have an item or service you'd like to offer, please reach out to [philanthropy@gsgccc.org](mailto:philanthropy@gsgccc.org).) There may be a surprise or two in store this year, so stay tuned to [gsgccc.org](http://gsgccc.org)!