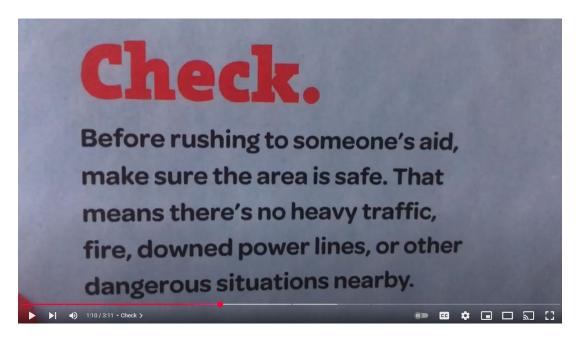


## **Activity Zone: First Aid**

This past year, two Girl Scouts from our Council received the Medal of Honor from GSUSA for taking action to save a life. Any Girl Scout can learn basic first aid to be prepared for emergencies, and a good place to start is this video, which covers the concept of "Check, Call, Care" from the Junior First Aid Badge.



### **Updates to Your Inbox!**

We're moving to **ONE e-newsletter per month**, instead of separate ones for volunteers and families, **beginning in October**. Delivered on the **first Thursday of each month**, *The Colonial Coaster* will have sections for targeted reading so you can focus on what you need.

Plus, we're streamlining our event emails; the *GSCCC GO!* weekly digest of program opportunities will be sent on Tuesdays. (There may sometimes be additional GSCCC emails for special promotions.)

Make sure you are opted-in to emails from GSCCC! Visit <u>gsccc.org/email</u> for more information.

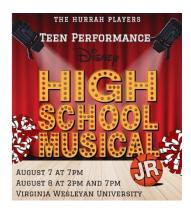


Journeys will officially be retired on October 1, 2026, to make way for an exciting new leadership exploration path: the Girl Scout Leadership Awards. These awards offer more flexible, interest-based ways for Girl Scouts to build their leadership skills—whether they're leading themselves, their team, or their community. Learn more about these new awards at <a href="mailto:girlscouts.org">girlscouts.org</a>.

# **Upcoming Events**

You can browse our full calendar at <u>gsccc.org/events</u> or <u>download a PDF</u> of events through October 2025.

**NEW!** Events Registration Tutorial – Use this video guide to help you get registered for council events.



#### Disney's High School Musical Jr.

Presented by the Hurrah Players, Disney Channel's smash hit movie musical comes to life on stage! Troy, Gabriella and the students of East High must deal with issues of first love, friends and family while balancing their classes and extracurricular activities. <u>Learn more at hurrahplayers.com</u>.

#### <u>The Great Girl Scout Cookie Mystery - September 14</u>

This playful "whodunnit" event combines interactive dinner theater with Girl Scout family fun. Who will catch the cookie culprit before the matinee concludes? BONUS: Activities for Girl Scout Juniors to earn their Detective badge!

Location: Virginia Enmeier Program Center at Camp Skimino, Williamsburg,

VA

Levels: All / Family friendly

Registration Deadline: September 11

### Hike & Bike - September 19-21

Enjoy a weekend getaway in Damascus! Burst into fall with a bang on this three-day, two-night trip.

Location: Pick up and drop off at A Place for Girls, Chesapeake VA

Levels: C/S/A

Registration Deadline: September 4

#### Girl Scout Program Taste Test Day - September 20

Have you ever looked at a badge or patch and wondered, 'Would I like this?' Maybe you've done plenty of badges from one program area, but you want to try something new. Many of our staff, volunteers, and program partners offer badge and patch programs throughout the year, and they'll be on-site with a short activity that you can try.

Location: A Place for Girls, Chesapeake VA

Levels: All

Registration Deadline: September 10

#### **Hanging Out - September 21**

The Adventure Park at Virginia Aquarium invites climbers to explore their beautiful treetop trails.

