



# The Colonial Coaster

*Monthly Newsletter for Girl Scout Members, Volunteers, and Families*

## February 2026

February is full of reasons to celebrate! First up, early-bird registration for summer camp opens on February 12. There are lots of new themes and sessions to choose from this year, including a week-long day camp for horse lovers at Grubb Grove Horse Farm! Later in the month, it will be time for our [cookie entrepreneurs](#) to shine as cookie booths officially start on February 22!

As a reminder, *The Colonial Coaster* will hit your inbox on the first Thursday of each month, and be archived at [gscgc.org/publications](https://gscgc.org/publications).

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## Activities and Announcements

### Featured Activity: Goal Setting

One of the important life skills that Girl Scouts learn during [cookie season](#) is goal setting. Let's try a sweet activity to help understand how to break big goals down into smaller, easier parts with this [video](#) from GSUSA's Activity Zone.



## **Bonus Activity: Two Design Contests!**

### **GSCCC's 2026 Summer Camp T-Shirt Design Contest**

What makes camp special to you? This is your chance to show why you think Girl Scout camp is the best place on earth! The contest is open through February 18.

### **First Day Patch Design Contest**

What do you picture when you think of how Girl Scouts help you grow? Put those thoughts into an illustration to meet this year's theme: "Girl Scouts. Where [you supply the word] Grows!" The contest is open through February 28.

## **World Thinking Day is February 22**

2026 is the 100th anniversary of World Thinking Day! [This year's special theme is Our Friendship](#). Explore our worldwide Girl Scout/Girl Guide community and celebrate the friendships that connect us all around the globe.

## **New! Meet the Amazing Daisies**



Meet the Amazing Daisies, three best friends who work together to accomplish amazing things, with the first two Level One I Can Read books from Girl Scouts! Learn about them, and all the other Girl Scout-inspired stories, guides, and journals for young readers published by HarperCollins, at [girlscouts.org/read](https://girlscouts.org/read).

## Vote for Girl Scouts with Target Circle

We are honored and excited to announce that we have been chosen to participate in a special charitable giving campaign sponsored and funded by Target. And you have the chance to help direct a portion of Target's donation to us! **Now through March 31, vote for us through the Target Circle program.** Don't forget, as you earn more votes, you can keep voting multiple times during the campaign! Find out more about Target Circle and join today (if you haven't already) at [target.com/circle](https://target.com/circle).



## Black History Month Patch

February is Black History Month, where we honor the incredible contributions that Black and African American communities have made throughout U.S. history — from civil rights leaders to artists, politicians to inventors. We've got plenty of activities to choose from, so you can make new discoveries and have tons of fun while earning your patch!

[Fun Patch Activities](#) (PDF)

[Actividades en Español](#) (PDF)

## Buck Harris Award nominations due by March 31

This special award will be presented at GSCCC's Girl Awards celebration in June. The recipient will receive a framed certificate and will be able to select a week at a GSCCC-sponsored summer camp! Learn more about this and other Girl Scout awards and scholarships at [gsc.org](https://gsc.org).

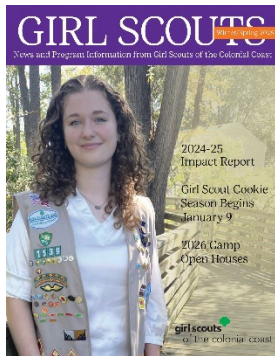


## Register Now for 2026 Summer Camp

Early-bird registration opens **February 12** at [gsc.org/camp](https://gsc.org/camp). Check out the Camp Guide to see all the fun themes and experiences that await you and get ready to explore more!

## GSCCC is a River Star Business!

Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast has been recognized by the Elizabeth River Project for advancing to Achievement Level River Star, for showing significant results in both pollution prevention and wildlife habitat preservation. [View the report from Inside Business for details.](#)



## **Girl Scouts Magazine (Winter/Spring 2026)**

Check out the latest edition of news and upcoming program information from Girl Scouts of Colonial Coast, published twice a year and mailed to all members (and always available to read online at [gsccc.org/publications](https://gsccc.org/publications)).

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## **Featured Events**



### **Princess Ball Father/Daughter Dance – 2/15**

Step into a magical evening for princesses of all ages at the Chesapeake Conference Center, where elegance meets heartwarming memories. This is more than a dance; it's a tradition, a keepsake moment, and an event you'll treasure forever.

### **Sandbox VR Girl Scout Day – 2/15**

Experience a new, socially immersive virtual reality gaming center in Virginia Beach! Gather your team, choose your time slot, and get ready to vote on your theme as you transport into your own action movie—you can even step into the worlds of Stranger Things or Squid Games!

All Levels, Family Friendly

*Register by 2/10*

### **Hurrah Players present Path to Freedom – 2/20-22**

Travel through time with historical figures as history comes to life through beautiful and poignant African-American music, dance and storytelling. Call Lisa at (757) 627-5177 for a discount on groups of 10 or more!

All Levels, Family Friendly

### **STEM Saturday: Robotics – 2/21**

Enjoy a variety of hands-on activities, fun exhibits, an IMAX film and more from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Virginia Air and Space Science Center in Hampton. First 100 attendees get in free!



