

## August is Keeping Us Busy

There's no excuse for Girl Scouts to be bored over summer vacation with all the different holidays, observances, and other events happening this month! Read on for some great activity ideas, virtual and in-person events and celebrations you can enjoy together.

- **U.S. Air Force Day:** Air Force Day was established on August 1, 1947, by President Truman. August 1 was chosen to mark the 40th anniversary of the establishment, in 1907, of the Aeronautical Division of the Army.
- **Coast Guard Day:** Coast Guard Day is held every August 4 to commemorate the founding of the United States Coast Guard on August 4, 1790, by Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton.



- Did you know?*** You can earn a fun patch for exploring each branch of the U.S. military! Check out the [Air Force](#) and [Coast Guard](#) patches in honor of their observances this month.
- **Aviation Day** was established on August 19, 1939 by Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who issued a presidential proclamation which designated the anniversary of Orville Wright's birthday to be National Aviation Day.  
***Did you know?*** The Wing Girl Scout Program was a popular program for older girls that began in 1941, started for girls interested in flying and wanting to learn enough about aviation to serve their country. While 1941 sounds pretty early, would you believe the GS had an aviation badge in 1916! In 1959, Girl Scout Council in North San Mateo County was presented with an offer from United Airlines San Francisco Management Club President J. L. Burnside to start an aviation program for Senior Girl Scouts. One of the highlights of the Wing Girl Scout program was the courtesy flight provided to Senior Girl Scouts using United Airlines' jets. For many of the girls, this was the first time they had flown in a plane. The Wing Girl Scout program was not for show; participating girls took it very seriously. As a result of their proficient training and ability, Senior Girl Scouts who had been in the program for three years were given the opportunity to take over the controls during flight in a small aircraft. The program continued into the 70s, when it was discontinued after United Airlines experienced financial setbacks. Consider making a visit to the [Military Aviation Museum](#) in Virginia Beach, a GSCCC program partner.
  - **National Honey Bee Day** falls on August 20 this year; it is celebrated every third Saturday in August. It is a holiday that reminds us of the beauty and value of bees, the danger of their extinction and our own impact on the environment.
  - **Women's Equality Day** is celebrated each year on August 26 to commemorate the anniversary of 19th Amendment, giving women the right

to vote. (While we celebrated the centennial of the 19th Amendment in 2020, Girl Scouts continues to offer the [100th anniversary patch program](#).) Learn more about how Girl Scouts make a difference on our [Civic Engagement page](#).



## **Girl Scout Activity Zone**

Did you know Girl Scouts can explore hundreds of badges, awards, service projects, and experiences that cover everything from building a robot to helping animals, from staying fit to starting a business? Your options are virtually limitless.

Especially curated for kids and teens (whether you're in a troop or new to Girl Scouts), the [Girl Scout Activity Zone](#) lets you sample a full assortment of Girl Scout tested and approved activities to get a real taste of what Girl Scouts do or to explore ideas for your troop's next adventure. With helpful videos hosted by Girl Scout volunteers, these self-guided activities are ready for you to try right now.

Here's an upcoming virtual event from the Activity Zone, hosted by Girl Scouts of Utah:

### **Family Science Night** (Online – August 4 at 8:00 p.m.)

Explore science through hands-on experiments that are fun for the whole family! Dive into density, make fun colors, and get messy with science. An optional supply list will be sent out prior to the program. Girls in grades K-3 should attend with an adult. Brownies will work towards the Home Scientist badge and all Girl Scouts will work towards the Science Exploration patch program. This event is free and open to girls in grades PreK-5 and their families. Learn more and register at [gsutah.org](https://gsutah.org).

## GSCCC Partner Events

### Virginia Honey Bee Festival – Saturday, August 20

Join the Beekeepers Guild of Southeast Virginia and Norfolk Botanical Garden for a fun-filled day with bee products, activities, vendors and more. Learn how to raise bees and purchase plants to create a bee-friendly yard. Taste honey samples, look inside a beehive and participate in great activities for the entire family! Kids who come dressed as a bee get a free honey stick! Enjoy special activities in the Children's Garden. [Learn more and get tickets online.](#) Earn the [Explore the Norfolk Botanical Gardens patch](#) while visiting!

(You can read how Girl Scout Cadette Yasmeen took action to help change the shrinking number of bee pollinators in her community in the fall GSCCC magazine, coming your way in September!)

