

Alum News



Quarterly Newsletter for GSCCC Girl Scout Alums

Summer 2026

Whether you are a recent grad, a troop volunteer, or a lifetime member with years of Girl Scouting experience, we are so thankful for your continued involvement. Let's have some fun this summer! Check out our upcoming events, travel opportunities, stories on our Girl Scout alum, and more.

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



Congratulations, Graduates!

To all the Girl Scouts who are bridging to Adult this summer, welcome to your new era of Girl Scouting! There are a lot more “firsts” in store, and plenty of resources to help you on your way.

Heading to college? Continue your Girl Scout experience by joining—or starting—a [Campus Girl Scouts](#) club. If your school doesn't have a club, you can start one yourself. All you need is a little Girl Scout-style initiative!

Connect with the Kappas! [Kappa Delta sorority](#) offers support for leadership development, personal growth, academic success, and community service. The Kappa Delta Foundation has been a vital partner of Girl Scouts of the USA since 1998.



GSCCC Alum and Board Donors Fund Scholarships

On Saturday, June 6, GSCCC honored recipients of Girl Scout Highest Awards, scholarships, and other recognitions at the [Leadership in Action: Girl Scout Awards Celebration](#). Thanks to the generosity of passionate Girl Scout alums and former GSCCC board members, the recipient of the GSUSA National Gold Award Scholarship receives an additional \$5,000 scholarship, and each of our council's finalists were awarded a \$2,500 scholarship. The founders of this "boost" scholarship were former Council Board Chairs Barbara Teirney and Marisa Porto, along with Board Member Ann Stenberg. Girl Scout alum who added their support include Ashley McLeod and Mary Kate Andris, who helped present the award this year.

If you are interested in supporting this very special scholarship, please email philanthropy@gscce.org or visit gscce.org/donate.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2026 National Convention: Girl Scouts Unite – Jul. 23-25

Be there as Girl Scouts make history! There's no better time and place to celebrate the incredible impact of Girl Scouts than on the 250th anniversary of the U.S.A. in our nation's capital. [Learn more girlscouts.org/convention](https://www.girlscouts.org/convention).

Girl Scout Famous Formers – NEW DATE: Sept. 17

The nominations are in! Save the date for our annual celebration, where we will recognize the significant achievements of local women who started their leadership journey as Girl Scouts. [Learn more at gsccc.org/famous](https://gsccc.org/famous).

Women's Camping Retreat – Oct. 3-4

Escape to the pines for a weekend that feels like pure magic at Camp Darden. This is your chance to unplug, breathe in that crisp fall air, and dive back into the camp traditions you've always loved—archery, canoeing, crafts, campfire songs, and the kind of laughter that only happens when you're surrounded by fellow Girl Scout adults who get it. Whether you're rekindling old memories or making brand new ones, the energy is warm, welcoming, and wonderfully nostalgic. From sunrise adventures to s'mores under the stars, every moment is designed to bring out your playful, adventurous side. You'll challenge yourself, cheer each other on, and enjoy the simple joy of being outdoors with people who share your spirit of sisterhood and fun. Pack your sleeping bag, grab your favorite flannel, and get ready for a weekend that fills your cup and reminds you why camp has always felt like home. Register online at gsccc.org/alum.

Spread the impact of Girl Scouts.

You are one of our strongest champions and your voice matters.

As a Community Advocate, you can help build awareness, grow support, and open doors for more girls and families to experience the benefits of Girl Scouts. Together, we can reach more neighbors, schools, and local organizations to highlight the opportunities Girl Scouts offers.

Making an impact only takes a moment. Explore our resources at gsccc.org/impact and use the ones that resonate with you!

Alum Stories



In Her Own Words: Hailey Smith

Hi, everyone! I'm Hailey, and I am very excited to be a chaperone on the European Quartet Destination!

Growing up, I was a Girl Scout Brownie through Cadette. I became a Lifetime Member, was a troop leader for two years, and am now chaperoning my fourth Destinations trip.



I love traveling and seeing new places. I have been to Italy, England, Ireland, Wales, Scotland, and France with Girl Scouts. Outside of travel and volunteering, I've been a nurse for almost 6 years. I spent a lot of time working in an ICU and am now a Heart Transplant Coordinator. I also love needlepointing, cooking, CrossFit, and using my film camera.

Looking forward to meeting each of you and traveling this summer!



Meet Girl Scout Alum Shannon and Rhonda

Girl Scout Alum Shannon and Rhonda are the driving force behind Social Butterflies Club, a vibrant community focused on connection, empowerment, and meaningful social engagement. Shannon Cole B.S./SLPA-S is a certified early childhood special educator, and Rhonda Roberts Osisek M.S., CCC-SLP, is a certified speech-language pathologist. Known for their energy and

inclusivity, they've built a space where people can come together, form genuine relationships, and support one another. Watch on [YouTube](#) or listen on [Spotify](#).



When you renew your membership this fall, make it for good. [This one-time purchase comes with lots of perks!](#) It's \$400 (tax-deductible as allowed by law), but alums under 30 or volunteers with ten or more years of service can purchase a lifetime membership for just \$200.

Training and Certifications

Did you know? Many adult training courses offered at GSCCC are also open to non-members! If you or someone you know needs help with registration, please reach out to customercare@gsgccc.org.

Canoe Facilitator Trainings Get ready to take your troop or group out on the water!

- [6/28 at Burke's Mill Pond](#)
Register by 6/18
- [7/26 at Camp Darden](#)
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- [8/23 at Camp Darden](#)
Register by 8/13

Basic Troop Camping – 8/22 Join us for this all-day training in outdoor skills at Camp Darden, with an optional overnight.

Register by 7/30

Climbing Wall Facilitator Training – 8/23 Learn how to set up and take down the climbing wall at Camp Darden, as well as some knot-tying and belaying skills.

Register by 8/13

Axes/Archery Facilitator Training – 8/23 Join us at Camp Darden for certification in axe throwing and archery on GSCCC sites.

Register by 8/13

American Red Cross CPR/First Aid – 8/29 for J/C/S/A and Adults at A Place for Girls.

Register by 8/26

Looking Ahead: August is National Make-A-Will Month

Estate planning is for everyone: This month, make the most important plans in life for free, from the comfort of your own home. Girl Scouts is partnering with **FreeWill**, a completely FREE online platform that creates a valid will in either Virginia or North Carolina. The step-by-step process is easy to use; the guided site asks all of the necessary questions, and you fill in the blanks based upon the state where you live. Girls' tomorrows depend on what we do today. **Learn more at gsgccc.org/legacy.**



Join Daisy's Circle — Where Giving Blossoms Into Impact!

Inspired by our visionary founder, Juliette “Daisy” Gordon Low, this initiative honors her legacy as a devoted philanthropist and tireless advocate for young women. Step into the Circle. Help plant the seeds of courage, confidence, and character — month after month. [When making your donation, select the MONTHLY option.](#) It's that easy!

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!