



That's a Wrap!

Well done to all of our Girl Scouts for a successful [Fall Product Program](#). We had so much fun watching you all “Own Your Magic” throughout the season! Congrats to Girl Scout Emma R. from SU 430, Troop 723 for winning Ollie the Ocelot!

Our Top 5 Entrepreneurs: To celebrate their accomplishments, these Girl Scouts will enjoy a VIP paint and pizza party!

1. Girl Scout Ambassador Maureen K. – SU 250 Lynnhaven Shores, Troop 359
2. Girl Scout Senior Lorelei T. – SU 120 Hampton, Troop 1026
3. Girl Scout Daisy Haley B. – SU 140 Williamsburg, Troop 1295
4. Girl Scout Daisy Laila H. – SU 120 Hampton, Troop 1391
5. Girl Scout Cadette Hannah N. – SU 110 Newport News, Troop 1260

Nominations Open for the Girl Scout Advisory Board

Calling Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors: From December 1 to January 19, GSUSA is accepting applications for ten seats on the National Girl Scout Advisory Board to replace existing advisory board members who have completed their term. Advisory board members serve a two-year term and contribute to key projects with staff at GSUSA, such as program strategy, Highest Awards, cookie marketing, Global Girl Scouting, and more—all while developing leadership skills, collaborating with decision-makers at the national office, and growing skills that will help prepare them for college and future leadership opportunities. [Learn more and prepare your application.](#)



Gold Award: Accessible Education



Silver Awards on the Environment



Donor Spotlight: Laura Morgan

In The Spotlight: Stories from the GSCCC Blog

Gold Award Spotlight: Making Education Accessible for the Less

Fortunate—Girl Scout Cathy made school supply kits to ship to children living in crisis overseas. [Read the full article](#)

Silver Award Spotlight: Committed to Protecting the Environment—Meet these local Cadettes who took action to tackle pollution, protect pollinators, and educate their communities. [Read the full article](#)

Donor Spotlight: Laura Morgan—This Girl Scout alum and GSCCC Board Member has joined the Juliette Gordon Low Society. [Read the full article](#)

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

Collecting Coats for Families

From now until December 31, 2023, donations of new and like-new coats will be accepted at select locations in Hampton Roads and Northeast North Carolina. For more than three decades, this community service effort hosted by WAVY-TV 10 has helped people of all ages and sizes. For many families, a warm coat is not just a piece of clothing; it represents security, protection, and the knowledge that their community cares. Find coat donation dates and details at wavy.com.

Upcoming Events

Download a printable version of the entire calendar of events for the 2023-24 membership year: [Program Events Calendar](#) (PDF)



Today is the last day to register for the Cookie Kickoff, coming up on December 16 — don't miss out on the fun!

[REGISTER](#)

Year in the Life of a Girl Scout: Holidays – Saturday, January 6

Happy holidays! Join us to explore special observances and customs, taste holiday treats from different cultures, create unique ornaments, and learn how we can be mindful of others at these festive times.

Location: TBD

Levels: All

Registration Deadline: December 11

STEM Club: Automotive Engineering – Saturday, January 13

Buckle up and explore how automotive designers imagine and make plans for a new vehicle, like a car or truck. Find out how automotive designers come up with ideas for new vehicles. Then, take the wheel and design your own! Learn

how automotive manufacturers build and test vehicles to make sure they're ready for the road. Includes all three Automotive badge kits for Girl Scout Daisies, Brownies and Juniors (older girls will receive three patches).

Location: Camp Skimino, Williamsburg

Levels: All

Registration deadline: January 5

Register now for the 10th Annual Cookie Classic Run! We're heading back to the Dismal Swamp Trail on Saturday, January 13, 2024. *Don't wait, prices will increase after January 1...*

Cracks, Crevices and Crawlways – Saturday, January 20 or Sunday, January 21

Join the Colonial Coast Girl Scout Cavers for a day of climbing, crawling, and scooting through our artificial caves. Plus, we'll enjoy teambuilding exercises as well as games and songs to introduce girls to the high adventure sport of caving and the importance of protecting the delicate ecosystems in caves.

Adults are encouraged to participate, too!

