



Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend

Make plans now to celebrate the 5th Annual Girl Scouts Love State Parks weekend with us and earn your patch! This national event highlights the deep partnership between Girl Scouts and state parks in all 50 states. Saturday we will be in Williamsburg, VA and Sunday we will be in Nags Head, NC.

Girl Scouts Love State Parks – Saturday, September 9

Join us for a fossil hike, geocaching with a pirate, fun nature displays, and more! *Registration Deadline: August 15*

Location: York River State Park, Williamsburg

Levels: All

Girl Scouts Love State Parks – Sunday, September 10

Join us on the sand dunes for two mid-morning sessions with the park rangers, and an optional canoe trip!

Registration Deadline: August 15

Location: Jockey's Ridge State Park, Nags Head

Levels: All



Family Fun “National Everything Day”

Join us for this special, back-to-troop family fun day — we’re going to observe as many “National Day of” celebrations for October in one day as we can! We’ll get outside for National Outdoors Play Day and wear a blue shirt for National Blue Shirt Day. Make and bring your own hat to participate in a crazy hat contest for National Mad Hatter Day. Create a sweet and salty treat for National Chocolate Covered Pretzel Day. Build a noodle sword for National Noodle Day. There are so many more silly, fun and whimsical things to celebrate together so come out to play with us!

Date: **Saturday, October 7, Noon – 3:00 p.m.**

Location: Chesapeake City Park, 900 City Park Dr, Chesapeake, VA 23320

Levels: All

Registration deadline: August 31

Registration for this event is only open to those who have renewed their Girl Scout membership for 2024, so make sure to renew today!

Don’t miss the last JGL Patch event!

We’re wrapping up our Year in the Life of Juliette Low Monthly Patch Program, which began last October and ends with **our final event, “Including All Friends” on September 16 at A Place for Girls**. Who will have all twelve patches after this event? (If you missed out, stay tuned; our “Year in the Life of a Girl Scout” series will be starting this fall, with another set of fun patches to earn!)

The Virginia Enmeier Program Center still needs your support

The end of the campaign is in sight. After summer camp concludes, the final phase will complete the reconstruction with the installation of new flooring, bathrooms, and HVAC units. GSCCC raised about 2/3 of the funds that are needed to complete the \$301,055 campaign.

An enormous THANK YOU to all of you for your support and encouragement. Many of you shared wonderful memories of how your girls love Camp Skimino along with your donations. Please continue to connect the council with others who you think may have an interest in assisting the girls' return to troop camping and service unit encampments this fall. Your daughters and families deserve a quality experience at the Virginia Enmeier Program Center! [Learn more on our campaign page at gsgccc.org](https://gsgccc.org). Thank you!

Did you know? 94% of girls say Girl Scouts helps them try new things. If she can dream it, Girl Scouts can take her there!

(This fact and others can be found in our Family Guide, which is available to read on our "[For Parents and Families](#)" page.)



Gold Award: St Michael's
Food Pantry



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Camp Fury Norfolk: 2023
Recap

In The Spotlight: Stories from the GSCCC Blog

Gold Award: St. Michael's Food Pantry—Girl Scout Emerson tackled food insecurity in her community with new ideas for revitalizing a pre-existing food

pantry, which she re-designed to offer simplicity of access and dignity to guests. (Emerson is also the recipient of a \$10,000 Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award Scholarship for 2023!) [Read the full article](#)

Designer Birdhouses by Girl Scouts—Local Girl Scouts were featured in Norfolk Botanical Garden’s “Beakitecture” exhibit, including a ten unit birdhouse which they named the “Rainbow Retreat.” [Read the full article](#)

Camp Fury Norfolk—Thanks to a partnership with the Norfolk Fire-Rescue that started eight years ago, Girl Scouts have been able to learn about non-traditional careers from local women role models. The week-long camp provides hands-on, skill-building activities in fire safety, emergency response, CPR and first aid, forcible entry and rappelling. [Read the full article](#)

Are you working on an award? Have some other awesome news? [Share your story with GSCCC!](#)

August is National Make-A-Will Month

For many busy Americans, this yearly reminder is just the motivation they need to finally sit down and create their last will and testament. And once they do, many find the process isn’t as long or tedious as they anticipated. Do you still need to make your will? Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast is partnering with [FreeWill](#), a completely FREE online platform that creates a valid Virginia Will. Consider the future of girls as you create your will; make Girl Scouts a part of your legacy and become a member of the Juliette Gordon Low Society. Learn more at gsc.org.



Thanks to Our Partners in Kindness



Coming Next Month: Spread Kindness

GSCCC is excited to release our new Spread Kindness patch program for this membership year. Girls will explore the power of kindness and learn how both receiving it and sharing it with others can make the world a better place, by engaging in hands-on activities that help them to build healthy relationships within their troop, family and peer groups.

One of the suggested patch activities is to donate peanut butter; we're hosting a collection throughout September, which is National Hunger Action Month. Peanut butter, high in protein, is one of the top requested items by food banks since it is ready to eat, nutritious, and shelf stable. Troops can drop off donations at A Place for Girls in Chesapeake, or at a participating Dairy Queen location. **If you go in your Girl Scout uniform, your donated peanut butter can earn you a free Mini Blizzard!** (*Blizzards for Girl Scouts only, not adults or tagalongs.*) A big shout out to Mid Atlantic Dairy Queens; they have been longtime supporters of GSCCC and do so much in the community, including doing Cups for Pups during September as well to help our furry friends! Learn more and see the list of Dairy Queen locations at gsgccc.org/spread-kindness.



GSCCC Shop Specials

August 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30: Discount Wednesdays!

Pick a s'more at checkout and receive a 10% or 15% discount off the entire purchase. *May not be combined with any other offer.*

NOTE: The shop will be closed August 28-29 for inventory.

Celebrate GSCCC Camps T-Shirts

Show your love for Colonial Coast camps! All five of our camp properties are represented around a central outdoor landscape design. Comes in Adult (charcoal) and Youth (yellow) sizes, \$25 each or two for \$40.

Whether your summer adventures are just getting started or you're already gathering resources to get troop meetings going again in the fall, we've got you covered—[let's go shopping!](#)

Speaking of shopping...

You can support Girl Scouts just by shopping for groceries! If you have a Kroger loyalty card, you can designate GSCCC as the beneficiary of your Community Rewards—in just 4 easy steps. [View the walkthrough](#) (PDF with screenshots) to get started.

Back to School Events

Summer break will be over before you know it, and we're getting ready for back to school, and back to troop! Does your school host a back to school event or an open house to kick off the next year? If so, we'd love to attend! Email kiml@gscce.org with the name of your school and a contact person (if you know one). Thank you!