Family Connections: Girl Scout Updates for Parents & Caregivers!

Looking for ideas on how you can support your girls’ troop and create memories with them?

Below are some examples of activities that can be completed by parent volunteers. Leaders can decide what is useful to their troop and parent volunteers may also come up with their own suggestions to offer to a troop if these aren't a great fit. Be sure to talk to troop leaders about any time commitments, and be honest about how much you can or cannot take on. Don't over commit - we want this to be fun for you, too!

What can parent volunteers do?

**Host a meeting.** Provide the activities and crafts for one or two meetings a year.

**Become a badge & patch coordinator.** Share your special skills to sponsor an activity. Keep a record of girls’ badge work.

**Give a service.** Write a troop newsletter, help with phone calling, etc.

**Step up as a Cookie Program Coordinator.** Every troop needs someone to
attend training and coordinate the annual cookie program.

**Help with outdoor activities.** Setup and supervise hikes, overnights, day outings, field trips.

**Share skills or hobbies.** Teach the girls about your hobby.

**Lead community service projects.** Help girls plan and conduct a service project.

**Become a troop helper.** Attend troop meetings regularly to give support to your troop leader as needed.

**Provide transportation (when COVID restrictions allow).** If your car has insurance and you have a valid Drivers License.

**Family is important now more than ever. Here's a few special activities to help girls learn more about their loves ones.**

**Explore Your Family Story**
Pretend your family is in a movie. What kind of story from your family would you like to tell? A love story, a comedy, or a mystery? Ask an adult to help you come up with a name for your movie. Grab a piece of blank paper and split it up into four sections. You will draw a movie poster for each box (if you have crayons, markers or colored pencils try adding some color!) After you are done, pick which movie poster best shows your family and explain why.

**Ask About an Old Photo**
Ask your family members to share old photos of your family with you. Learn about why and where the photo was taken. Ask about what was going on in the lives of each family member during that time and where they are now.

**Pen Pal Family Member**
Write a letter to a distant family member explaining what you and your immediate family have been doing. Write about how you have been feeling and anything else you want them to know. After you are done, ask an adult to help you mail that letter to the family member you decided to write to.

**Girl Scouts Change the World**
Join Girl Scouts as we celebrate the world-changing power of girls on Saturday, October 10, at 4:00 PM EST, for an International Day of the Girl party. The first 1,000 currently registered Girl Scouts who attend the event will get a FREE exclusive World Changer patch to wear with pride.

RSVP TODAY
CARVED PUMPKINS NEEDED

The USO of Hampton Roads and Central Virginia is hosting a SAFE and FUN

**Spooky Good Times: Halloweekend**

To make the event a success A LOT of carved pumpkins are needed to line the Halloween Parade route.

**Would your Girl Scout or Troop be interested in carving and donating pumpkins?**

**Drop off CARVED pumpkins October 21 at one of these locations:**

- Virginia Beach— Dina Crewe’s Home @ 4404 Powells Point Rd
  
  Email to schedule dinacrewe01@gmail.com

- Newport News — Peninsula Service Center @ 894 J Clyde Morris
  
  From 10am — 1pm, call 548-8902 when you arrive

- Chesapeake—A Place for Girls @ 912 Cedar Rd
  
  From 9am—4pm, call 410-1436 when you arrive

**Questions?** email Chris Ramos-Smith at chrissr@gsccc.org

To learn more about the USO event visit hrcy.uso.org/events/140
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. Adults can look forward to our popular [Be Inspired series](#) hosted monthly on Zoom.

Here are some events to check out for October:

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

**Financial Literacy Program - October**
Date: Thu Oct 01, 12:00 AM - Sat Oct 31, 11:59 PM  
Location: Online  
Girl Scout Daisies, Brownies, Seniors and Ambassadors can earn financial literacy badges by participating in these online courses!

**Think Like A Programmer**
Date: Thu Oct 01, 12:00 AM - Sat Oct 31, 11:59 PM  
Location: Online  
Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors will earn their Think Like A Programmer Badge by participating in this online program!
**Sail Nauticus**
Date: Sat Oct 17 with multiple times available
Location: Sail Nauticus
Girl Scout Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors are invited to get on board with Sail Nauticus!

**Elizabeth River Learning Barge**
Date: Sat Oct 17 with multiple times available
Location: Elizabeth River Learning Barge
Girl Scouts will complete components of the Elizabeth River Explore Patch at this event!

