Valentines, Schmalentines! 5 Reasons to Celebrate Galentine’s Day Instead

From the chalky candy hearts, corny greeting cards, and promise of cupid’s arrow, people either love Valentine’s Day or they hate it. But there’s a newer holiday—Galentine’s Day—that we’re pretty sure everyone can get behind.

For those of you who haven’t heard of this fun holiday, it was started in the fictional world by Amy Poehler’s character on her show Parks and Recreation as a celebration of female friendship.
Say "I Love You" with a message carved in stone! Buy a Brick!

Show that special someone you care by buying them a brick at A Place For Girls! Have a message carved onto a brick that can be cherished forever. This will make the perfect Valentine's or anytime gift for the favorite Girl Scout in your life. And they will know that the purchase of the brick help to invest in giving girls the best leadership experience!

Over the last six years, over 150 bricks have been places around the flag pole at A Place For Girls. Each brick adorning the names of girls and supporters across our council who have helped build the path for future Girl Scouts. You and your loved ones can join those supporters with a brick that will always be a display of your continued dedication to the mission of Girl Scouts.

BUY A BRICK

Attention All Girl Scout Agents:

Your presence is requested for a top-secret mission - if you
choose to accept it!

The Challenge:
Help spread the excitement of cookie season and Girl Scouts by sharing information on how to join or volunteer with Girl Scouts.

When you’re a cookie entrepreneur family, she’ll want the world to know!

The year-by-year Cookie Entrepreneur Family pin collection is the latest addition to the Girl Scout Cookie Program—and was inspired by and designed for families just like yours! It’s never been easier to support your girl as she develops business skills, makes amazing memories, and earns a different pin for her uniform every cookie season. The simple, age-specific guidelines have been tailored for her developing skill set, making success a snap. Learn more about how to earn the Family Entrepreneur Pin and other great cookie know-how on the Volunteer Toolkit!

Have you set up your girls’ Digital Cookie site yet? It’s the simplest way to accept, track and fulfill cookie orders. Please reach out to your Troop Cookie Coordinator or Leader if you need assistance in setting up the site.
Registration is now OPEN for **2021 GSCCC Day Camp**!

It's all the same outdoor fun as before packed into each week day. That means campers can still look forward to archery, aquatics, wall climbing, crafts, leadership training (for older girls), and more at one of our camp locations. Check out our Camp Guide for specific details about dates and locations.

The last day to register for day camp is May 31, 2021 but space is limited so don't wait. Register today to secure your girl's summer adventure.

**REGISTER FOR CAMP**

Early Bird Discount: Girl Scouts who register for day camp by Feb. 19, 2021 will pay less in camp fees and be entered to win a FREE Week of day camp in 2022.

Never been to Girl Scout summer camp? Visit one of our open house events to experience the outdoors in a brand new way!

**Want to get paid for being outdoors and inspiring Girl Scouts?**

Perfect - we're currently hiring for our 2021 day camps. We offer
Tell us why you love Girl Scout camp for a chance to win awesome prizes.

Getting outdoors, experiencing nature, and going to camp are some of the many reasons you love Girl Scouts! GSCCC wants to hear from you about your favorite camp and why you love it! We want to know what things you do at camp that make it special.

Enter our video contest and have your video shown on our social media and the Camp is Calling Auction site. Be in line for some prizes! You can submit as an individual in the individual girl category or do a video as a team and submit in the team category. Find more details and complete your entry form on our website!

**Save the Date!** Our virtual auction is coming in March. Proceeds will help with maintenance and improvements at all five GSCCC camp properties. These camps have and will continue to provide unforgettable experiences for girls today and generations to come.
Take what Girl Scouts means to you - and put it on paper!

Our First Day Patch Design Contest starts today. Girl Scouts of all ages are encouraged to participate for a chance to have their design worn by thousands of Girl Scouts in our council when they renew on the first day of the 2021-2022 membership year. Get submission details on our Renew page and get started today!

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.
Girl Scouts can earn their Space Science Badge from home with this guided box kit.

**Pollinator Populations**
**Date:** Sat Feb 27, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Girl Scout Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors will learn more about the world's pollinators and earn a special patch at this online event!

