



The Colonial Coaster

Monthly Newsletter for Girl Scout Members, Volunteers, and Families

October 2025

Welcome to the 2025/26 Girl Scout year and to your new monthly enewsletter from GSCCC! *The Colonial Coaster* will hit your inbox on the first Thursday of each month, and be archived at gscgcc.org/publications.

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Activities and Announcements

Fall Product Program

The "Brave, Fierce, Fun" is still going strong and it's not too late to participate! Just a reminder to note these upcoming important dates:

- October 4: Deadline to enter order card sales in the M2 online system.
- October 6: Last day customers can order online for girl delivery, or cancel an online girl-delivery order.
- November 9: Last day for online sales, and program ends.

(And the amazing selection of available items make great holiday gifts!)

NEW North Carolina Office!

Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast is pleased to announce the opening of a new office location at 4130 Caratoke Highway, Suite B, Barco, North Carolina. This office is a rental space from Fusion Business Centers; the owner of the property, Sandi Ayres, is a longtime Girl Scout volunteer and parent of a Gold Award Girl Scout Alum! Office hours for service and meetings are limited and will be made by appointment.

Email customercare@gscgcc.org for details.

Girl Scout Activity Zone: My Money Plan

As we work on earning troop start-up funds through the Fall Product Program, it's a great time to talk about managing money! Try this fun game from the GSUSA Activity Zone to learn about the risk/reward aspects of investing.



International Day of the Girl

Every year on October 11, the global community comes together to celebrate the power of girls. Every girl has the power to realize her potential! [Download the free activity guide](#) and earn this patch. (Find even more fun patch programs at gscgc.org/patches.)



NEW! Take Action: You Can Make the World a Better Place

Check out this middle grade nonfiction guide packed with quizzes, prompts, and activities that make discovering your passions and changing the world fun! It's the latest from the series of Girl Scout-inspired stories, guides, and journals for young readers published by HarperCollins.

Early bird registration for the **58th National Council Session** (NCS) and **Girl Scouts Unite** event ends this Friday! Attendees can save 20% on three- and six-day tickets when they purchase by **October 3**. Learn more and get tickets now at girlscouts.org/convention.



VFW Contests and Scholarships

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) sponsors many opportunities for Girl Scouts to earn awards and scholarships throughout the year. The Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Competition and the Patriot's Pen contest are open now through *October 31*.

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Featured Events

The Hurrah Players present *The Addams Family Musical* on Oct. 3, 4, and 5, and *Boo! A Halloween Revue* on Oct. 10, 11, and 12. Get tickets now at hurrahplayers.com.

Girl Scouts Spook-Tacular at Lee Hall Depot – Oct. 11

Crafts, stories, music, and Halloween fun just for Daisies and Brownies.
Register by 10/10

Canoe with the Blazing Blue Herons – Oct. 12

Get some canoeing tips from the award-winning Blazing Blue Herons canoe team and then try your hand at axe throwing or sling shots for the rest of the afternoon.
Register by 10/8

Girl Scout Fest – Oct. 18

All your favorite outdoor activities, S.W.A.P.S., a petting zoo, a food truck, and so much more! View the full list and schedule for the day and sign up now!
Register by 10/12



Hogwarts Hullabaloo – Oct. 26

Hop on the Hogwarts Express and visit The Virginia Symphony Orchestra School of Witchcraft and Wizardry! Lobby activities begin at 2:00 p.m. Discount available for Girl Scouts! Use promo code PBJPartner2526 for \$2 Off Adult/Child Tickets.

Community Service Project: Book Drive – Nov. 1-21

On your own or with your troop, bring donations to A Place for Girls.
Register by 11/14

It's Your Story - Tell It! – Nov. 8

Journey in a day for All Girl Scout Levels at Virginia Wesleyan University.
Register by 10/22

Cookie Classic Run – Jan. 17

12th annual family-friendly run/walk event to launch the 2026 cookie season.
Registration deadlines for swag and participation: 10/15/25, 11/1/25, 1/10/26

But wait, there's more!

Browse *everything* at gscgcc.org/events or download the entire calendar of events through May 2026: [Program Events Calendar](#) (PDF) — and don't forget to check the weekly *GSCCC GO!* delivered every Tuesday (*beginning Oct. 7*).

