



The Colonial Coaster

Monthly Newsletter for Girl Scout Members, Volunteers, and Families

November 2025

Autumn is a super busy—and fun—time for Girl Scouts, and we’ve got a super packed newsletter for you this month! As a reminder, *The Colonial Coaster* will hit your inbox on the first Thursday of each month, and be archived at gsccc.org/publications.

(Note: GSCCC office and shop will be closed November 27-28 for the Thanksgiving holiday.)

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Activities and Announcements

The **Fall Product Program** is wrapping up; **November 9** is the last day for online sales. If you’re still working towards your goal, make this weekend count! Remind your customers that the holidays are just around the corner, and Girl Scout gifts can be here in plenty of time for giving! (And don’t forget the [Buzzing Into Kindness](#) challenge happening now!)

Scholarships

President’s Environmental Youth Award (PEYA)

PEYA recognizes outstanding environmental stewardship projects developed by K-12 youth. Each year the PEYA program honors a wide variety of projects developed by students and youth organizations to promote environmental awareness and action in schools and communities. Application period is OPEN now through Monday, December 1, 2025. Learn more at epa.gov.

EngineerGirl Contest

Engineering and art have much in common, and in fact engineers and artists go through a very similar process when designing. Girls in grades 3-12 are invited to use art to express how engineers create a better world. Winners can receive up to \$1,000! Submissions are due by February 1, 2026. Learn more at engineerteen.org.

Featured Activity: Kindness Cards

World Kindness Day is November 13, and all Girl Scouts are invited to join us in making [Kindness Cards](#) (which can go towards earning this year's Spread Kindness patch). The cards can be given to anyone who might appreciate a kind message, from family members and friends to community helpers or residents of a local nursing home. Be creative! And be kind.



Girl Scouts can also participate in [Family Volunteer Day on November 22](#), a global celebration of the incredible impact families can make when they unite to support their communities and neighborhoods. Volunteer Hampton Roads is hosting an event — if you go, be sure to wear some Girl Scout swag or your uniform!

Native American Heritage Month

Celebrate this month and earn a new patch as you learn more about the cultures of the Indian Nations in your state and across the country.

[Fun Patch Activities](#) (PDF)

[Actividades en Español](#) (PDF)



Special Interest Clubs

Exploration for every interest—with your besties! Girl Scouts in 7th grade and up can join a GSCCC club any time, from stargazing or baking to high-adventure trips and team competitions. See them all and sign up at gsccl.org/clubs.

Reminder: Destinations Early Application Deadline is Nov. 15

Girl Scout Destinations are the ultimate adventure for individual Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts. Push past your comfort zone by applying for a trip on your own, and make friends from all over the country as you travel with new Girl Scout friends. Summer 2026 Destinations are filling up fast! Browse all the available trips and apply online at girlscouts.org/destinations.



Spanish and Bilingual Resources

Girl Scouts es para la familia entera. Browse gscsc.org/espanol for Spanish-language and bilingual assets and information, or pass the link along to a Spanish-speaking family you know. ¡A nosotros nos encantaría escuchar de tu parte!

Traveling to Washington, DC, with your troop or family?

Register a group of four for the All Access: 3-day ticket and save \$200. Plus, GSUSA has negotiated discounted room rates at nearby hotels. Learn more and register at girlscouts.org/convention.



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Featured Events

NUTCRACKER! Magical Christmas Ballet – 11/26

Gather your loved ones for this traditional tale performed by an extraordinary international cast. Girl Scouts and their guests will have an exclusive meet and greet with a performer after the show!

Register by 11/19



Hurrah for the Holidays – 12/5-7

Kick off the holidays in style with the Hurrah Players! This holiday musical revue features all your favorite holiday music. Celebrate with us while dancers dance, singers sing and Santa lights up the stage. Discount available for groups of 10 or more! Call (757) 627-5177 and ask for Lisa.

Make the World a Better Place – 12/6

Deepen your understanding and respect for people who may be different from you and learn how to better relate to others. Open to all Girl Scout levels.

Register by 11/19

Solar Pioneers – 12/14

Brownies and Juniors: create your own solar-powered device! Plus, meet Daisy, the solar SmartFlower who helps to power our regional headquarters.

Register by 12/4



PB&J: Jingle Bell Jam – 12/14

With a visit from Santa Claus, the beloved Jingle Bell Jam rings in the magic of the season with the holiday tunes you know and love! Celebrate the holidays with the Virginia Symphony Orchestra School. Lobby activities begin at 2:00 p.m. Discount available for Girl Scouts! Use promo code PBJPartner2526 for \$2 Off Adult/Child Tickets.

Cookie Classic Run – 1/17

12th annual family-friendly run/walk event to launch the 2026 cookie season.

NEW! Conquer the Cookie Race Series Challenge and earn a fun pin!

But wait, there's more!

Browse *everything* at gscsc.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.

Silver Award Spotlight: Paws and Zen Sensory Space

Troop 424 took action to address the needs of local shelter pets and the volunteers who care for them.

Gold Award Spotlight: Building Confidence in Food Insecurity

Girl Scout Lydia built a website to help military families reduce food waste and stretch their grocery budgets.

Military Spotlight: Meet Girl Scout Junior Flossie!

Girl Scouting, and a love of music, provide stability to this military family. You can be sure to see Flossie performing the national anthem at future Girl Scout events!

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Volunteer Hub

Backpacking Training – 11/21-23

Travel to Shenandoah and learn how to plan, prepare and lead a backpacking trip with your troop. You will take away important skills such as Leave No Trace, cooking on the trail, how to dig cat holes, how to hang a bear bag, and more!

Register by 11/13

Wilderness First Aid – 12/13-14

This course is required by Safety Activity Checkpoints for any camping trip that is 30 minutes or more from emergency medical services. A current CPR/AED certification is a pre-requisite for this course.

Register by 12/4

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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.*

Live the Life of a Girl Scout: It's the mash-up you didn't know you needed! Get the new "The Life of a Girl Scout" T-shirt for only \$13 on November 13! Plus, check out all the other new GSCCC swag to show off your Girl Scout spirit.



Supermix Studio: Create and customize your own gear with Girl Scout designs and more! Choose from girls' and boys' youth and adult sizes, hoodies, joggers, zip ups, backpacks, pencil cases and hats. Use the interactive kiosk at A Place for Girls or shop from home at supermixstudio.com/gscgc — either way, all items ship direct to you.

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Like, Share, Win!

Are you following us on Facebook? Like and share our "Discover Girl Scouts" event posts each month for a chance to win a fabulous prize; in November, you could **win tickets to Disney on Ice!**



Big News for Highest Awards: Expanded Ways to Get Started

It's now easier than ever for Junior through Ambassador Girl Scouts to kick off their Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award. Already earned your Bronze or Silver? Great—each now counts as the prerequisite for the next! You can also complete **one** of the new Leadership Awards to build real-world skills and lead in the way that feels right for you. And if you've already started a Journey, keep going—you now only need to complete **one** (not two for the Gold Award!), and it will still count even after Journeys retire in October 2026.

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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!](#)