



Camp Time is Fun Time!

As part of each Girl Scout camp experience, campers learn to conquer their fears, take healthy risks (physically, socially, and emotionally), and make decisions on their own. The encouragement girls receive from fellow campers and staff makes it a safe environment to try new things, experience failure, and try again. There are **day and resident camp** offerings for all grade levels, including special trips for older girls (see below). Registration deadlines are coming up fast!

Trips for Seniors & Ambassadors (grades 9-12):

- Belay On – Adventures, June 19-24
- Sandy Toes, June 26-July 1
- Outdoor Leaders, July 3-6
- False Cape Fun, July 10-15
- Shenandoah Trek, July 17-22
- Climb & Paddle, July 24-29

And don't forget about [Camp Fury Norfolk](#), June 27-July 1, for hands-on fire, emergency and law enforcement activities.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Participate in a National Service Project

Discover how you can give back to make your community—and the world—a better place. 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, learn how you can get involved in these unique Girl Scout activities. Plus, get a “Girl Scouts Give Back” patch to show your participation with pride!



Girl Scouts Give Back: Honoring Our Everyday Changemakers

Small acts of kindness and gratitude can have an incredible impact on your community! And through this national service project Girl Scouts can pay it forward by recognizing the people in their communities who have supported them in finding their unique paths. Has a teacher or coach helped discover your passion or talent? Is there a member of your church or synagogue who's encouraged you to persist through something challenging so you can grow and thrive? Celebrate a Changemaker!

Girl Scout Tree Promise

Join in on our newest national service project—an initiative to plant five million trees in five years. Plant a tree and make an impact in your local community! Planting trees is a great way to become a steward of the environment. Trees provide places for animals and birds to live, reduce pollutants, filter water, and combat climate change. Girl Scouts can make an enormous global impact by participating in this environmental and conservation initiative. (And yes, earn the patch, too!)



Celebrating Highest Awards in Girl Scouts

On **May 21**, GSCCC will be hosting the Gold Award Celebration, an in-person event at A Place for Girls for honorees and their guests. That evening, at **6:00 PM**, we'll be offering a **Facebook live** event to recognize girls earning the Girl Scout Bronze and Silver Awards (girls who completed projects from April 1, 2021 to end of March 2022). Tune in at [Facebook.com/GirlScoutsColonialCoast](https://www.facebook.com/GirlScoutsColonialCoast).

Bridging

Bridging is a beloved Girl Scout tradition that honors girls' achievements throughout the year and celebrates their “crossing the bridge” to the next Girl Scout level. Many troops hold their bridging ceremony in May or June, and some tie it to the end of the girls' current school year. [Visit our shop](#) for your bridging needs! If this is your [first bridging ceremony](#), [read this article](#).



Cookie Flair Grand Prize

Congratulations to the Cookie Flair Contest Grand Prize Winners: Troop 93-SU230, Isabelle, Zoe & Isabella! Congratulations! These girls will attend a GSCCC Board of Directors meeting in June and receive a \$50 gift certificate to the GSCCC Shop!



Log on, tune in, take part!

Girl Scouts may not always be able to meet up in person, but everyone can participate in amazing Girl Scout events—online and in real time. Busy schedule and didn't catch the event in real time? Watch selected past national events at any time that's convenient for you. [View the GSUSA virtual opportunities calendar](#).

GSCCC virtual workshops where girls may earn badges and patches include the [Badge in a Box for May](#), which is the Space Science Badge (for all levels), plus STEM Clubs, Photography, Financial Literacy, the Science of Happiness and more that you can start any time. Browse them on [GSCCC Events](#).

Volunteer Information Meeting: Zoom with us!

Would you like to find out more about Girl Scout volunteer opportunities and how they you can benefit from the experience? Build skills—and your resume! **Sessions are held via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM.**

- May 3 – [Register](#)
- May 17 – [Register](#)
- May 31 – [Register](#)

GSCCC Shop Specials

May 4, 11, 18 and 25: Discount Wednesdays!

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

New in the Shop:

“Future Girl Scout” Onesie and T-shirts for \$20 each



Special Patches for this Month

May is Mental Health Month – [Earn the “Resilient. Ready. Strong.” Patch](#)
May is also Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month – [Earn this patch](#) as you work to complete your multicultural heritage collection!

There's a lot more to see, so let's [start shopping!](#)

Commemorate your love of Girl Scouting!

Say thank you to your troop leaders. Tell mom she's special. Show your support of girls. GSCCC invites you to purchase a brick paver in honor or in memory of a beloved Girl Scout, troop, family member, or friend. It's a unique opportunity to recognize someone special in a lasting way. The brick pavers will be placed around the flagpole at A Place for Girls. Select from 4" x 8" bricks or 8" x 8" pavers and customize your inscription. Space around the flagpole is limited, so be sure to order your brick today! Contact Sarha Cavallaro, philanthropy@gsecc.org for info.



Upcoming Events

Girls Night Out with the Norfolk Tides

Friday, May 13, 6:00 - 10:00 PM

Fun for the whole family! Join us for a great night of baseball with the Norfolk Tides at Harbor Park. Price includes a hot dog, drink, and patch! (Optional overnight for members only.) Register by May 1.

STEM Extravaganza

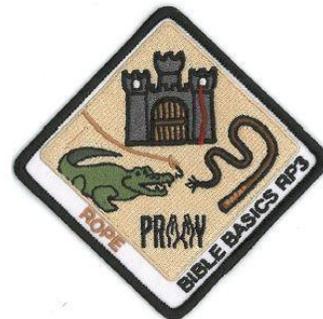
Saturday, May 21, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Let's have fun learning to explore and discover the world around us through critical thinking and problem solving. We will participate in some hands-on science activities with special, vetted science kits, conduct experiments and work with our event partners. This program is sure to inspire all Girl Scouts to become the next generation of citizen scientists! Register by May 11.

P.R.A.Y. Announces New Workshop

“Rope” - July 23, 2022

For all grade levels. A parent or guardian is required to participate alongside their child. The discussion will be directed to adult-child teams and encourage interaction between them. This workshop will introduce you to the Bible, facilitate discussion between parent/guardian and child, and encourage you on your faith journeys. Register for the Rope workshop and earn a patch!



From our Blog: Highest Awards Projects

Bronze Award Spotlight: Bags of Hope

Eleven Girl Scout Juniors in Troop 18 decided to bring hope to their community by completing a Girl Scout Bronze Award service project, titled “Bags of Hope,” to benefit children in foster care.

[Read full story](#)

Gold Award Spotlight: The Next Step

Here’s a Girl Scout who is paving the way for a better tomorrow! Girl Scout Ambassador Mary earned her Gold Award by creating an online video series that is geared toward female domestic violence survivors, which details life skills with the intent of developing viewers’ confidence.

[Read full story](#)

Bronze Award Spotlight: Collection Box for Evelyn's Wildlife Refuge

To earn their Bronze Award, Troop 522 is collecting donations to benefit Evelyn’s Wildlife Refuge in Suffolk, Virginia, which provides shelter and rehabilitation services to orphaned, sick and injured wildlife.

[Read full story](#)

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.](#)

Save the Date for the 2023 Convention – Phenom!

Ready to show the world just how phenomenal you are? Join us for a national gathering of changemakers from across the country in July 2023 at Walt Disney World Resort. Early bird registration will open this summer, but don’t wait—[fill out the interest form to save your spot](#) and stay in the loop on all the fun that awaits! There will be activities and demos in the Expo Hall, special guests, live performances, and much more. This event is open to all, including Girl Scout members, non-members, alums, and families.