Family Connections: Girl Scout Updates for Parents & Caregivers!

Parent Resources

Fun Activities for Kids Spending a LOT of Time at Home

Whether you're on school break or it's just the weekend, your family is probably spending more time at home than ever. If you've had enough movie nights to program an entire film festival and are hungry for something (anything!) different, we hear you.

There are lots of tips out there about how to get through all this extra time at home unscathed, but we'd rather you get through it smiling with a ton of fun new memories and experiences under your belt. Here's how to make it work.
Are you ready for day camp?

2021 Day Camp registration opens on January 19. Start planning your girl's summer adventure now by reading our 2021 Day Camp Guide!

Learn more about 2021 Day Camp »

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 starting January 4, 2021.
Families can find other fun and engaging activities offered by Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast by visiting our [Just for Me page](view.email.girlscouts.org/?qs=0b8842d8eb80861a6c30a9fa0825de4e10365cd81548002579466d8990d0850f47b90b34b8ae2548c07360a84c8fe1312) and our [Events page](#) today.

**Badge In A Box - January 2021**
Date: Fri Jan 01, 12:00 AM - Sun Jan 31, 11:59 PM  
Location: Home  
Girl Scout Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, and Cadettes can earn badges from home with a guided box kit.

**The Science of Happiness Badge/Patch**
Date: Fri Jan 01, 12:00 AM - Sun Jan 31, 11:59 PM  
Location: Online  
Girl Scouts will complete guided activities and earn their Science of Happiness Badge or Patch by participating in this virtual program!

**Toy Designer Entrepreneur**
Date: Fri Jan 01, 12:00 AM - Sun Jan 31, 11:59 PM  
Location: Online  
Girl Scout Daisies will complete guided activities and earn an entrepreneur badge by participating in this virtual program!

**Virtual Knot Tying**
Date: Sat Jan 30, times vary by Girl Scout grade level
Location: Zoom
Girl Scouts can enjoy learning how to tie knots, interact with each other, and earn a fun patch by participating in this virtual 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. Be sure to check that out, too.

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!
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!

Don’t forget - our 2021 Girl Scout Cookie Program starts January 9. Find out more and look over the resources that will help your girl become a Cookie CEO extraodinaire. 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.

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The 2021 Cookie Classic Run is just a couple of weeks away. This year, you don't even need to brave the cold, 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.

Now through January 3rd, use code NEWYOU2021 to get $5 off your 5K run! The Cookie Classic Run is fun for the whole family so be sure to [register now](view.email.girlscouts.org/?qs=0b8842d8eb80861a6c30a9fa0825de4e10365c81548002579466d8999d0850f47b90b34b8ae2548c07360a84c8fe1312).

**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](view.email.girlscouts.org/?qs=0b8842d8eb80861a6c30a9fa0825de4e10365c81548002579466d8999d0850f47b90b34b8ae2548c07360a84c8fe1312).

[Submit a story now »](view.email.girlscouts.org/?qs=0b8842d8eb80861a6c30a9fa0825de4e10365c81548002579466d8999d0850f47b90b34b8ae2548c07360a84c8fe1312)

**More Features. More FUN! Girl Scouts NEW Member Account Portal is HERE!**

In early December, Girl Scouts released a refreshed new member management portal as part of the My GS community of online member resources. My Account makes it easier than ever to manage your household’s Girl Scout memberships and keep track of your Girl Scout experiences. With so many new features, we’re choosing to highlight just a few for you today like:

- **The *NEW* Household Summary View:** A scrollable list of all current and inactive Girl Scout members in your household along with troop affiliations and the status for all household memberships - renewing your girl has never been easier!
- **A *NEW* Event Dashboard:** A scrollable summary of upcoming events and activities for your household.
- **The *NEW* Troop Summary View:** There to provide you with a quick look at basic information on the troops that your household members are a part of!
- **The *NEW* My Account Menu:** Ready to take you pages like My Household, My Troop, My Profile, My Events where you will be
able to find more details and information – beyond the summary views on your landing page—and where you’ll go to update and edit your member account information!

Of course, there's more but we wanted to save a few surprises for you to find! Be sure to check it out! We think you’re going to like what you find!

To get started you’ll need to reset your password.

From the Council’s website, click on My GS and follow the system provided prompts and guidance. Of course, if you have any trouble, be sure to reach out to customercare@gscccc.org and we’ll be happy to support and welcome you to our refreshed Girl Scout member platform!

Have fun exploring!

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.

Start making memories in the new year by helping your girl earn
her [Explore Fort Monroe Patch](view.email.girlscouts.org/?qs=0b8842d8eb80861a6c30a9fa0825de4e10365c81548002579466d8990d0850f47b90b34b8ae2548c07360a84c8fe1312) You can discover the origins of the fort, connect with a walking tour, and put together everything you learned together in a special take action activity. Once she's done, you can purchase her explore patch for just $2.50!

Smart Tip: The walking tour is a great way to complete one of our virtual races for the [2021 Cookie Classic Run](https://view.email.girlscouts.org/?qs=0b8842d8eb80861a6c30a9fa0825de4e10365c81548002579466d8990d0850f47b90b34b8ae2548c07360a84c8fe1312). Have you registered yet?

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](https://view.email.girlscouts.org/?qs=0b8842d8eb80861a6c30a9fa0825de4e10365c81548002579466d8990d0850f47b90b34b8ae2548c07360a84c8fe1312) 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!
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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