### Hurrah Players: Big Dreams and Ice Cream, A Sweet Cabaret!

You're invited to The Hurrah Players Ice Cream Shop for all your favorite songs, dances and comedy acts all rolled up into one sweet cabaret! An end of summer performance opportunity for younger performers with the sweet treat of ice cream included in the \$25 ticket price. Matinees at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 20 and Sunday, August 21. [Learn more and get tickets online.](#)

## Congratulations to These Gold Award Girl Scouts

- **Evelyn Taliaferro: 2022 GSUSA Gold Award Scholarship Recipient**  
Girl Scout councils may nominate one of their Gold Award Girl Scouts to receive the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award Scholarship, an academic scholarship from GSUSA. GSCCC's Gold Award Committee and CEO are involved in the final selection and make the nomination. [Hear from Evelyn in this video.](#)
- **Claire Pittman: 2022 She Believes She Can, So She Does Scholarship**
- **Scout Veronica Armstrong: 2022 Maylea Brockington Beasley Love and Laughter Scholarship**
- **Mary Wells: 2022 Helen Kattwinkel Lifetime Membership Award**



Hear from all these award recipients and learn more about the Gold Award at [gsc.org](https://gsc.org).



## Participate in a National Service Project

Discover how you can give back to make your community—and the world—a better place. Girl Scouts always step up to do what they can to improve their communities and the world. All across our country and our world, Girl Scouts are leaping to the aid of others by engaging in wonderful acts of service and kindness. Whether by writing letters to senior citizens, honoring first responders, taking part in a citizen science project, or promoting voting and democracy, now your troop can get involved in these unique Girl Scout activities, too. [Learn more at gsusa.org](https://gsusa.org).

## Celebrate STEM Role Models

Join us on **September 15 at the Hampton Roads Convention Center** to celebrate 110 years of Girl Scouting, its legacy of leadership, and the women dreamers and doers who come from the Girl Scout ranks. Our 2022 Famous Formers Luncheon will honor NASA Langley Research Center with the Community Partnership Award, as well as many other women in STEM.

[Learn more and get tickets online.](#)

## Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors

Summer is the perfect time to celebrate our love of the great outdoors. You have so many options for how to explore—from your window, a campsite, the sidewalk, or an open trail. Based on your grade level, complete the required number of activities to earn an awesome new patch. [Learn more at gsusa.org](https://gsusa.org).



## Take the Climate Challenge

Connect with your community to spread awareness about climate change. Girl Scouts and non-Girl Scouts (so you can invite your non-Girl Scout friends to join you on this one!) can learn about climate science, connect with their communities, and share hope to create change. The Girl Scout Climate Challenge runs now through November 30, 2022. [Learn more at gsusa.org](https://gsusa.org).



## Support Girl Scouts with Amazon Smile

When you shop through [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), you can support GSCCC at no cost to you. Simply search for “Girl Scouts of Colonial Coast” in AmazonSmile and select it as the organization you would like to support. Bookmark [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) so you will always be supporting Girl Scouts with every Amazon purchase!

## New Family Connection Guide

Get ready for the new 2022-2023 Girl Scout Year! From figuring out where all your Girl Scout’s badges and patches belong, to learning to cook nachos in a pizza box outside (really!), [this printable guide](#) has everything you need to have an incredible year.



- Try family activities that will bring joy, comfort, and adventure to your whole crew.
- Find simple ways to bring the values of Girl Scouting into your daily lives.
- Stay organized with your Girl Scout calendar and troop info card.
- Create a keepsake of your Girl Scout’s adventures that you’ll treasure for years to come.

(Psst! Have you [renewed your membership](#) for the 2022-23 Girl Scout membership year?)



Your next chance to run with the cookies is coming up on **January 14, 2023**, and *early bird registration is open now!* New this year: An included registration insurance benefit to protect you against issues such as inclement weather.

[Learn more and register at gsccc.org.](http://gsccc.org)

## Upcoming Instructor Trainings

Parents/Caregivers: Would you like to build your skills and help out at the same time? Consider becoming a Girl Scout facilitator! We have openings in upcoming classes.

- Climbing Wall Instructor Training, September 10 - [Register](#)
- High Ropes Course Instructor Training, September 11 - [Register](#)
- Ax Throwing Instructor Training, September 25 - [Register](#)



Grab your backpack and head out to your local state parks for self-guided tours, family hikes, watersports, stargazing, special events, and more! [Download your free Girl Scouts Love State Parks Passport](#) to guide your adventures throughout the weekend and unlock your Girl Scouts Love

State Parks 2022 patch. Outdoor charms can be purchased from the GSCCC Shop!

