Family Connections: Girl Scout Updates for Parents & Caregivers!

Parent Resources

Girls Are Having a Mental Health Crisis—Some Solutions, Though, Are Simple

When popstars sing about abandonment and hopelessness, girls get it. When their favorite artists sing about holding their breath and feeling stressed, girls relate. Even animated shows targeting younger girls focus on issues of isolation, misunderstandings, and feeling left out. While we’d like to think of girlhood as a time for carefree fun, friendship, and adventure, the numbers show it’s currently anything but.
Families can find other fun and engaging activities offered by Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast by visiting our [Just for Me page](#) and our [Events page](#) today.

**Badge In A Box - December 2020**  
Date: Tue Dec 01, 12:00 AM - Thu Dec 31, 11:59 PM  
Location: Home  
Girl Scout Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors can earn badges from home with a guided box kit.

**Toy Designer Entrepreneur**  
Date: Tue Dec 01, 12:00 AM - Thu Dec 31, 11:59 PM  
Location: Online  
Girl Scout Daisies can earn their Toy Business Designer Badge by participating in this online program!

**The Science of Happiness**  
Date: Tue Dec 01, 12:00 AM - Thu Dec 31, 11:59 PM  
Location: Online  
Girl Scouts can earn a badge or patch for participating in this online program focusing on self-care topics.

**Let's Stuff the Girl Scout Van with Toys For Kids**  
Date: Thu Dec 03, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Location: APFG

Girl Scouts and their families can support For Kids by donating toys to bring cheer this holiday season by participating in this community service event!

GSUSA and our sister councils are also hosting several amazing programs this month that you can register for via the [Girl Scouts at Home virtual calendar](https://view.email.girlscouts.org/?qs=0b8842d8eb80861aaae2e59e92eada0595afde820ef905b24d8232e4012ac18301699c06dae5701cc37f052e7864a). Be sure to check that out, too.

First UMC Fox Hill is offering the Religious Emblems as an online program January - May 2021. As it is an online program, any youth in the Council can readily attend. All five programs are being offered, covering Kindergarten through 12th grade. Registration is open from now until mid-December. Find more information on their [Facebook page](https://view.email.girlscouts.org/?qs=0b8842d8eb80861aaae2e59e92eada0595afde820ef905b24d8232e4012ac18301699c06dae5701cc37f052e7864a).

Another amazing Fall Product Program has come to an end.

We want to thank everyone who participated! Final rewards will be distributed by service unit volunteers in December to participating troops.

A special congratulations to these Girl Scouts

- Top 5 Fall Product entrepreneurs: Anastasia L., Layla M., Tyler H., Kendall B., Maureen K.
- Giant Sloth winner: Lillian D.
- Veteran's Day/Care to Share promo winners: Evalynn M., Harley G., Gabriella G., Annabel P., Victoria W., Eryn S., Carmen C., Sarah W., Kirra A., Madison S.
Cookie time is almost here! Door-to-door sales start on January 9.

Your girls’ troops have some exciting things planned for the next year and need your help to ensure they can carry out the upcoming adventures. The Girl Scout Cookie Program plays a big part in providing troops the ability to serve our community through service projects and to keep costs to a minimum for troop activities and trips. Many troops still need a parent volunteer to be their Cookie Coordinator!

Responsibilities of Cookie Parent:

- Attend the Cookie Coordinator meeting to understand deadlines and receive troop paperwork
- Communicate to leaders and parents all information related to cookie season
- Utilize the cookie platform to monitor cookie sales, assist parents/girls with questions, track and record money collection
- Organize troop cookie pickup
- Register and coordinate booths
- Collect and deposit cookie proceeds
- Complete troop paperwork

Along with Cookie Parents, troops need registered volunteers to assist with cookie booths and other activities. Please ask your troop how you can help make your troop even greater!

Find out more and look over the resources that will help your girl become a Cookie CEO extraordinaire. Have some virtual fun getting
ready for the cookie season that starts January 9 by visiting Little Brownie Bakers online. For details on the Cookie Program important dates and resources, including girl and adult information sessions that are scheduled for December, visit our GSCCC Cookie page.

Way to go, Girl Scout!

Congradulations to Girl Scout Ryleigh for being selected as the recipient of the 2020 She Believes She Can So She Does Scholarship. She has already begun college courses online to prepare for her future. Help us grow the scholarship for future girls!

Make a gift now »

Meet Marsha Riibner-Cady, lifetime Girl Scout and owner of Cady CPR Solutions

"Everyone who knows me, knows I bleed green," Marsha said. " My mom, Rona, was actually introduced to my dad because of Girl Scouts. His cousin, Marlene, was in my mom's troop. They were close friends in and out of Girl Scouts, as many girls today are. Well, the rest is history."