Location: Camp Skimino, Williamsburg

Levels: J/C/S/A, Adults

Registration deadline: January 4

SAVE THE DATE! We are excited to share the 2026 Girl Scout National Council Session and Convention will take place in Washington, DC, from Monday, July 20, through Saturday, July 25! Girl Scouts Nation's Capital will be our host council. Convention isn't the only thing to look forward to this triennium. 2026 will also mark the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, and those who choose to attend convention will have the unique opportunity to experience this once-in-a-lifetime event from the heart of our nation's capital. Learn more at girlscouts.org/convention.

Enjoy these local performances to get into the holiday spirit!

Some of our community partners offer discounts for Girl Scouts and large groups. Make your reservations today!

A Christmas Carol – Saturday, December 2 at The American Theatre, Hampton. Learn more at hamptonarts.org.

A Merry Christmas Carol – Saturday, December 9 at The Wells Theater, Norfolk. Join us for Girl Scout Night! Enter the phrase “GirlScoutsRock” in the Promo Code box at top right of your screen to apply special discount rates. Learn more and get tickets at vastage.org.

(Troop 305 will be holding a special pre-performance event that includes carols, festive crafts, treats and a photo with Santa! \$5/per person in advance; [RSVP online](#).)

Hurrah for the Holidays – December 8-10 at Susan S Goode Fine & Performing Arts Center, Virginia Wesleyan University. Learn more at hurrahplayers.com.

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever – December 15-17 at Hugh R. Copeland Center, Norfolk. Learn more at hurrahplayers.com.

Destinations: Capitals of the British Isles and Disneyland Paris

Start making plans now to join us for this amazing international trip June 25–July 8, 2025. You'll love seeing the Book of Kells at Trinity College; visiting St. Patrick's Cathedral; experiencing Titanic Belfast and a Scottish dance show; visits to Edinburgh and Windsor Castles; sailing on the Thames River and riding The London Eye; touring the Louvre and Notre Dame; and thrill to the rides and attractions at Disneyland Paris.

Who should apply? Girl Scouts entering grades 9–12, or those who are finishing 12th grade in Spring 2025.

Learn more at girlscouts.org or contact GSCCC's Destinations Coordinator Eileen Livick at gscgccdestinations@gmail.com.

Take the Journey With Her. Volunteer.

The best way to make memories with your girl is to join her on her journey. [Check out this piece from MacaroniKid.com](#) on all the benefits of volunteering with Girl Scouts.

Unlock a limited-edition fun patch by completing the Girl Scouts' Trolls It Takes Two Challenge!



Girl Scouts and DreamWorks TROLLS BAND TOGETHER are teaming up to explore the Girl Scout Law in a whole new way: from a Troll's-eye view! [Download the free activity sheet](#) to do at home on your own or with your Girl Scout troop. Send the link to friends and invite them to explore Girl Scouting and become a member! When TROLLS BAND TOGETHER, they make the world better. When Girl Scouts and TROLLS BAND TOGETHER...well, anything is possible!

We're hiring for summer camp 2024!

You love the outdoors. You love hiking, boating and campfires. Plus, your friends say you're great with kids. Does this describe you? If so, [apply for a job at Girl Scout camp](#) next summer! We offer career skills to build up your resume, leadership experience, training/certifications and more.



GSCCC Shop Specials

December 6, 13, and 20: Discount Wednesdays!

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

Special Hours:

- The shop will be closing at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, December 8.
- The GSCCC office and shop will be closed December 25 – January 2 in observance of the holidays.

Fun Patch Ornaments: These sew-on patches can be hung anywhere that needs a little Girl Scout-style holiday cheer! Three fun designs to choose from, \$6 each.

Sherpa Fleece Blankets: Ultra-soft meets warmth in this new blanket that is ideal for cooler days when you want to bundle up and get comfy. Available in Oatmeal (shown above), Navy Heather, Black, or Grey Heather, it measures 50" x 60"; \$40 each.

Pom-Pom Hats: On-trend headgear for outdoor adventures! These cute knit hats are topped with a pom-pom and come in assorted colors, \$25 each.

We have the perfect gift for every Girl Scout, volunteer, and special someone on your list—[let's go shopping!](#)

December is Car Donation Month

Every year in the U.S., we donate 750,000 vehicles, with the majority occurring in December. You can donate your car to GSCCC — even if it isn't running! Your vehicle will be towed free of charge, and your donation is eligible for a tax deduction. Each vehicle donation helps GSCCC reach out and serve more girls with the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. For details visit www.careasy.org.