



## Every Girl's Ultimate Summer Bucket List

Summer is a magical time of year, and it would be an absolute waste to just sleep through it, so we've put together the ultimate summer bucket list that will make these warm weather months even more memorable (and give every girl something incredible to tell her friends about when she goes back to class in the fall). All of these summer ideas work for both independent older girls, who can take on most challenges on their own—and for younger girls who can try their hand at these activities with the help of a parent or other caring adult.

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## Make Girl Scouts Part of Your Family

You are an important part of her Girl Scout experience. You are her support system, cheerleader, chauffeur, helper and most importantly—her caregiver. And all Girl Scouts are sisters, which means that all of us—from parents to volunteers—are family. Whether you have questions about the troop experience or are going through a rough time on a more personal level, Girl Scouts is here to support you and your family through it all. Never hesitate to reach out.

Consider taking the next step and becoming a Girl Scout volunteer. We can always use your help at meetings, on trips, at the cookie booth, or wherever works for you and your schedule. Information sessions are held via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM.

- July 12 - [Register](#)
- August 9 - [Register](#)



## Happy Independence Day!

July 4th is a day we truly show our patriotism and the nation is “painted” in red, white and blue—symbolic colors of our flag.

Girl Scouts has a long history of showing support for our country. Girl Scout founder, Juliette Gordon Low, was known for being brave, inventive, giving, loving, passionate, outdoorsy, and self-reliant. She was also a patriot through and through with her always-on focus on duty, selflessness, and service. Today, Girl Scouts continue to uphold Juliette’s tradition of patriotism. For example, Girl Scouts make cards and send care packages (including yummy Girl Scout Cookies, of course!) to U.S. servicemen and women, participate in Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Veterans Day parades and take part in opening civic or community events with flag ceremonies. All of this helps to build a sense of pride in our country and its rich history, while also nurturing important skills for our future leaders. (For more on this topic, see our ["Supporting Military Families"](#) page or download the ["Girl Scouts and Military: A Tradition of Partnership"](#) brochure.)

**Girl Scouts can also earn civic badges!** Girl Scout Democracy badges, earned by Girl Scout Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors, lay the groundwork for girls to understand both local and national government, what they are responsible for, and how they make large-scale changes throughout the

country. The badges will also require them to explore political issues that interest them, draft legislation, and debate their friends and family! As well as exploring the structure of the United States government at the state and federal levels, the Democracy badges for Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors continue the work of growing political awareness and civic engagement. Girls will research key legislators in their state, the importance of voter turnout, and more, as well as develop ideas for service projects.

[Check out the Badge Explorer](#) for information on these and other Citizenship badges.

## **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!

## **Cookie Rewards for 2023**

We want to hear from YOU! Please help us decide which girl reward items to offer during Girl Scouts of Colonial Coast's 2023 Girl Scout Cookie Program. Your input matters! [Respond to this online survey](#) by July 8, 2022.

## **July is National Ice Cream Month**

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan designated July as National Ice Cream Month and the third Sunday of the month as National Ice Cream Day. You can celebrate with Dairy Queen's Blizzard of the Month: Girl Scout Thin Mint!

## Bring Your Next Party Here!

Our camp and facilities are available to rent for your next family gathering, celebration, birthday or other event, with indoor and outdoor spaces to accommodate all kinds of activities.

*“Members of my family had been searching for weeks to find a place to hold our reunion. I suggested renting The Lodge at A Place for Girls. It had everything we needed to enjoy a summer pool party!” – Barbara O.*



## Famous Formers Luncheon

This year, GSCCC is honoring NASA Langley Research Center with the Community Partnership Award and celebrating trailblazers past, present and future. 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. [Learn more about the event and view all this year's honorees.](#)

## Share Your Story

Girl Scouts do amazing things every single day and we want to hear about it. Did your troop participate in a special project? Did your girl excel at something new? Tell us all about it! [Submit your story and photos online.](#)

## Highest Awards Spotlights

### Gold Award Spotlight: In the Eyes of a Minority

Girl Scout Ambassador Asia was awarded the Girl Scout Gold Award for her project, “In the Eyes of a Minority” which she launched after an African American studies course at her school was canceled due to low enrollment.

[Read full story](#)

### Bronze Award Spotlight: Little Free Library for St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Girl Scout Juniors of Troop 1325 in Yorktown earned their Bronze Award by planning and organizing a community book drive, collecting hundreds of books, and installing a new Little Free Library.

[Read full story](#)

## GSCCC Shop Specials

### July 6, 13, 20, 27 and 29: Discount Wednesdays (plus a bonus Friday!)

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

### Holiday Hours

- Closed on July 4 in observance of Independence Day.
- Open Saturday, July 9, 10 AM – 2 PM.
- Closed August 1-2 for inventory.
- Reminder that our Peninsula shop is closed July-August for camp.

There are still some great items in stock, so let's [start shopping!](#)

## **Renew Your Membership: Keep the Fun Going!**

She's making new friends, learning new skills, and exploring her potential. It's only the beginning—bigger and better things are around the corner. See what she does next when you [come back for another year](#).