

## Get Outdoors!

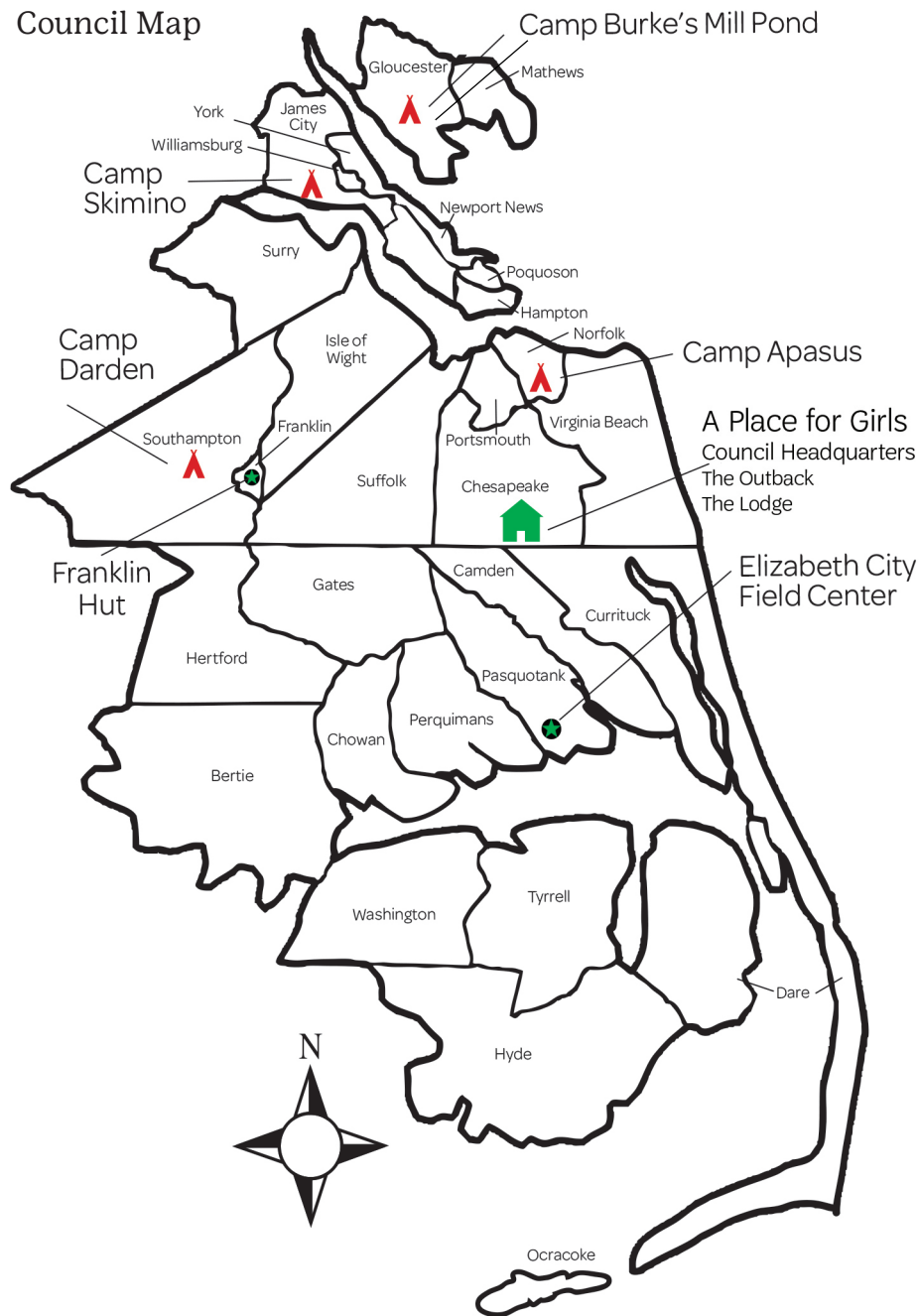
The Council operates several camp properties that fulfill a robust outdoor program menu of activities. From troop camping to summer overnight and day camps, we've got it all. You'll find low-and-high rope courses, climbing walls, archery ranges and more! For details, including photos, videos, and property rental information, visit [www.gsccc.org/rentals](http://www.gsccc.org/rentals).

Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast offers overnight, day and troop camping at five sites.

- The Outback, Chesapeake
- Camp Apasus, Norfolk
- Camp Burke's Mill Pond, Gloucester
- Camp Darden, Courtland
- Camp Skimino, Williamsburg



## Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast Council Map



### Interested in helping out?

Great! Together, let's ensure every girl is prepared for the lifetime of leadership, success, and the adventure she deserves! Contact [customer care@gsccc.org](mailto:customer care@gsccc.org) to get started.

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# Family Guide

## Your Year of Adventure



**DAISIES: K & 1**  
Learn they can care for animals and themselves and how to protect Earth's treasures.



**BROWNIES: 2 & 3**  
Go on a quest to find the three keys to leadership. They explore their place in the wide world of girls.



**JUNIORS: 4 & 5**  
Learn that leaders need power—their own, their team's and their community's. Juniors are encouraged to achieve their **BRONZE AWARD**.



**CADETTES: 6 - 8**  
Develop relationship skills needed to be leaders in their life and their world. Cadettes are encouraged to achieve their **SILVER AWARD**.



**SENIORS: 9 & 10**  
Have a vision and lead the world closer to it. Girls use their sisterhood to better themselves and the world.



**AMBASSADORS: 11 & 12**  
Raise their voices to advocate for issues they care about. They actively move their dreams forward and learn that leaders aim for justice.

Seniors and Ambassadors are encouraged to achieve their **GOLD AWARD**, the highest award earned by a Girl Scout.

