



The Colonial Coaster

Monthly Newsletter for Girl Scout Members, Volunteers, and Families

October 2026

Welcome to the 2026/27 Girl Scout year! From camping and special events to badge workshops and community service, our [calendar](#) for the year ahead is full of opportunities for every girl and every family. Are you ready to find your next adventure?

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

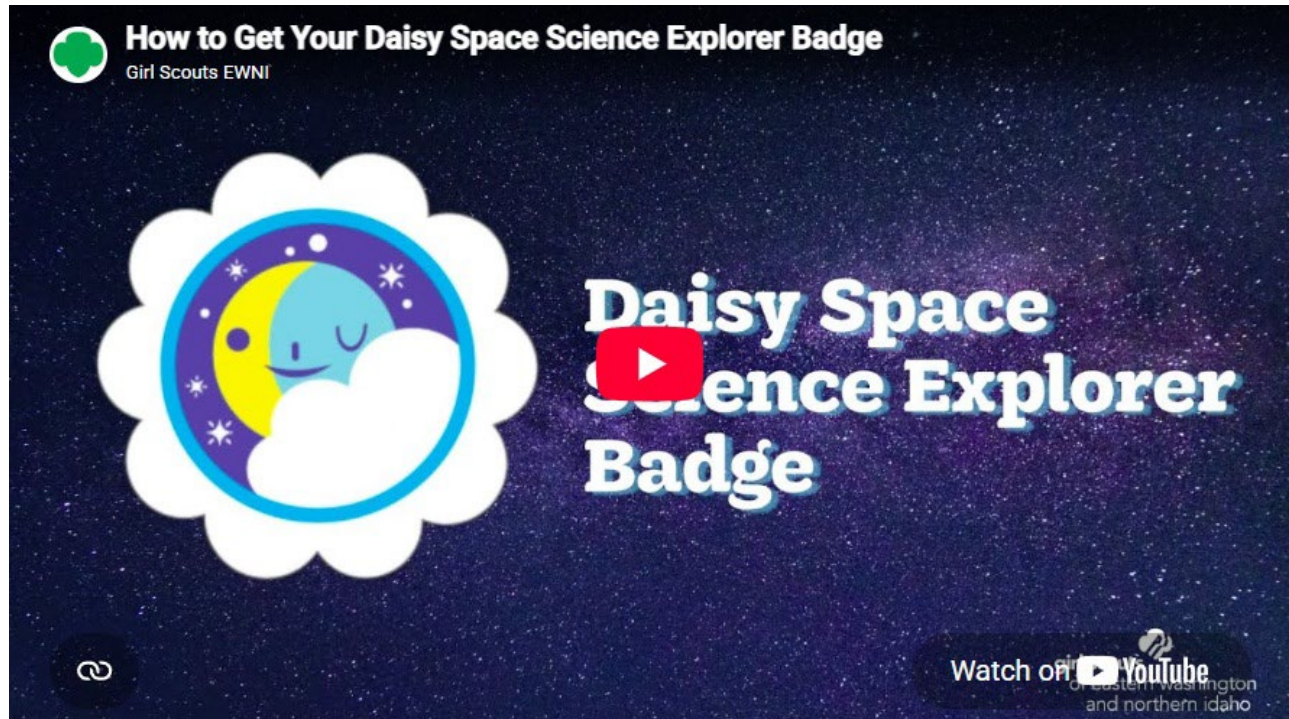
Featured Activity: World Space Week



World Space Week is observed every year the week of October 4-10 to celebrate the contributions of space science and technology to the betterment of the human condition. This year's theme is "Rocket Revolution" focused on the rapid transformation of space launch.

How can you participate? It could be as easy as working on your Space Science badge! (Daisies, watch the video below!) Check out worldspaceweek.org for events you could attend, or how to host one of your own.

(Bonus for Girl Scouts in 7th grade and up: Connect with the [GSCCC Star Club!](#))



International Day of the Girl

Every year on October 11, the global community comes together to celebrate the power of girls. Celebrate the day, discover ways to make an impact, and unlock a special patch with a [free activity guide](#) you can download now!

Fall Product Program

The fun is still going strong and it's not too late to participate! (And the amazing selection of available items make great holiday gifts!) If you are "Ready to Explore" educational activities and money-earning opportunities, hop on over to gscucc.org/fall today!



VFW Awards and Scholarships

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) sponsors many opportunities for girls to earn awards and scholarships throughout the year. The 2026-27 theme is: “What a Veteran Taught Me About America.”

Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Competition is for students in grades 9-12, who can compete by writing and recording an audio essay on the theme to win their share of more than \$1.3 million in educational scholarships and incentives.

Patriot’s Pen is for youth in grades 6-8 who can enter by drafting a 300- to 400-word essay, expressing their views on the theme for a chance to win their share of more than \$1.4 million in state and national awards.

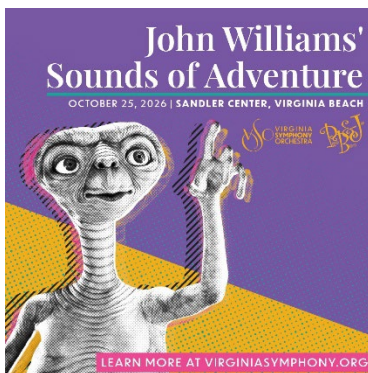
[All entries must be submitted to a sponsoring local VFW Post by midnight, Oct. 31.](#)

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Featured Events

CORE Camp – 10/24-25

Fall is the perfect time for a Girl Scout campout at beautiful Camp Darden. Enjoy outdoor activities like archery, tie dye, and singing songs around a campfire. Spend the night in one of our cozy cabins (or just sign up for the Saturday-only option) and participate in beloved Girl Scout traditions. This is an all-inclusive weekend, so all you need to bring is yourself! Open to all Girl Scout levels!



PB&J Family Series: John Williams' Sounds of Adventure– 10/25

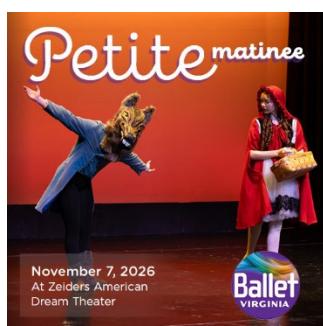
From thrilling adventures to magical moments, the timeless sounds of John Williams movie soundtracks have delighted audiences for generations. Bring the whole family to the Virginia Symphony to experience the music that has made movie history! Get \$2 off your tickets with promo code **PBJPARTNER2627**.

A Place for Girls 30th Anniversary – 10/29

Join us for a milestone celebration marking 30 incredible years of A Place for Girls—the regional program center and headquarters for Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast, and the home of our Camp Outback. We invite alum, families, volunteers, donors, and community partners to honor the past with us and celebrate the present as we look ahead to the next chapter of friendship, leadership development, and outdoor adventure!

♥ Girl Scout Fest – 10/31 ♥

Kick off the new Girl Scout year with us in Virginia Beach! Enjoy the Military Aviation Museum (and Jerrasic Park), fun activities, a costume contest, a field full of program partners, a food truck, and even skydivers at this family-friendly event on Founder's Day (and ending in plenty of time to get home for trick-or-treating). *Today is the last day to secure your exclusive event patch, so register now!*



Petite Matinee: A Children's Ballet Experience – 11/7

An interactive celebration and performance of dance for the whole family at The Z Theater! This new venture for children and their families will feature hands-on activities and crafts, plus a performance full of entertaining dance. Be there for an afternoon full of joy, creativity, discovery, and delight!

But wait, there's more!

Browse *everything* at gscgcc.org/events or [download the entire calendar of events through May 2027](#) (PDF) — and don't forget to check the weekly *GSCCC GO!* email delivered to families and volunteers every Tuesday.

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Blog Spotlights

Find these inspiring stories and others, with photos, videos, and more at gscgcc.org/blog.

Gold Award: Helping the Bees

Girl Scout Madison revitalized a pollinator garden and educated students at Hickory Elementary.

Silver Award: Sensory Friendly Development Clinic Visit Project

Girl Scouts from Troop 29 transformed a local clinic with the needs of autistic children in mind.

50 Years of Caving with Girl Scouts

The Colonial Coast Cavers are all about high adventure, conservation, and friendship.

Silver Award: Sports and Dream: The Fivefold Path

Girl Scout Emily brought an engaging and empowering developmental program to the children at ForKids.

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Volunteer Hub



Grow Your Troop!

From now through November 30, 2026, use your imagination to reach out to new friends and you could win big! By adding more girls to your troop you could earn program credits and get this fun patch for every Girl Scout! Learn how at gsccc.org/troop.

Resources Reminder!

Whether you just signed up or you've been with Girl Scouts for decades, keep these resources in mind to help you make this a great Girl Scout year.

