



December is a Time for Giving

Girl Scouts are eager to find ways to better their community, especially when it comes to paying it forward during the holidays. In this season of giving, consider participating with your girl in some of GSCCC's community service projects.

3rd Annual Holiday of Service Project

Calling all creatives: let's spread some holiday cheer to those who need it most! How many different card designs can you come up with? Can you draw or write something that will make someone smile? GSCCC will deliver your "Happy Holidays" cards to various community service organizations.

Drop off times and locations for **Saturday, December 10:**

- 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. - A Place for Girls, Chesapeake
- 12:00 - 12:30 p.m. - 894 J. Clyde Morris Blvd, Newport News

Holiday Drive for Seniors

Help spread some warmth and cheer in the new year to our local seniors! Your generous donations will spread the love to older adults throughout the Hampton Roads Community. Drop off your donations at A Place for Girls in Chesapeake from now until January 11.

Most Requested Items:

- Paper Goods: TP, Paper Towels, Tissues
- Warm Wear: Gloves (all sizes), Hats, Scarves
- Socks: all types, including skid-free slipper socks
- Blankets/Throws/Wraps
- Large Print Crosswords & Word Search
- Adult Coloring Books with markers and/or colored pencils

Please Note: All items MUST be new and unwrapped. We CANNOT accept medicines, cough drops, food items, candles, or flammable liquids.

My Little Pony Activity Book

Girl Scouts and Hasbro's *My Little Pony* are teaming up for a second year to encourage all girls to explore and express what makes them unique. Unlock limited-edition fun patches by completing the Girl Scout and *My Little Pony* challenges. Anyone can participate! [Download the free activity books](#) to complete at home or with your Girl Scout troop.



Upcoming Events

Year in the Life of Juliette Patch Program: In October, the program kicked off with [Girl Scouts Go Pink](#), where girls learned about the importance of breast health to earn the first JGL patch. Coming up next:

- **December 17, “[Juliette's Pearls](#)”**—Learn about Juliette’s pearls, how to create our own jewelry, the long history jewelry-making has had in Girl Scout traditions, and how we can use jewelry to make a difference. *(Registration deadline is TODAY!)*
- **January 21, “[Promote Our Promise](#)”**—Girls will learn about making a great Public Service Announcement (PSA), choosing a topic they want to promote and finding the media to get their message out to others. *(Registration deadline is January 9)*

STEM Spotlight: Let’s keep those critical thinking skills going over the holidays!

- **December 5-11** is Computer Science Education Week. There is a ["Coding for Good" badge series](#) available for every grade level. You can also find badges and journeys for other STEM subjects including programming, robotics, and more available online at gscce.org.
- **January 7, [Think Like a Citizen Scientist](#)**—Open to all grade levels! Explore how scientists do research and create solutions to solve some of the most important problems faced by people, animals, and the environment; practice making scientific observations and collecting data; participate in a citizen science project; and plan a Take Action project to address an issue in your community. *(Registration deadline is December 21.)*

Hurrah for the Holidays, December 9-11

The Hurrah Players, a GSCCC program partner, is performing “Hurrah for the Holidays” at the Susan S. Goode Fine and Performing Arts Center at Virginia Wesleyan University. Enjoy music of the season from your favorite classic standards to popular modern day hits, dancing elves, a holiday kick line and more! [Learn more and get tickets online.](#)

Lightwire Theater: A Very Electric Christmas, December 10

Brighten your holidays with this magical tale at the American Theater in Hampton. Combining theater and eye-popping technology performed in complete darkness, Lightwire brings stories to life in ways that will mesmerize children of all ages. [Learn more and get tickets online.](#)

Winter Break Art Fun, December 22

Come make some art at Hampton Public Library or the Charles H. Taylor Visual Arts Center. This event is free to attend for all children ages 4-8, but registration is required. [Learn more and register online.](#)

On tap for 2023: Sign up now for these events coming in the new year.

- **January 14, [Cookie Classic Run](#)**—Get outside after the holidays and join us on the Dismal Swamp Trail! Whether you choose to walk a mile or run a full 10K, there will be fun swag, a finisher’s festival, and of course, Girl Scout Cookies! Special thanks to our Presenting Sponsor, Latitude Climbing & Fitness!
Don’t forget about the Dollars for Dough fundraiser from our sponsor Papa John’s! From now through December 31, when you order through [papajohns.com](#) and **use the code “GSCCC” at checkout** we will receive 20% of every dollar spent on a pizza.
- **July 2023: Phenom is coming to Florida!** Join us for the world’s biggest gathering of Girl Scouts at Walt Disney World® Resort. Our national convention only happens every three years, so you don’t want to miss it. [Register today!](#)

Resources for Families

Create your own experience while supporting your Girl Scout along the way with these [council resources just for parents and families.](#) Read through the Family Connection Guide for fun activities you can do together over your winter break, like making a calm kit, or planning some badge-earning goals for the new year.



Shine Like Silver

Calling all Cadettes: We know you have strong opinions about how to make the world a better place. Are you ready to put those ideas into action? Read about these [Silver Award Girl Scouts](#) and then learn how you can start working towards earning this shining distinction yourself!

Tell us your story!

Girl Scouts do amazing things every single day and we want to hear all about it. **Share your story through our online form today!**

Supporting the United Way Helps to Support Girl Scouts!

Many companies and individuals make charitable gifts to the United Way during this season of giving. Learn how you can designate your gift to GSCCC and [view a full list of participating United Ways at gsgccc.org](http://gsgccc.org).

GSCCC Shop Specials

December 7, 14 and 21: Discount Wednesdays!

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

Holiday Hours:

- Closing at 11:30 a.m. on December 9
- Closed December 23 – January 2



We have COOKIE SWAG!

- **Cookie Sweatshirts: \$35** Available in multiple colors/designs
- **Cookie Cart: \$37.50**
- **Cookie Fleece Lounge Pants: \$29** (*Girl sizes only*)
- **Cookie Fleece Lounge Shorts: Girls \$25, Adult \$29**

Featured Items for December:

- **Pom-Pom Hat: \$25** Available in Black, Red, Charcoal and Cream
- **Blanket: \$30** Available in multiple colors/patterns
- **Beanie Hat: \$15** Available in Black, Gray, Green and Red
- **Holiday Ornaments: \$6**
- **Winter Fun Patches: \$1.50**

We are packed to the rafters with great gift ideas and fun stocking stuffers, so [let's go shopping!](#)

Happy Holidays

We want to send a sincere wish to you and your family for a safe and happy holiday season. Here's to making memories and sharing time together. GSCCC's office, shop, and other properties will be closed from December 23 – January 2. (We'll see you in the new year!)