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Girl Scout Volunteer News & Updates for March 2024

Girl Scout Week is celebrated every year in March, starting with Girl Scout Sunday and ending with Girl Scout Sabbath on a Saturday, and it always includes Girl Scouts' birthday, March 12. This year, Girl Scout week will be observed March 10-16.

March is also Women's History Month, and we encourage all girls to consider the words of our founder, Juliette Gordon Low: "The work of today is the history of tomorrow, and we are its makers." What will *you* do today to leave a legacy for tomorrow?

March Special Observances:

- **National Women's History Month:** Celebrate by viewing the work of [women artists](#) at the [Chrysler Museum](#) and earn a patch in the process!
- **National Peanut Month**
- **March 8 - International Women's Day**
- **March 10-16 - Girl Scout Week:** Join us each day as we rejoice in our worldwide sisterhood! Try the games and activities listed at gscoc.org.
- **March 12 - Girl Scouts Birthday**
- **March 14 - Pi Day**
- **March 17 - St. Patrick's Day**
- **March 23 - Purim**
- **March 25 - Holi**
- **March 31 - Easter**



Cocktails for a Cause: March 13

Adults 21 and over: Join at us at Town Point Club in Norfolk for delicious cocktails and great company as we celebrate the Girl Scout Birthday in style! Free admittance, hors d'oeuvres, cash bar.

REGISTER



Pot of Gold from Ireland

Equipment: A small circle of gold or yellow paper for each participant, pencils/pens, and a container to represent the 'pot' of gold.

Procedure:

1. Settle the group comfortably in a circle.
2. Say: "In Ireland, there is a well-known legend about the leprechaun. He had lots of treasure that he kept locked inside an old pot, hidden at the end of the rainbow. We are all special, a bit like the leprechaun's treasure. Except, what makes us really special comes from inside us. We can be kind and brave, loving and clever. Sometimes, we keep what is special about us hidden. Let's try to share it with each other!"
3. Everyone takes a piece of gold paper, and writes their name on one side and something they think is special about themselves on the other. It could be something they're good at, such as climbing, painting, or science; or character qualities, such as being patient or curious, helpful or adventurous.
4. Collect the pieces of gold in the 'pot' and shake them up. Then take them out one at a time, and read them, before giving them back to their owner. (Optional: Have participants try to guess whose piece of gold it is before giving it back.)
5. Once everyone has their gold back, ask everyone to shout out all together, "We are all amazing!"

6. Say: “We are all amazing for different reasons, and our differences only make us more so. Keep your treasure safe to remind you of one of the reasons you are so special.”

Spread Kindness Patch

Has your troop participated in the Spread Kindness campaign? **Here is your reminder that all patch requirements must be completed by March 31.** [Download the free activity sheet](#) to see how you can make the world a better place by spreading kindness this month!

Camp Open House Saturdays

Check out our camp properties in the morning and enjoy some outdoor activities in the afternoon! (*Open House is free; the activities are OPTIONAL and require additional registration and associated fees.*)

Camp Skimino, Williamsburg – March 9

- **Rock Wall:** Challenge yourself to see how high and how fast you can climb our indoor rock wall! Explore your limits and reach new heights.
Levels: J/C
Registration Deadline: March 5

Camp Apasus, Norfolk – March 23

- **AIM:** Aim for your archery patch: line up your bow and arrow, stand straight and shoot!
Levels: J/C/S/A
Registration Deadline: March 14
- **Axe Throwing:** Join us on the axe-throwing range and learn the skills to hit the bullseye!
Levels: C/S/A
Registration Deadline: March 14

Camp Outback, Chesapeake – April 6

- **AIM:** Aim for your archery patch: line up your bow and arrow, stand straight and shoot!
Levels: B/J/C/S/A
Registration Deadline: March 28



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!

Solar Pioneers – Saturday, March 24

Experiment with the power of the sun! You'll learn how solar energy works and all about the different ways we can use it: to create electricity for buildings, to cook, and more. Then, become a solar pioneer and create your own solar-powered device! Plus, meet Daisy, the solar SmartFlower who helps to power our regional headquarters.

Location: A Place for Girls, Chesapeake

Levels: D/B/J/C

Registration Deadline: March 14

Think Like a Citizen Scientist Journey – Saturday, March 30

Explore how scientists do research and create solutions for some of the most important problems faced by people, animals, and the environment. Practice making scientific observations and collecting data, participate in a citizen science project, and do a Take Action project to address an issue in your community. Includes the badges to be earned, access to a Google folder with instructional videos, and everything you need to complete the Journey!

Levels: All

Location: Virginia Modeling, Analysis & Simulation Center, Suffolk

(Registration deadline: March 20)

Project Impact: Defenders of the Sea – Saturday, April 20

Want to take action and make an impact? Join us for Defenders of the Sea; Keeping Our Oceans Plastic Free project and recognition event. Girl Scouts will receive action plans to create projects about keeping plastics out of the sea and then share their project ideas at this event.

Location: Virginia Beach Oceanfront

Levels: All

(Registration deadline: April 8)

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

“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.) There may be a surprise or two in store this year, so stay tuned to gsgccc.org!



Risk Management – Virtual Courses

At Girl Scouts, our number one priority is the safety and well-being of our members and the families and communities we serve. This online course will help to prepare you to work with Girl Scouts and keep them safe.

Tuesday, March 19

Registration Deadline: March 12

Wednesday, April 3

Registration Deadline: March 27

Monday, April 8

Registration Deadline: April 1

American Red Cross Adult and Pediatric First-Aid/CPR/AED Training – Saturday, April 6

This blended learning course equips you to recognize and care for a variety of first aid, breathing and cardiac emergencies involving adults, children and infants.

Location: A Place for Girls, Chesapeake

Levels: C/S/A, Adults

Registration Deadline: March 23

Go on a Cookie Quest

Cookie booths are popping up like spring flowers, and there are a lot of cookie season activities to enjoy—check out the new [Cookie Quest activity sheet](#) to see how cookie sellers can earn a free patch!



Our Stories: In the Spotlight

Troop Explores College Knowledge—Mara Bates was excited for her troop to learn about the admissions process. [Read the full article](#)

Troop 1035 Spreads Love—Girl Scouts crafted handmade Valentines for recipients of Meals on Wheels. [Read the full article](#)

Safe Spaces—Elizabeth Vaughn shares why she chose to help lead her daughter’s troop. [Read the full article](#)

Browse these and other inspiring stories featuring local Girl Scouts, volunteers, alum, and more at gsvcc.org/blog.

Highest Awards Event and Deadline

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.**

Buck Harris Award

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 GSVCC) 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 GSVCC-sponsored summer camp. **Nominations are due by March 31.**



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 bling 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!](#)