- [Volunteer Essentials](#): Helpful guides for every aspect of troop management and beyond.
- [New Leader Hub](#): A simple page of information curated just for new leaders.
- [Troop Year Plans](#): A whole year of meetings laid out in easy-to-follow guides for each grade level.

- [Girl Scout Experience Box](#): Starting a new Daisy or Brownie Troop? You could get free materials shipped to your door!
- [Rallyhood](#): Eliminate the hairball of email, texting, social media groups, and other communications platforms with this free, one-stop solution.

American Red Cross Adult & Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED – 11/7

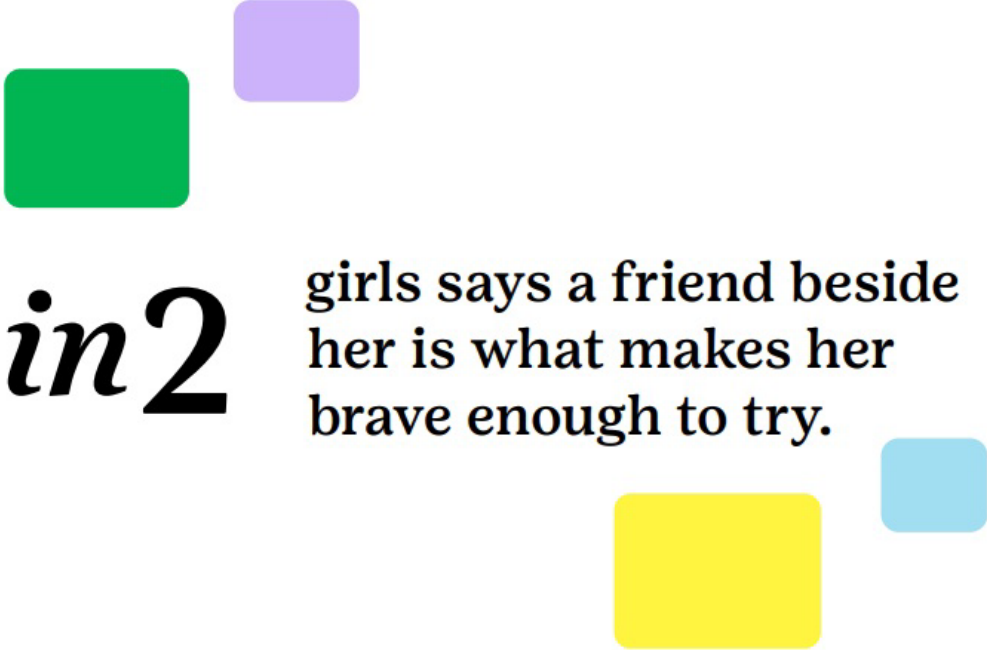
This blended learning course equips you to recognize and care for a variety of first aid, breathing and cardiac emergencies for people of all ages. Upon successful completion of the online course and in-person skills session a valid 2-year digital certificate for Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED is issued.

Levels: J/C/S/A, Volunteers

Location: A Place for Girls

Registration deadline: 11/2

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1 *in* 2 girls says a friend beside her is what makes her brave enough to try.

View this and other findings from Girl Scouts of the USA in the national [State of the Girl 2026](#) report.

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.*

Uniform Kits: Back to troop time means fresh uniform essentials! At the GSCCC Shop, you can get a free bag with a complete uniform purchase (vest/sash, council insignia, flag patch, tab, pins, and troop numbers).

Earning in The Outback: Did you know there is a [fitness trail](#) behind A Place for Girls in Chesapeake? Or that The Outback is a designated site on the Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trail as well as a [Lou Henry Hoover Memorial Sanctuary](#)? Check them out and get all your patches at the GSCCC Shop!

Fall camping is the best. 🍂 🏕️ Get all your supplies for upcoming encampments at the GSCCC Shop: we have mess kits, camp mugs, utility jackets, and everything else you need to stay warm, dry, and cozy!

We're Turning 30! Commemorate a milestone celebration marking 30 incredible years of A Place for Girls—the regional program center and headquarters for Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast, and the home of our Camp Outback. (Are you coming to our celebration on Oct. 29?) Get the Colonial Coast Council Patch from our shop and share in the love!



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

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Become a Girl Scout Community Champion



Share the Impact of Girl Scouts!

Help build awareness, grow support, and open doors for more girls and families to experience Girl Scouts. Explore ready-to-use resources and discover simple ways to make a meaningful difference by sharing the Girl Scout experience within your community.

[LEARN MORE](#)

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!](#)