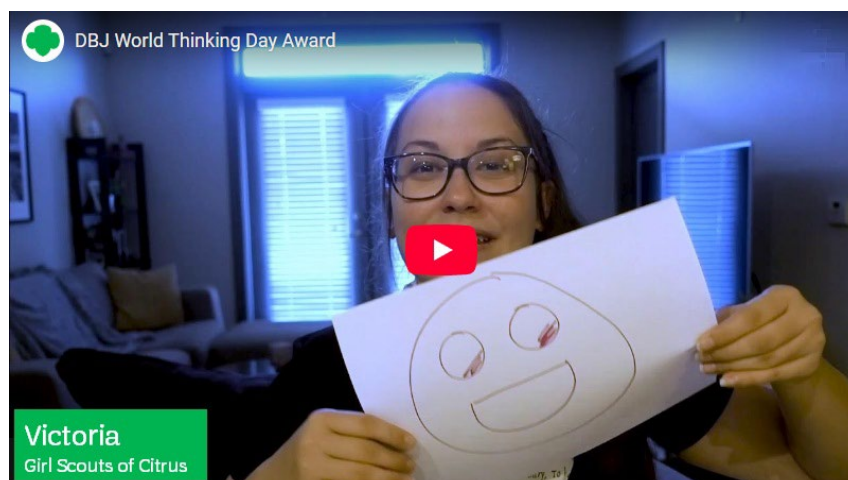




## Spring Break or Spring Fever?

Spring is here and Girl Scouts have so many options for fun in the outdoors, from climbing and canoeing to planning a week at camp with their besties. How will you spend your spring break? (Hint: We have more than a few opportunities to share with you in this newsletter!)

Do you have spring fever? Are emotions intense? Here is a fun activity you can try (indoors or out) with your friends, your family, or your Girl Scout troop, to learn how to feel those big feelings and still keep the peace.



# How to Thank a Girl Scout Volunteer

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month, the perfect time to recognize and thank the superhumans who make Girl Scouting incredible, including troop leaders, service unit leaders, cookie volunteers, and more! Whether it's a heartfelt note, a small hand-made token of gratitude, or a personal shoutout, there are so many ways to show appreciation for the people who help create unforgettable Girl Scout memories.

Check out our [Volunteer Appreciation Month page](#) for ideas, activities, downloads, and a new customizable e-card service from GSUSA!



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## Upcoming Events

You can browse our calendar at [gsccc.org/events](https://gsccc.org/events) or [download a PDF](#) of events through August 2025.

### Camp Pioneer – Spring Break

Girl Scout Juniors and Cadettes! Experience pioneer history as you practice traditional skills like slingshot, candle making, and basketweaving, enjoy a pioneer-themed snack, and learn how to write with a quill and ink!

Sessions:

April 10 at Camp Skimino

April 17 at Camp Apasus

April 24 at Jockey's Ridge State Park

Levels: J/C

### **Capital Trail Ride – April 27**

Enjoy a scenic bike ride down the Capital Trail. We will meet in the Jamestown Museum parking lot, adjust bikes, discuss trail rules, and practice our skills in the parking lot before hitting the trail. We will travel 6 miles to Chickahominy Riverfront Park where we will picnic and enjoy lunch before riding back. Bikes and helmets provided!

Location: Camp Skimino, Williamsburg, VA

Levels: C/S/A

*Registration Deadline: April 10*



### **Norfolk NATO Festival Parade of Nations**

Girl Scouts are invited to participate in this annual event, coming up on April 26. It's the longest continuous parade in Hampton Roads! Limited spaces are available for float riders, flag bearers, and other participants, so [sign up today!](#)

### **Diverse, Inclusive, Together – May 4**

Join us for activities that help us to appreciate diversity, learn about accessibility, and discover how to make the world a better place locally and around the globe! Deepen your understanding and respect for people who may be different from you and learn how to better relate to others.

*This patch program was adapted from Girl Scouts of Colorado with support from the City of Norfolk Office of Diversity and Inclusion.*

Location: A Place for Girls, Chesapeake, VA

Levels: All

*Registration Deadline: April 23*

### **Canoeing – May 10**

Canoeing is a great team-building exercise and a fun way to enjoy the outdoors! Learn about canoes and practice some basic skills, then take a trip around the lake at beautiful Camp Darden.

Location: Camp Darden, Courtland, VA

Levels: B/J

*Registration Deadline: May 1*

### **Paddles Away – May 10**

Come out to Camp Darden to enjoy a fun morning on the water! Test your abilities on canoes, kayaks and stand-up paddleboards; play games, improve your watersport skills, and explore the camp's lake.

Location: Camp Darden, Courtland, VA

Levels: J/C/S/A

*Registration Deadline: May 1*

### **Peru – August 2-12, 2027**

Plan ahead for this once-in-a-lifetime trip! Explore historical sites in Lima, take a guided boat tour in the Amazon and an expert-led tour of Machu Picchu.

