



The Colonial Coaster

Monthly Newsletter for Girl Scout Members, Volunteers, and Families

March 2026

This month, we are looking forward to celebrating Girl Scout Week and wrapping up another successful cookie season. Plus, there are free camp open house events at three of our properties, starting this weekend! Summer camp registration opened last month and sessions are filling up fast, so don't wait to secure your spot — we've got a lot of exploring to do!

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

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Activities and Announcements

Featured Activity: Bring an Entrepreneurial Idea to Life

If you've been participating in the [Cookie Program](#), you already know you have what it takes to be an entrepreneur. Put that can-do spirit to work with this fun video! Did you ever look around the community where you live and have an idea for a way to make something

better? In this [activity](#) from the Business Jumpstart badge, you can build a prototype to bring that idea to life!



Bonus Activity: Celebrate Girl Scout Week!

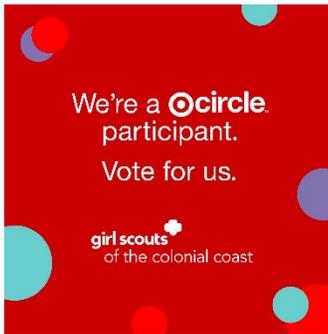
National Girl Scout Day, March 12, commemorates the day in 1912 when Juliette Gordon Low officially registered the organization's first 18 members in Savannah, Georgia. This year, Girl Scout Week will be observed March 8-14. Celebrate our worldwide sisterhood with some of the games and activities listed at gsc.org.

<p>March 8</p> <p> Spirit Sunday</p> <p>Do something kind in the spirit of Girl Scouts.</p>	<p>March 9</p> <p>Affirmation Monday</p> <p>Share a positive message with a friend.</p> <p></p>	<p>March 10</p> <p> Troop Tuesday</p> <p>Appreciate your awesome troop besties.</p>	<p>March 11</p> <p>Wisdom Wednesday</p> <p>Share a Girl Scout pro tip or life hack.</p> <p></p>
<p>March 12</p> <p> National Girl Scout Day</p> <p>Post a photo in your Girl Scout gear and tag @girlscouts!</p>	<p>March 13</p> <p>Flash Forward Friday</p> <p>Make your plans for a brighter future!</p> <p></p>	<p>March 14</p> <p>Service Saturday</p> <p> Serve your community as a sisterhood.</p>	

Scholarships and Awards

Get your applications and nominations in now for these amazing recognitions. Find even more at gscoc.org/scholarships.

- [Buck Harris Award](#) – Open to Girl Scouts who have been a member for at least two years. *Due by March 31*
- [Girl Scouts of Courage, Confidence, and Character Scholarship](#) – Open to graduating high school seniors. *Due by May 1*
- [She Believes She Can, So She Does Scholarship](#) – Open to graduating high school seniors. *Due by May 1*
- [Suffolk Foundation Scholarships](#) – Multiple awards available; criteria vary. *Due by May 20*



We are honored and excited 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! **Vote for us through the Target Circle program through March 31.** Here's how: Choose "My Target" then "Cast Votes" and vote for Girl Scouts of Colonial Coast — easy! Learn more at target.com/circle.

From the Newsroom: Cookie Coverage!

- ['A game of Jenga': How Girl Scout cookies make their way around Hampton Roads](#) – WHRO
- [Girl Scout Cookie time! Booths being set up around the Outer Banks](#) – The Coastland Times
- [Hampton Roads Girl Scout troops get volunteer help for cookie season launch](#) – WTKR

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Featured Events

Join us at a free Camp Open House as you make plans to “Explore More” this year at [Girl Scout Summer Camp!](#)

- [Camp Skimino](#), Williamsburg – 3/7
- [Camp Apasus](#), Norfolk – 3/21
(B/J: Register to stay after for [AIM!](#) C/S/A: Register to stay after for [Slingshots!](#))
- [Camp Outback](#), Chesapeake – 3/28
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[VSO's PB&J: Finding America in Dvořák's New World – 3/14-15](#)

Czech composer Antonín Dvořák was inspired by African American spirituals, Native American music, and Longfellow's poem *The Song of Hiawatha*. Find out how he combined these influences with the musical traditions of his homeland to create this beloved masterpiece.

