



# The Colonial Coaster

Monthly Newsletter for Girl Scout Members, Volunteers, and Families

## June 2026

School may be letting out but the Girl Scout fun is still going! From summer camps to family-friendly events, we invite you to enjoy some time in nature this month. The [Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge](#) is on, and you can earn this year's patch for getting outside and having a blast exploring with your troop, your friends, or your family.

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

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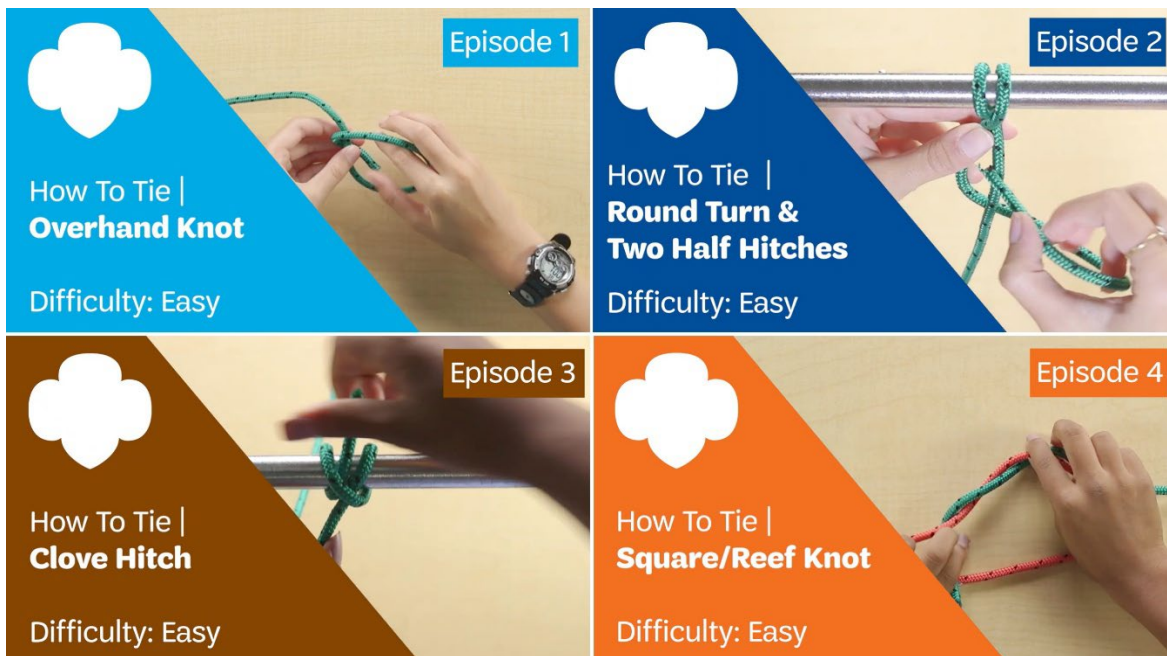
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## Activities and Announcements

### Featured Activity: Knots

We can-KNOT believe that summer is already here! If you're going camping, planning an outdoor adventure, or just want something fun to do on a road trip, check out this [playlist of](#)

[knot-tying tutorials](#), starting with a basic overhand and working up in difficulty levels to a double figure-8.



## Special Interest Clubs

**For Girl Scouts in 7th Grade and Up:** Join now and help us plan club events for the new membership year!

**Cooking Club:** You might try baking s'mores inside a box, picking peanuts from a farmer's field, or making ice cream! We meet virtually the Wednesday following the second Tuesday every month and once a month in person for scheduled events.

**Star Club:** We have learned to use telescopes with the Back Bay Amateur Astronomers, taught Space Science badge workshops for younger Girl Scouts, and co-hosted a planetarium event with ODU. We meet virtually the second Tuesday of every month and in person for scheduled events.

Learn more about these and our other clubs for older Girl Scouts at [gsccl.org/clubs](https://gsccl.org/clubs).



## Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge

Celebrate summer! [Download the free activity sheet](#) for fun things you can do in your neighborhood, at a local park, or at home using your imagination to earn this year's special patch.