**Meet Hidden Figure & GS Alum Mary Jackson**
**Date:** Sun Feb 28, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Girl Scouts will hear an inspiring story from former Girl Scout Jay Johnson about her experience with Mary Jackson as a troop leader during this virtual event!

**Daisy Challenge Course**
**Date:** Sat Mar 06, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
Girl Scout Daisies can tackle a fun obstacle course by participating in this in-person event!

**Dyslexia & GICHY the Bear**
**Date:** Sat Mar 06, 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
Girl Scouts will learn how to the challenges associated with dyslexia and how to support people in their community with dyslexia by participating in this event!

**Building Bridges to Celebrate Girl Scouts' Birthday Month**
**Date:** Sat Mar 13, 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Girl Scouts are invited to enjoy an exhibit and complete an art badge to celebrate Girl Scouts' Birthday by participating in this event!

**Women In the Arts Concert & Exhibition**
**Date:** Sat Mar 13, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors can experience a concert and also view work from a Gold Award Girl Scout at this 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](view.email.girlscouts.org/?qs=72674042558be61e7f7ca4e63b13ad23c2909f9d88724abeef33c010da0062be2a6e86519b0913ccee94f7677fbd51f94e...). Be sure to check that out, too.
Stay Safe, Stay Well

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

Democracy badge booklets:
Gain a better understanding of how government works.

Girl Scouts use their determination to lead every day in the fight for a clean environment, racial and gender equality, safety issues, local concerns, and so much more.

With our newly released Democracy badges, Girl Scouts from Daisies to Ambassadors will be prepared to lead positive change in their school, town, state, and country! To encourage understanding and participation in our democracy, these badge booklets are available to download free until February 4, 2021.

DOWNLOAD FREE

National Service Project: Cupid Crew Valentine’s
Day Cards

Valentine’s Day is the perfect opportunity for you and your troop to reach out and show others that you care—especially those who may be alone on a day that’s all about connection!

This year, Girl Scouts is teaming up with *Wish of a Lifetime from AARP* for **Cupid Crew 2021**, a volunteer-driven effort to create cards and safely send some love to tens of thousands of older adults who are socially isolated.

Your troop can help spread the joy by writing Valentine’s Day cards as a part of the Cupid Crew National Service Project. Check out the [Girl Scout national service projects](#) page for instructions on how your troop can get involved.

[LEARN MORE](#)
Get ready to take your game-changing ways to a whole new level for World Thinking Day. This year’s theme is peacebuilding, and on February 22, over 10 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world will do their part to call for and create peace in our lives and in the world. Now you can be a part of this global movement!

Gold Award Save the Date!

Girl Scouts who have earned their Girl Scout Gold Award between April 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021 will be honored at a celebration on Saturday, May 15, 2021. Details coming soon.

Girl Scout Ambassador Jada has a passion for cooking and nutrition and decided to share her knowledge with the community. By doing so, Jada earned the Girl Scout Gold Award through her project titled “Growing Nutrition!” Jada wanted to help people in the community make healthful food choices without sacrificing flavor so she created a community
nutrition program to share her ideas using cookie funds she earned last season. Read more about her story [here](#).

**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. Catch our latest stories on our [GSCCC Blog](#).

Submit a story now »

If you're looking for an opportunity to get out of the house, go explore [Norfolk Botanical Gardens](#) with your girl! After she completes the requirements for this location, you can purchase the explore patch for just $2.50 plus other awesome Girl Scout gear via curbside delivery at one of our GSCCC Shops. Check out [our website](#) to find details about how to place and when to pick up your order(s). We also have a ton of cookie products on sale in February.

**February Specials**

*Show Love to Your Girl Scout on February 14!*
Receive a discount of 10 percent off all girl/adult jewelry, accessories and apparel. While supplies last. In-stock merchandise only.

Love Wednesday’s on February 3, 10, 17, 24!

Visit, call or email your orders to shop @gsccc.org by 7 p.m. on Wednesdays and receive a 10 percent or 15 percent discount off the entire purchase. A discount will be drawn on your behalf at checkout. May not be combined with any other offer.

Stock up on other Girl Scout items like our new Girl Scouts Super Soft Hoodie ($35) and Girl Scouts Stainless Steel Tumblr ($20) by visiting our Shop page to schedule your curbside pickup or appointment-only shopping in January. You can also email shop@gsccc.org.

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

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 »

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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