Continue reading »

Share YOUR Story

We want to hear from girls, parents, volunteers and alum! You can fill out a short form with your contact information and your story that we can share with others.

Submit a story now »
Time is Running out to join the Cookie Classic Run!

The 7th Annual Cookie Classic Run is going VIRTUAL! Complete a 5K or 1 Mile on your own before or on January 16th and still earn all your favorite Cookie Classic prizes! Not only will you have awesome swag to show off, but you will also know that you have helped fund the mission of the Girl Scouts. The Cookie Classic Run is fun for the whole family so be sure to register now! Check out more info and register here!

Monday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom!

Just for adults! Celebrate the winter season with Girl Scout alum and session host Angie Salerno as she guides you through painting a beautiful snowman to place in your home. You'll need a few items to get started (see below) but it's a perfect opportunity to connect with other Girl Scout supporters and engage your creativity. Plus, it's the last Be Inspired session of 2020!

Register today then invite all of your other adult friends and family members to make it extra special.

REGISTER NOW

Items you'll need to get started:
• Canvas board or stretches canvas size: 8x10 or 11x14 (5x7 if small is desired).
• AppleBarrel type acrylic paints or Liquitex acrylic paint in 4 oz. tubes.
• Colors: Titanium White, Mars Black, Cerulean Blue, Phthalo Blue, orange; optional: Cadmium Red (for scarf) or scarf color of their choosing.
• Brushes (various sizes); watercup; and paper towels.

Stay Safe, Stay Well

We encourage everyone to continue following safety measures outlined by the CDC as Virginia and North Carolina transition through their re-opening phases. To help, we have new resources available for caregivers and troop leaders about events, meetings, and other important details.

What if you could make a positive impact in the lives of girls simply with the click of a button or even while you shop for the holidays? Well it's just that easy with AmazonSmile!

AmazonSmile will donate a percentage of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast. Be a part of the movement: get your shop on and spread the word!
Here's how you can help:

Go to smile.amazon.com and choose Girl Scout Council Of Colonial Coast as your charitable organization of choice. Using a new or existing Amazon account, browse the website's wide selection of products with the same low prices and convenient shopping features as Amazon.com. The entire shopping experience is the same.

Bookmark this link so all your eligible shopping will benefit Girl Scout Council Of Colonial Coast.

Deck the halls with knowledge, new experiences, and fun in December when your family works towards earning the Explore Virginia Beach Patch with your girl! There's many places you can visit such as the Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center, the Military Aviation Museum, the Cape Henry Lighthouse, and more to discover, take action, and connect.

Once your girl completes the requirements, the patch can be purchased from one of our shop locations for just $2.75. Plus, you can start ordering your cookie gear and cute stocking stuffer keychains. Check out our Shop page to setup your curbside pickup or appointment-only shopping in December. Plus, ask about our Snow Bomb winter cards to bring some extra joy to someone you card about.

Specials December 8, 9, 10, 12
Holiday Open House! Visit, call or email your order to shop@gsccc.org to receive a discount of 15% OFF your total purchase! In addition, with a $50 purchase you will receive a “FREE” light-up Butterfly Wand. Take a discount of 50% OFF Clearance items. Refreshments will be provided! While supplies last. In-stock merchandise only.

Specials December 2, 9, 16

Candy Cane Wednesdays! Visit, call or email your order to shop@gsccc.org by 7 p.m. on Wednesday’s and receive a 10% or 15% discount on the entire purchase. A discount will be drawn on your behalf at checkout. May not be combined with any other offer.

To ensure everyone's continued safety, we have decided to cancel the in-person Samoa Soirée event.

Without this annual event, we will experience a loss in our budget and we count on those funds to help us reach girls in promising neighborhoods. Even though we can't enjoy Samoa together this year, you can still ensure that girls don't have to miss out on their Girl Scout experience. Since you won't be purchasing a ticket, will you donate the price of your ticket to Girl Scouts? Donate your ticket today!
Are you celebrating a birthday soon?

Consider hosting a Facebook Birthday Fundraiser in support of GSCCC to celebrate your special day - for that special organization that means so much to you!

Learn more »

Did you know new deductions are available due to the CARE’s Act?

Up to $300 per taxpayer ($600 for a married couple) in annual charitable contributions. This is available only to people who take the standard deduction (for taxpayers who do not itemize their deductions). Check IRS guidelines.

Invest In Girls

At Girl Scouts, we believe that when girls succeed so does society. We provide girls with a place to discover their passion, find their voice, and make a positive impact in their communities. These girls are building a better world for all of us! Find out how you can support our mission through giving!

DONATE NOW
If you want to be inspired by awesome girl, volunteer and alum stories, be sure to follow us on our social media. Find our links in the footer below!

Have a question? Don't be shy! Contact us for more information.

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