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## Featured Events

### **Plan B: Kids Comedy Show at The Z - 6/13**

A delightful mix of laughter, creativity, and memorable moments for everyone in an interactive setting. Our talented comedians create hilarious scenes on the spot based on your suggestions. So come and experience a unique, engaging performance that will have the whole family laughing together!



### **Sail250® Virginia - 6/16-22**

A fleet of the world's most magnificent international tall ships and military ships, in an epic peacetime gathering, will sail into the port cities of Virginia as part of Sail250® America. There are numerous events planned for the week, so don't miss this chance to witness these historical events!

### **Charter to Chesapeake - 6/19-22**

Visit Battlefield Park and the Great Bridge Battlefield & Waterways Museum for a weekend of interactive living history, hands-on games and activities for all ages, live music, food trucks, and more. Take a walk through history, tour the tall ship Sultana and meet the crew, and immerse yourself in Chesapeake's rich maritime and Colonial history and heritage as part of the Virginia250 celebration!

### **Family Fun on the Farm - 7/11**

Hey, Girl Scout Daisies and Brownies, let's E-I-E-I-GO! Bring your troop or family down to Bluebird Gap Farm to meet the animals and have some fun in the outdoors.

### **Me & My Gal - 7/18**

Make some amazing summer memories with your best gal at Camp Skimino. Practice the art of semaphore and other scout craft direct from Juliette Gordon Low's handbook, How Girls Can Help Their Country. Participate in classic camp activities that include canoeing, archery, tie dye, and more!

## **Girl Scouts Unite: 2026 National Convention**

Join your sister Girl Scouts from across the country in Washington, DC for this incredible event! The event kicks off with our 58th National Council Session from July 20–22, followed by the Girl Scouts Unite event from July 22–25 as we celebrate all the ways that Girls Make History.

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

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

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## **Blog and Podcast Spotlights**

Find these inspiring stories and many more at [gsccc.org/blog](https://gsccc.org/blog).

### **Gold Award: The Safe Space Project**

Girl Scout Nomi helped families waiting with children at a local district court by creating friendly, calming spaces.

### **Gold Award: Dragonflies for Schools**

Girl Scout Sara started a crochet club to foster connection, and spread appreciation and smiles.

### **Military and Volunteer Leadership: Captain Terra Gray**

From her career in the Navy to her three daughters' troop, this Girl Scout volunteer leads the way.

### **New Podcast: Let's "Make the World a Better Place"**

Season 2, Episode 14: Meet Rhonda and Shannon from Social Butterflies Club! Listen at [gsccc.org/podcast](https://gsccc.org/podcast), on [Spotify](#) or our [YouTube](#) channel.

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## Volunteer Hub

**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](#)  
*Register by 7/26*
- [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 Volunteers at A Place for Girls.  
*Register by 8/26*

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## Shop Specials

**Special Summer Hours** – Shop will be CLOSED on the following dates:

- June 23 and 30
- July 3-4 (Independence Day), 7, 14, and 21
- August 20-21

**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.*



**Camp, Explore, Repeat:** Summer is here! Be ready for Girl Scout camp, family trips, or a night out in the backyard with a themed towel \$10 or pillowcase \$12.

**Proud Girl Scout Parent T-Shirt:** Let everyone know that you're a proud Girl Scout parent in this heathered light gray t-shirt. Traditional unisex fit. \$23.

**Proud Girl Scout Parent Baseball Hat:** Cap off your look with pride! One size with adjustable back strap, in cream with green accents. \$24.

**Mark a Milestone:** It's America's 250th birthday this year and you can [earn the commemorative five-patch collection!](#) \$8/set.

**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/gsgccc](https://supermixstudio.com/gsgccc) — either way, all items ship direct to you.

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## Thinking about starting a troop?

When you start a new troop for Daisies or Brownies, you can get great support through the [Girl Scout Experience Box™](#)! Delivered monthly, each free box includes simple scripts, easy instructions, and ready-to-use supplies for fun, stress-free meetings. Get set up and receive the first Welcome Box in August 2026!

## **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!](#)