While you can go to any area state park, GSCCC is hosting activities at Jockey's Ridge and Machicomoco. And while you take a day to go to Machicomoco State Park in Hayes, Virginia, stop by the Gloucester History Museum and visit the new Camp Burke's Mill Pond exhibit which will open on September 10!

**Jockey's Ridge State Park, NC**  
**Saturday, Sept. 10, 10 a.m. - Noon**

Come to a day (and night!) of fun. Join us during daylight hours on the sand dunes to see kites fly overhead. During our two mid-morning sessions park rangers will be running interpretive programs specifically for Girl Scouts. Girls will also get a chance to complete activities towards earning their Jockey's Ridge Jr. Ranger patch. [Learn more and register today!](#)  
*Registration deadline: August 26.*

**Machicomoco State Park, Hayes, VA**  
**Sunday, Sept. 11, 10 a.m.- Noon**

Come to Machicomoco State Park for a fun morning of rotating stations including "Soil Sleuth" soil ID techniques, an animal tracking hike, scraping and burning a dugout canoe, and tours of the historic home on the property with talks on archaeology, restoration and preservation. [Learn more and register today!](#) *Registration deadline: August 24.*

## **GSCCC Shop Specials**

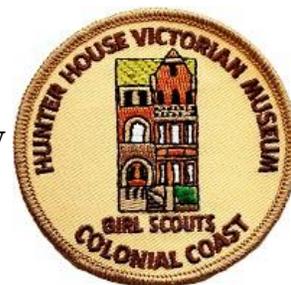
**August 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31: Discount Wednesdays!**

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

### **Summer Hours**

- Closed August 1-2 for inventory.
- Peninsula shop is closed in August for camp.

The Hunter House Museum in Norfolk is offering FREE admission for the remainder of 2022! Plan your visit now and [earn this patch](#) (available for purchase in our shop). Enjoy the "Thoroughly Modern Victorian: How the Victorian Era Birthed the Modern Age" exhibit through August 27.



## Free Bag with My Girl Scout Kit

Get ready for the next year of Girl Scouting! Customize a [My Girl Scout Kit](#) with your choice of uniform items, badge guidelines, program books, and much more. When you spend \$60 or more, you'll get a super cute Girl Scout bag for FREE.\*



*\*Purchase \$60 or more of Girl Scout essentials for a single grade level and receive a FREE drawstring bag! Choose from Girl Scout handbooks, select insignia, uniform items, badge guidelines, Journey books, and much more. Limit of 15 free bags per transaction. Bag color subject to change based on availability.*

There are tons of great items in stock in the GSCCC shop, so let's [start shopping!](#)

## Announcing the Helen Kattwinkel Memorial Fund

Helen Kattwinkel was a lifetime Girl Scout who made a difference through her volunteer leadership. Helen was near and dear to the Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast. Throughout her lifetime, her caring guidance influenced generations of girls to challenge themselves and achieve their potential. Helen was a member of the Juliette Gordon Low Society, and her legacy lives on through the Helen Kattwinkel Fund. This endowment was established by her in 2015 to support lifetime memberships for girls who earn the Gold Award and is open for contributions to continue this work in Helen Kattwinkel's memory. [Donate online at gsgcc.org.](#)



A Place for Girls in Chesapeake is an official drop-off location for the WAVY 10 On Your Side "Operation School Supplies" drive. Help fill the supply closets for schools in Southeastern Virginia and Northeastern North Carolina. **Bring your donations in and drop them off in the box in our lobby from now through August 24.**

Speaking of back-to-school supplies...**is your girl ready for the new school year?** Starting school brings a lot of change for both you and your girl. But there are a few simple things you can do to help her walk through

doors that first day not only ready to learn, but to go in with a big smile and a sense of confidence. Whether it's her first day of kindergarten or high school, there are great tips in [this article at girlscouts.org](#), such as: "A few days before school starts, set the alarm for the new wake-up time." Maybe that will make her first morning—and yours—a little easier!

Virginia Beach Families: Check out the Back to School Care Fair at Landstown High School on **Saturday, August 13** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Learn more on the [Virginia Beach Schools Facebook page](#).