



Alum News

*Quarterly Newsletter for
GSCCC Alums*

Summer 2024

In this edition you'll find amazing travel destinations, details on fun, upcoming events, spotlights on our Girl Scout Alum, and more.

As always, you can find even more feature stories, resources and other information at gsc.org/alum.



All Adult Camp Weekend: September 21-22

Camp Darden is reserved for s'more fun, just for adults! Located in Courtland, Virginia (just a few minutes from Franklin), Camp Darden boasts 105 acres of beauty and has been a favorite of Girl Scout campers for generations. Adults 21 and up are invited to register for this special event

where they will reconnect with old friends, make new ones and participate in traditional and some non-traditional camp activities. Girl Scout alum, volunteers, family members and anyone else who wants to experience the awesomeness of Girl Scout camp are invited! The event includes all meals and a special wine and Girl Scout Cookie pairing!

You can choose to sleep in one of our camp accommodations, some with air-conditioning, or bring your own tent, camper or RV. (If you prefer "glamping" there are hotels within 15 minutes from camp.)

You can relax and enjoy activities of your choice that will include options for outdoor hikes and walks, archery, ropes course, crafts, swimming and smoothies by the pool and a campfire program with s'mores!

[See the full itinerary, FAQs, and register online at gscoc.org.](#)



We are part of Papa John's Pizza Hampton Roads "Dollars for Dough" program! We will receive 20% of every dollar spent on a pizza when you order through papajohns.com and **use the code GSCOC at checkout.** You can use it all year long!

Step up to step in!

We have some one-and-done volunteer opportunities coming up this fall. If you have a few hours to share with Girl Scouts, we would love to have you join us!

- Girl Scout Fest, October 19 at Northwest River Park (multiple positions)
- The House That She Built, November 9, a career-focused day about building and maintaining eco-friendly homes (details TBA)

Want to make an even bigger impact? Consider filling a [Service Unit Product Program Coordinator](#) role!

Reach out to us at customercare@gsgccc.org with your interest and availability.



WAGGGS World Centers

Whether it's Brownies packing their first weekend bag or Seniors boarding a plane to check out Girl Scout history in Savannah, Georgia, Girl Scouts have amazing travel opportunities. They build connections outside their own community and make memories to last a lifetime.

Did you know adults, too, can travel as Girl Scouts and explore the world? Wherever you're looking to travel, Girl Scouts can get you there. As a Girl Scout, you're automatically a member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), which means you can visit the WAGGGS World Centers. These five incredible destinations—created just for Girl Scouts like you—are fun, affordable, and safe places to stay while you broaden your horizons and make new friends.

Girl Scout members, troops, volunteers, and families are invited to experience adventures in Mexico, Switzerland, England, India, and across the African continent.

Local Girl Scout alum Lila Davis served as a volunteer at the Sangam World Center. Situated along the banks of the Mula River in Pune, India, it is a few hours from Mumbai. Sangam, which means “coming together” in Sanskrit, engages Girl Scouts in events from June to March, emphasizing cultural sharing, issues that impact girls, and the rich cultural heritage of India.

[Find out about all the World Centers and opportunities to visit, and take a virtual tour!](#)



Visit the Birthplace in Savannah

Girl Scouts of the USA has been a dedicated steward of the Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace for decades. Use the Birthplace Bound Travel Planner to help you create an inspiring trip to Savannah, Georgia, to experience the Birthplace for yourself — as well as all the other amazing things the city has to offer!

[Learn more at juliettegordonlowbirthplace.org.](http://juliettegordonlowbirthplace.org)

NEW! Online Ordering for Buy a Brick

An engraved brick is a wonderful tribute to your favorite Girl Scouts—and is only a few clicks away!

- **The new online ordering site is super easy** with an option to pay with a credit card.
- Submit your orders by September 6 to be included in the October 12 dedication ceremony.
- *For a limited time*, use one-time discount code **WelcomeGSCCC** to save \$10.

Alum Spotlight: Marsha Riibner-Cady



One thing every Girl Scout learns, at every grade level, is first aid. Whether that's through earning a badge or at a safety workshop, being prepared for emergencies is an integral part of what Girl Scouting teaches. Girl Scout alum and volunteer Marsha Riibner-Cady took this to heart, and turned it into a career.

“I care about the community and I would love to see everyone trained in CPR and first aid,” she said. Her own training is extensive. “I’m a trained Medical Technologist with a certification in Blood Banking, so I do have a medical background. I have been certified to teach through the American Red Cross and the American Heart Association.”

[Read the full article at gsc.org/blog.](https://gsc.org/blog)

Celebrating Alum Achievement

Let us share your good news! We know Girl Scouts make the world a better place well into adulthood, and your stories can inspire us all to keep going. Send your professional honors, awards, recognitions, promotions, news and other announcements to marcomm@gsgccc.org. We will include them in a future edition of this newsletter!

- Girl Scout volunteers Shan Sixbey and Janice “Jay” Johnson received the UNITY Award from the Hampton Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- GSGCCC CEO Tracy Keller was named on the 2024 ‘Serve Virginia’ Honor Roll

Alum Spotlight: Sarah Linden-Brooks



GSGCCC Board Member At Large Sarah Linden-Brooks joined Girl Scouts in elementary school as a Brownie and continued through her senior year of high school. She grew up outside of Washington, D.C. as part of the Nation’s Capital Council and later moved to the Colonial Coast area. She went on to earn her Gold Award. Sarah is a Girl Scout lifetime member and has continued to stay involved as an adult.

“Over the years, I have remained engaged with many of the women who were in my troop—even though we graduated in 2006,” she said. “A few years ago, several of us got to attend the GSGCCC ‘Women’s Wellness Weekend’ and had an incredible time. I advocate for Girl Scouts in the community. And, of course, I still enjoy purchasing, and nibbling on, Girl Scout cookies.”

[Read the full article at gsgccc.org/blog.](https://gsgccc.org/blog)



“Make the World a Better Place” Podcast: Episode 5

A mother-daughter duo! [Girl Scout Ambassador Susie](#) earned the Girl Scout Gold Award by completing a service project to introduce her community to fine arts experiences. Co-leader of Troop 52 in Moyock, North Carolina, [Sandi](#) has been on the Girl Scout journey with her daughter for the past ten years.

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Your Legacy, Your Promise to Girls

Juliette Gordon Low wasn't afraid to challenge the status quo and wholeheartedly advocate for the girls who would benefit from Girl Scouting. She knew that building support was the key to a memorable future and would happen one conversation at a time. The same is true today.

The Juliette Gordon Low Society is composed of future-thinking adults who want to continue enhancing girls' future opportunities. Consider beginning a conversation about what you want to do for girls with [Sally Swanson](#), who can help you [form your legacy plan](#). Beginning early helps girls as well as can help you with future tax implications.