Receive the Free Share Your Voice patch!

At Girl Scouts, we care about each girl’s experiences as she travels the Girl Scout leadership path. We depend on their input. We’re asking Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors to participate in a Girls Voices event on October 12th at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

Register in advance for this meeting »

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

**Fall Product Program in a Nutshell**
The Fall Product Program is a Council-sponsored program that combines educational activities with money earning opportunities for the troops. During the Fall Product Program girls participate in selling nuts, candy and magazines, all of which go a long way to help with troop start-up funds. The Fall Product Program is a simple, fun introduction to Girl Scout product programs!

Don’t have a Girl Scout selling in your home but would like to order? Email customercare@gsccc.org.

Our New Talk Show by Girls, for Girls

Introducing a new talk show you won’t want to miss! The new G-Team TV show, created by girls, for girls, was made with Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors in mind. Produced by Girl Scouts of the USA’s G-Team (teen leadership team), the show creates a supportive, interesting, and fun community where middle and high school girls can connect,
inspire one another, and empower themselves to change the world. Weekly episodes focus on issues that girls care about most, through interviews with amazing Girl Scouts and special guests; regular segments on travel, STEM, mental health, and the outdoors; and highlights of all the incredible ways that our girls are changing the world.

Watch new episodes on Girl Scouts’ IGTV every Thursday at *7:00 p.m. ET start! And if you miss an episode, catch up on Girl Scouts’ YouTube channel.

*The episode scheduled for October 8, 2020 will air at 8:00 p.m. ET.

The Volunteer of Excellence Award recognizes volunteers who have contributed outstanding service while partnering directly with girls to implement the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

Do you know a volunteer leader who didn’t miss a beat when in-person meetings couldn’t happen by still continuing by meeting virtually? Did she or he keep the girls engaged therefore resulting in most girls renewing for the new membership year? If so, maybe this volunteer leader should be nominated for the Volunteer of Excellence Award. Nominees must be active, registered, and have completed all requirements for the position from the prior membership year (she or he must have completed their volunteer leader training for the committee to review the nomination). The nominator will complete the nomination form and have at least two others (no more than five) complete the Letter of Endorsement for the nominee. Completed nomination form and two to five letters of endorsement must be emailed to customercare@gsccc.org no later than January 15. Find out more information about the awards here.

Kindergarten Families—This One’s for You!
Help your little scholar start school the right way with biweekly read-alongs from Girl Scouts! She'll have fun following along as top authors read and discuss some of her favorite stories. Plus? She'll grow her love for books, literacy, and learning. Find out more and register for FREE here.

Give the Gift of the best leadership experience for girls!

Today is the first day of Membership year 20-21. As girls start to meet with their troops again, some girls haven’t been able to register because of financial hardship. Please consider giving the gift of a Girl Scout membership to a girl who can’t wait to proudly say “I am a Girl Scout!” Give the gift of Girl Scouts today!

I'M READY TO GIVE

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.
Virtual Race Option Available for Cookie Classic Run!
Register as a Do-Si-Don’t Show Runner!

The 7th annual Cookie Classic Run has an option for every person of any ability! Push yourself on the 10K course, enjoy the Cookie Crawl along the 5K course, start off with the 1 mile or join us virtually. Even if you can’t make it to the event on January 16th, you don’t have to miss out on the fun!

Check out more info and register here!

Raising Awesome Girls

Lots of things are hard these days, and families everywhere are feeling the stress. Beyond doing everything in your power to keep your loved ones healthy, there’s so much day-to-day stuff that can go sideways in a moment’s notice. Through Raising Awesome Girls, we’re helping parents and caregivers like you navigate today’s unique challenges and find family friendly solutions to problems we’ve never seen before. Whether you’re looking for advice on how to teach your girl about protecting herself online as she spends more time in the virtual world or are concerned about her general emotional wellness and resiliency,
For more on how you can make her experience the best it can be, download the Girl Scout Family Connection Guide.

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 »

October brings a brand new membership year which means more chances to discover, connect, and take action. Get your girl inspired to do just that with our Explore Chippokes Plantation State Park Patch! Complete the requirements together and purchase the patch via curbside pickup or appointment-only shopping, for just $2.50. Plus, we've got tons of fall-themed activity fun patches that'll look perfect on any girl's vest.

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.

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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