## We Are Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts bring their dreams to life and work together to build a better world. Through programs from coast to coast, Girl Scouts of all backgrounds and abilities can be themselves as they discover their strengths and rise to meet new challenges—whether they want to climb to the top of a tree or the top of their class, lace up their boots for a hike or advocate for climate justice, or make their first best friends.

### Girl Scout Promise and Law: Our Guiding Principles



#### The Girl Scout Promise

*On my honor, I will try*  
To serve God and my country, to help people at all times, and to live by the Girl Scout Law.

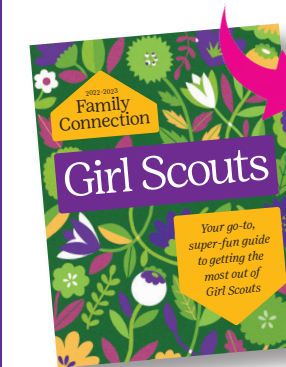
#### The Girl Scout Law

*I will do my best*  
To be honest and fair, friendly and helpful, considerate and caring, courageous and strong, and responsible for what I say and do, and to respect myself and others, respect authority, use resources wisely, make the world a better place, and be a sister to every Girl Scout.

## The Power of Girl Scouts for Girls

Now, more than ever, girls face unique challenges in school and in social settings. Our proven Girl Scout program is based on years of research about girls' development and is designed to:

- Close the confidence gap (research is clear—it starts for girls at age 6, when they start to believe that they are less capable than boys, and it accelerates in middle school and continues through college);
- Develop and fortify girls' belief in their identities as leaders;
- Inoculate girls against the constant drum of media that tells them they must be perfect; and
- Strengthen them to stand up to the peer pressure and bullying that girls experience starting in elementary school.



View or download the Girl Scout Family Connection Fun Guide on our website's Family Connections page! A great resource, especially for those new to Girl Scouts!

Enjoy monthly updates straight to your inbox! On the first of each month, all caregivers receive the *Girl Scout Updates for Parents & Caregivers: Family Connections* email newsletter!

Visit [www.gsccc.org/blog](http://www.gsccc.org/blog) for stories about our awesome girls, volunteers, and alum.







# All-Girl Environment for a Girl Scout Leadership Experience

We want every girl to try new things and to take smart risks that challenge her to grow. The Girl Scout Leadership Experience model empowers girls to grow their confidence. It is designed to be girl-led where girls are involved in the decision making. Girls learn by doing, so there's a lot of hands-on, experiential learning opportunities. The model also revolves around cooperative experience, where girls work together in a team to discover, connect and take action.



## Our Program

Whether she's inventing a robotic arm, coding her first app, building a shelter in the backcountry, or packing for her first hike, a Girl Scout has an exciting array of choices to suit her interests at every age.

-  **STEM**  
Computer science, engineering, robotics, outdoor STEM, and more.
-  **Life Skills**  
Civic engagement, healthy living, global citizenship, communication skills.
-  **Outdoors**  
Adventure and skill building, including through camping experiences for all age levels, from the backyard to the backcountry.
-  **Entrepreneurship**  
Girls desire to contribute to the world in purposeful and meaningful ways, learn how to identify problems in the community and create "action plans" to solve them.

## Check Out Our Upcoming Events!

In-person and badge workshops along with special events are offered throughout the year and are tailored to grade levels. There are also a variety of fun activities to do at home or with your troop!



## Girl Scout Activity Zone

Explore hundreds of activities online. See for yourself how you'll have more fun learning, doing, and growing as a Girl Scout.



## Girl Scouts – A Valuable Experience

Girls may join a troop or be active as an individual member and attend camp, events and participate in product programs such as the Cookie Program. Visit [www.gsccc.org/join](http://www.gsccc.org/join) for details and full instructions, and join today!

## Celebrating Spirituality and Faith

Girl Scouts is welcoming and inclusive to members of all faiths. Everything in Girl Scouting is based on the Girl Scout Promise and Law, which include many principles and values that are common across religions. We invite Girl Scouts to take spiritual journeys via their faith's religious recognitions. Girls may also earn the Girl Scout My Promise, My Faith pin where they will explore the connections between the Girl Scout Law and teachings from their faith. This pin can be earned each year.



## Girl Scouts of all grade levels can earn badges!

Badges are awards girls earn by completing skill-building activities and can be worn on the front of the uniform, while patches are given to Girl Scouts for participating in fun events, activities or other programs.

Show badges and patches on the Girl Scout uniform (tunic, sash, or vest). Place the flag patch, council name patch, and troop numbers on the front right of the uniform, in that order, starting at the top. Badges and Journey awards also go on the front, starting at the bottom. On a vest, badges go on the right and Journey awards on the left. On a sash, badges go below Journey awards. Fun patches from trips and experiences always go on the back.



## Let's Shop

You can find uniforms, books, badges and more in our Council shop. Online shopping is also an option at [www.gsccc.org/shop](http://www.gsccc.org/shop).



## Become a Girl Scout Volunteer!

Take the journey with her! There is something to fit everyone's interest and availability. Find out more at [www.gsccc.org/journey](http://www.gsccc.org/journey).



## GIRLS and STEM

The creative and problem solving aspects of STEM draws girls. 87% of girls interested in STEM like to understand how things work.



The Girl Scout Gold Award is the most prestigious award in the world for girls—and the most difficult to earn—and it's only available to Girl Scouts.

It's a one-of-a-kind opportunity for girls to engage in a rigorous process that calls for leadership at the highest level, as they tackle issues they feel passionately about.

### Gold Award Girl Scouts:

- Who enlist in the military may receive advanced rank in recognition of their achievement
- Earn college scholarships
- Demonstrate high educational and career outcomes
- Are active in their communities