### **Medical Simulation Experience – 2/28**

Find out what it's like to be a med student as you try your hand at different stations with the staff from the Macon & Joan Brock Sentara Center for Healthcare Simulation & Immersive Learning at Old Dominion University. Activities include Stop the Bleed techniques, patient-centered communication methods, high-tech surgical simulation, and even applying some Girl Scout knot-tying skills to surgical suturing!

Levels: C/S/A

*Register by 2/22*


### **Camp is Calling: Badge Bash – 4/18**

Tickets are on sale now, and they come packed with perks: free drinks and food, a Girl Scout Cookie-inspired cocktail, and live music under the stars. **Adults 21+—this is your chance to support Girl Scouts and treat yourself to an unforgettable night out.** Slip on a playful faux sash and earn custom badges as you move through the night's activities—think gourmet s'mores, glow in the dark dance party, and other camp-inspired fun. Spots are limited, so register today and be part of the fun that fuels Girl Scout camp adventures!


### **Girl Scouts Unite 2026 Convention**

Join us as we celebrate all the ways that Girls Make History at the Girl Scouts Unite event from July 23–July 25 in Washington, DC. Don't miss out on unforgettable experiences, like:

 Interactive skill-building workshops for adults and girls in grades four and above

 Connecting with Girl Scouts who are taking action in their communities

 Incredible live performances and epic celebrations

 Exploring 100+ booths and activities available in the Hall of Experiences

 Hearing from inspiring speakers like Space Gal Emily Calandrelli

Learn more and get tickets now at [girlscouts.org/convention](https://girlscouts.org/convention).

### **But wait, there's more!**

Browse *everything* at [gsccc.org/events](https://gsccc.org/events) or download the entire calendar of events through September 2026: [Program Events Calendar](#) (PDF) — and don't forget to check the weekly *GSCCC GO!* delivered to families and volunteers every Tuesday.

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## **Blog and Podcast Spotlights**

**Prepare to be inspired!** You can find these stories and more at [gsccc.org/blog](https://gsccc.org/blog).

### **Gold Award: Digital Empowerment Workshop**

Girl Scout Sarah led technology workshops to help local senior citizens.

### **Alexis Majied: Leading with Purpose in the Boardroom and Beyond**

Balancing her professional life with volunteering is all about intention.

### **BOD Spotlight: Lu Ann Klevecz**

GSCCC's Board Chair embodies resilience, embraces change and believes that volunteering is part of being a good citizen.

**New Podcast: Meet the GSCCC Cookie Team!** Say hello to Janelle Campbell and Shannon Daugherty, Girl Scout alum and the leadership behind GSCCC's annual cookie program. Learn from this duo as they share some of the ways that their experiences as Girl Scouts have helped to shape the recipe for success throughout their professional journeys!

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## **Volunteer Hub**

### **Rallyhood is here!**

Rallyhood is a private, comprehensive desktop and mobile app solution to help Girl Scout volunteers, families, and staff all work productively and efficiently together to build a more connected community. All the various sites, apps, and platforms you juggle to keep organized and in touch have their functionalities consolidated in Rallyhood. It's a pretty sweet suite! Visit [gscgcc.org/rallyhood](https://gscgcc.org/rallyhood) to view helpful information and frequently asked questions, and download the Rallyhood app.

### **Now Hiring: Summer Camp 2026**

The perfect job is waiting for you at Girl Scout camp! We offer career skills to build up your resume, leadership experience, training/certifications, and more! (We are also looking for a full-time Property Manager!) [View available positions and apply online today.](#)

### **Archery Facilitator Training - 3/14**

Join us for this comprehensive training in archery skills and safety at Camp Skimino..  
*Register by 3/5*

### **Low Ropes Facilitator Training - 3/15**

Join us for this fun day of training on the ropes course at Camp Skimino.  
*Register by 3/5*

### **Basic Troop Camping - 3/21**

Join us for this all-day training in outdoor skills at Camp Darden.  
*Register by 2/29*

### **Climbing Wall Facilitator Training – 3/22**

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 3/12*

### **Axes/Archery Facilitator Training – 3/22**

Join us for this weekend training in outdoor skills at Camp Darden.

*Register by 3/12*

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## **Shop Specials**

**Discount Wednesdays!** Spin the lucky wheel at checkout and receive a 5%, 10% or 15% discount off the entire purchase, or score a special surprise item! *May not be combined with any other offer.*

**Special Shop Hours:** We will be at all three Cookie Count-n-Go locations on Saturday, February 21 from 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



**Get ready for Brave, Fierce, Fun!** [On sale now: cookie swag to bling your booth](#) — or bling yourself! We have everything that cookie entrepreneurs need to crush their goals this season.

**Supermix Studio:** Create and customize your own gear with Girl Scout designs and more! Use the interactive kiosk at A Place for Girls or shop from home at [supermixstudio.com/gscgc](https://supermixstudio.com/gscgc) — either way, all items ship direct to you.

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## **Annual Donor Report**

Browse the data — and the heartwarming stories behind the numbers — on philanthropic impact, girl experience outcomes, and our council's accomplishments for the 2024-2025 Girl Scouts membership year.

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## **Share Your Story**

Girl Scouts do amazing things every single day and we want to hear about it. Did you earn an award or participate in a special project? Maybe you earned a new badge or took a fun trip — whatever your news is, [we can't wait to hear from you!](#)