Location: The Adventure Park, Virginia Beach, VA

Levels: J/C/S/A

Registration Deadline: September 11

## <u>Discover the Green Spaces of W&M with the Kappa Deltas - September 27</u>

Students at the College of William & Mary walk along red brick pathways through the Sunken Garden and hike through the woods around Lake Matoaka

to go kayaking between classes. Join the Kappa Delta sisters as we explore trails and other green spaces on this beautiful, historic campus!

Location: College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA

Levels: J/C/S/A

Registration Deadline: September 10

#### Let's Get...Out!

Summer is an excellent time to get up, get out, get moving, and of course get exploring! As a Girl Scout, the great outdoors is an exciting vibe and a rewarding place to be!



"Be Prepared" to ensure you feel confident by referring to the <u>Outdoor</u> <u>Progression chart</u>. Start at your comfort level, learn new skills at your own pace, and keep building your confidence in the outdoors.

Get over to the <u>Camp and Outdoors page</u> on our website to find upcoming outdoor events, and information on our properties. There, you can also get working on the Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge to earn a special patch! The challenge began on June 1, but you have until the weekend of September 13-14 to get it done. (That's Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend, and there is a patch program for that, too!)

This is the perfect time to get out and get exploring. Now you get it? Then let's get...going!

# **Back to School Partnerships**

Girl Scouting works hand-in-hand to enrich the academic skills girls gain at school every day. And research shows that Girl Scouts display a clear academic edge over their non-member peers, as well as demonstrate higher self-confidence even through the turbulent middle school years. We are happy to partner with schools to bring Girl Scouting to their students! Teachers, principals and others are invited to learn more at <a href="mailto:scottage-geology-schools">scottage-geology-schools</a>.



Lady Eagle Engineers and Scientists



Bronze Award: Kindness the GS Way



Community Troop Day at Camp Apasus

## In The Spotlight: Our Stories

**Girl Scouts and the Lady Eagle Engineers and Scientists**—GSCCC has partnered with local high school students for popular STEM programs. Read the full article

**Bronze Award Spotlight: Spread Kindness the GS Way**—Girl Scout Junior Chloe spread kindness to Mooseheart Child City & School. Read the full article

**Community Troop Day at Camp Apasus**—More than 50 Girl Scouts enjoyed this annual day of outdoor fun and learning. Read the full article

**NEW Podcast: Season 2, Episode 8**—Meet Girl Scout alum Tameika Serrano, the Program Director of Old Dominion University's Mustard Seed Place Women's Business Center. <u>Listen on Spotify or YouTube</u>

Want to see your news featured here? <u>Share your story with GSCCC!</u>

## Call for Teen Applications for the Board of Directors

Are you interested in serving on the Board of Directors? GSCCC is seeking Girl Scouts ages 14-17 (or who will be at least 14 as of October 1, 2025) to serve on the Council's Board of Directors for a two-year term. This is an exciting way to take an active role in the critical decisions that impact our members. You'll meet and work with interesting and influential people, and have an opportunity to make sure that those people hear from you, too. Apply online now!

### Your Last Chance to Leave a Legacy in Stone

GSCCC will be holding a final dedication ceremony to unveil new commemorative bricks on October 4. We invite you to create your custom engraved message as a gift or tribute to be included in this special event; purchase your personalized brick by August 31 to be included in the ceremony. Learn more at gsccc.org.









# **GSCCC Shop Specials**

#### SPECIAL SHOP HOURS:

• The GSCCC office and shop will be closed August 21–22 to conduct annual inventory.

### **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! *May not be combined with any other offer.* 

**Inventory Clearance Sale:** You get the best price because we don't want to count it. Help us make room for new items coming this fall!

Choose from youth and adult attire, cookie merch, and hats, hats! Flat rate shipping or in-store pickup is available, and you can <u>order directly online through this secure form</u>.

(Clearance items are only available in the sizes listed and there is a very limited quantity of each. No other discounts apply.)

Don't wait, or the item you looked at today may be gone tomorrow!

SHOP NOW

### Girl Scouts: This is Where We Grow

Share this page of <u>inspiring stories</u>, <u>information</u>, <u>and all the benefits of Girl Scouting</u> with other families you know, and invite them to come along on the journey with you and your Girl Scout this year!