[All Aboard for Stories and STEAM – 3/21](#)

Learn about women of the railroad, visit the restored train station and caboose, find out about early communication technology, and make your own telegraph!

Location: Lee Hall Depot, Newport News

Levels: D/B/J

Register by 3/20

[STEM Saturday: Engineering – 3/21](#)

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!

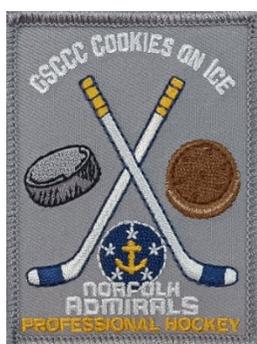


[Hurrah Players present Moana Jr. – 3/27-29](#)

Follow Moana as she sets sail across the Pacific to save her village and discover the truth about her heritage. Moana and the legendary demigod Maui embark on an epic journey of self-discovery and camaraderie as both learn to harness the power that lies within.

Journeys in a Day: These incredible programs will be retiring forever in October, so don't miss your chance to earn these badges — which also fulfills a pre-requisite for earning a Highest Award. (Plus, if you earn three Journeys for your level, you can receive the [Girl Scout Summit Award!](#))

- **It's Your Planet: Love It! – 4/4** for All Levels at Virginia Wesleyan University
Register by 3/18
- **Think Like an Engineer – 4/26** for All Levels at Tidewater Collegiate Academy
Register by 4/15



Cookies on Ice with The Norfolk Admirals – 4/4

Girl Scouts will be recognized for their cookie program achievements, so bring your friends and family to Norfolk Scope Arena for an evening of high energy fun! Two goal-crushing cookie entrepreneurs will be chosen to do the ceremonial puck drop and take a zamboni ride, and two troops will be chosen to create high-five tunnels to hype up the team!

Camp is Calling: Badge Bash – 4/18

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! Early-bird pricing is still in effect but don't wait to get your tickets.

Girl Scouts Unite: 2026 National 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.

But wait, there's more!

Browse *everything* at gsc.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

Find these inspiring stories and many more at gsccc.org/blog.

Silver Award: Neighborhood Informational Sign

Girl Scout Cadette Kaylani gave this community an easy way to stay connected.

Girl Scouts Spread Kindness to Senior Citizens

Girl Scouts and their families brought cheer to local senior citizens last fall through patch program activities.

GSCCC's New STEM Center!

Check out the hands-on, interactive activities, games, and badge-earning opportunities at Camp Skimino.

Virginia Girl Scout Legislative Day 2026

Girl Scouts got a chance to see government in action on our annual trip to Richmond, and even had a Q&A with Governor Abigail Spanberger!

New Podcast: Meet Alexis Majied As Chief Communications Officer at Hampton Roads Transit, Alexis Majied knows what it means to lead with intention. Her work connects communities, fosters trust, and ensures that every voice is heard — values that also shine through in her role with Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast, where she serves as a board member and troop volunteer.

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Volunteer Hub



Know a Volunteer Who Deserves Kudos?

Girl Scout Adult Awards recognize our volunteers and other adult members who go above and beyond to make a real difference, both for the girls we serve and for each other. [Anyone can submit a nomination!](#) Get yours in by May 31.

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.](#)

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

American Red Cross Adult & Pediatric First Aid - 4/25

Learn to recognize and care for a variety of first aid breathing and cardiac emergencies for people of all ages.

Register by 4/23

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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.*

Celebrate Girl Scout Week with a special fun patch! PLUS: Enjoy the Discount Wednesday wheel from March 11 - 13!



“Proud Girl Scout Volunteer” April is Volunteer Appreciation Month and we have the perfect gift for the volunteer in your life! Show off your Girl Scout pride with our new long-sleeved T-shirt. \$26.

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/gscce — either way, all items ship direct to you.

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Let's Rally!

Rallyhood is a private, comprehensive desktop and mobile app solution to help Girl Scout volunteers, families, and staff all work as a connected community. All the various sites, apps, and platforms you juggle to keep organized and in touch have their functionalities consolidated in Rallyhood. Visit gscce.org/rallyhood to learn more and download the Rallyhood app.

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!](#)