While experiencing Peruvian history, culture, and natural beauty, your group will also help uplift local women and their communities with a service project that supports economic sustainability, local agriculture, or access to education.

Levels: Girl Scouts 14 and up at the time of travel

*Discounted Enrollment Deadline: April 30, 2025*

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## **Get in on the Adventures: Become a Facilitator!**

Jealous of all the fun your Girl Scout is having? Learn how to lead archery, climbing wall, axe throwing and more so you can join in. [Check out upcoming Facilitator Trainings](#) and see how you can get involved.

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## Early Renewal: First Day Patch!

Starting today, Girl Scouts can renew their membership ahead of schedule and get some great rewards!

Congratulations to Girl Scout Junior Adalyn H. from Troop 256, whose winning design will be featured on our First Day patch. *(Only available to Girl Scouts who renew their membership by midnight tonight!)* Check out all the incentives you can earn, including a chance to go to Campapalooza!

[LEARN MORE](#)

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## A Girl Scout can do anything — and everything!

Character, conduct, and community service are core qualities of Girl Scouting. Through leadership and taking action for sustainable change, Girl Scouts enrich the lives of those around them. **Let other families know about the difference Girl Scouting has made for your child by sharing these stories and resources.**

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## April 22 is Earth Day

Every year on Earth Day people around the world take action to celebrate our planet. It's a passion of Girl Scouts far and wide to be kind to the environment and help the Earth through both small and large actions. Here are a couple of ways you can make an impact right here, right now!

- You can earn a fun patch just by exploring The Outback behind A Place for Girls in Chesapeake, which is a [Lou Henry Hoover Memorial Sanctuary!](#)



- Did you know that there is a composting drop-off at A Place for Girls in Chesapeake? Check out this special Earth Day greeting from Tidewater Compost!



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## Special Summer Camp Sessions

Are you looking for something to make the summer even more special this year? Check out some of these [summer camp](#) offerings, and sign up today!

- [Camp Fury](#): Gear up and experience challenging, hands-on fire, emergency and law enforcement activities. (Multiple dates/locations, open to campers entering grades 7-12 in the fall)
- [Me & My Gal](#), July 5: Bring your close female relative (21+) to a day of camp fun! (Open to all levels)
- [Skimino's Got Talent](#), July 20-23: Share your creativity at the camp-wide talent show! (D/B/J/C)

(Do you know someone who would love to work at camp? [We're hiring!](#))

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Kicking Off Girl Scout Week



Meet Volunteer Christy Campbell



NCIS and MedSim Experience

## In The Spotlight: Our Stories

**Kicking Off Girl Scout Week**—Troop 30 in Chesapeake celebrated with a special event at A Place for Girls. [Read the full article](#)

**Volunteer Spotlight: Christy Campbell**—This leader has made it her mission to be a person who Girl Scouts can count on. [Read the full article](#)

**Girl Scouts' NCIS and MedSim Experience**—Girl Scouts attended two special STEM events for hands-on fun and learning. [Read the full article](#)

Want to see your news featured here? [Share your story with GSCCC!](#)



## GSCCC Shop Specials

**April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30: Discount Wednesdays!**

Spin the lucky wheel at checkout and receive a 5%, 10% or 15% discount off the entire purchase. *May not be combined with any other offer.*

### **April 20-26: Volunteer Appreciation Week!**

Get a free gift with each \$100 purchase, and an additional free GSCCC suncatcher with each \$150 purchase (while supplies last).

**Trefoil Suncatcher:** These limited-edition, handmade treasures are the perfect gift for the troop leader or volunteer in your life. One for \$15 or two for \$25.

**Juliette Gordon Low Quarter Scarf:** Our founder, Juliette Gordon Low, is the latest member of the American Women Quarters™ Program from the U.S. Mint. This elegant scarf features the brand new JGL quarter design, a true keepsake! \$39.

**My Girl Scout Kit:** Bridging to the next level? Purchase your uniform and spend at least \$60 and you will receive a free bag! (Colors vary.)

**Celebrate GSCCC Camps T-Shirt:** Show your love for Colonial Coast camps this summer! All five of our camp properties are represented around a central outdoor landscape design. Comes in Adult (charcoal) and Youth (yellow) sizes, \$10 each.

From special gifts to camping gear, uniforms, bridging supplies and more — [it's all in the shop!](#)

**SHOP**



### **Cookie Spirit Contest Winner**

Congratulations to Troop 837 from Virginia Beach for being selected as the winner of the GSCCC 2025 Cookie Spirit Contest! Their creativity scored them a \$25 gift certificate to the GSCCC shop!



## April is Month of the Military Child

The Month of the Military Child recognizes that military kids serve our country too, as part of military families. Girl Scouts gives these children a sense of continuity and familiarity when they move from place to place. Celebrate with resources and feel-good stories on our [Supporting Military Families](#) page.

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## Celebrate in Style!

Enjoy free valet parking, drink tickets, art activities and more as we celebrate the 2025 Famous Formers Honorees at the d'Art Center in Norfolk. (Adults 21 and up, [get your tickets today!](#))