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Blog and Podcast Spotlights

Prepare to be inspired! You can find these stories and more at gscgcc.org/blog.

Silver Award: Rob-Mustangs Rising

Girl Scout Aubrey aimed her project at bridging the gap in exposure to competitive robotics among students at a local middle school.

Gold Award: Suffering in Silence: Combatting CRPS

Girl Scout Ambassador Noor worked to spread awareness of complex regional pain syndrome, or CRPS, after suffering from it herself for years.

Podcast: Season 2, Episode 10

Girl Scout Lifetime Member Kim Dodson is a long-time volunteer, Girl Scout parent, and former staff member across many councils. She currently serves as the director for United Way of South Hampton Roads Mission United program. (Listen on [YouTube](#) or [Spotify](#))

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Volunteer Hub

New Programs and Trainings!

Check out this video on our [Volunteer Essentials](#) page for a look at all the exciting things in store for this membership year!



Marketing Resources

Grow your troop and grow Girl Scouting as we launch the 2026 membership year theme, “Where We Grow” with these [new and updated printables, downloadables, and shareables](#), including fun activities you can do right now!

[American Red Cross Adult & Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED – Oct. 11](#)

This blended learning course equips you to recognize and care for a variety of first aid, breathing and cardiac emergencies for people of all ages.

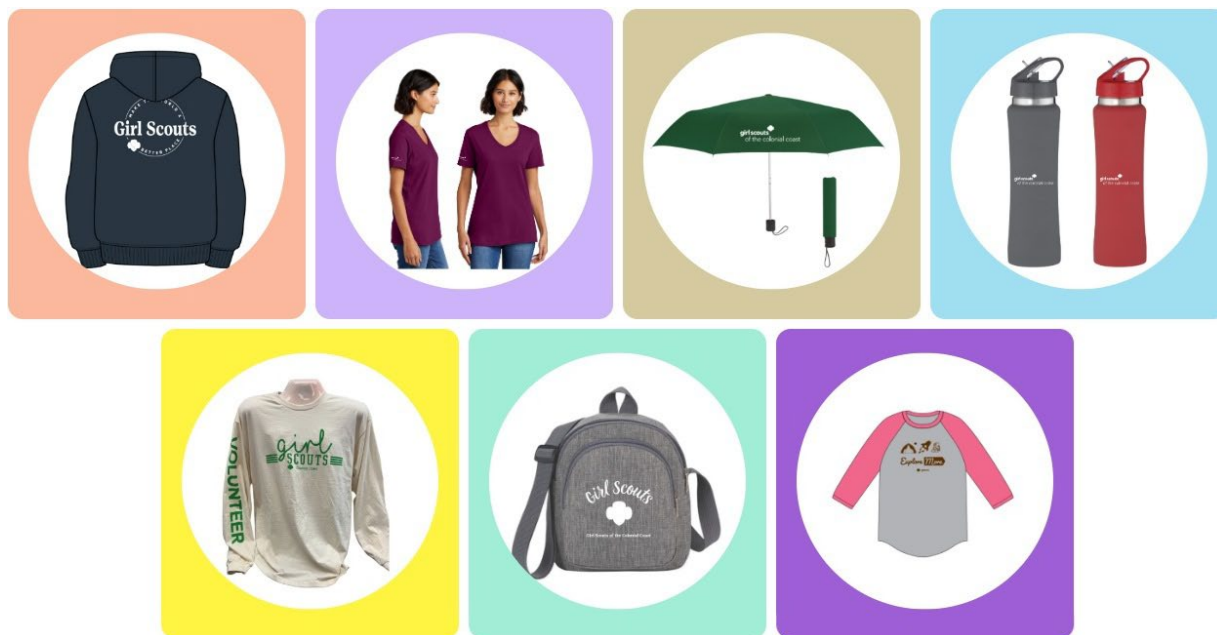
Register by 10/4

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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.*

All About Girl Scouts: Kick off the 2026 Girl Scout membership year by refreshing your Girl Scout wardrobe. Show your Girl Scout pride with these fun, new Council-branded items!



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

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Help us Grow and You Could 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 October, you could **win two tickets to Disney on Ice!**

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!](#)