



The cookies are coming!

Cookie Season starts next month and we are gathering all the [helpful information and resources](#) you need to help your Girl Scout become a successful Cookie Entrepreneur. Here are the dates for the 2025 Girl Scout Cookie Program® so you can mark your calendar now.

- Program Begins: January 11
- Cookie Booths Start: February 23
- Program Ends: March 30

Upcoming Events

You can browse our calendar at gscoc.org/events or [download a PDF](#) of events through April 2025.



The Hurrah Players present...

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, **December 6-8** at the Hugh R Copeland Center in Norfolk and Hurrah for the Holidays, **December 13-15** at the Susan S. Goode Fine and Performing Arts Center at Virginia Wesleyan University. Learn more and get your tickets for these fun performances at hurrahplayers.com.



Jingle Bell Jam, December 15

Santa Claus is stopping by the Sandler Center in Virginia Beach to help celebrate the magic of the season with an afternoon that showcases the music of the holidays with the best talent in Hampton Roads. Learn more and get your tickets at virginiasymphony.org. Use code GIRLSCOUTS for a 15% discount!

Cracks, Crevices and Crawlways – January 11 or 12

Join the Colonial Coast Girl Scout Cavers at Camp Skimino for a day of climbing, crawling, and scooting through our artificial caves. Enjoy teambuilding exercises as well as games and songs to introduce Girl Scouts 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, VA

Levels: J/C/S/A

Registration Deadline: December 19

Learn the Basics of an Aerialist – January 12 or 19

Have you ever thought about joining the circus? Well, we have all the fun and amazement of the circus right here! Try out new poses and movements with the hoop and slings in this introductory session. Together we'll get in the air, be creative and get some exercise.

Location: Railroad Aerial Arts, Norfolk, VA

Levels: C/S/A

Registration Deadline: December 27

Outdoor Skills Day - January 18

Gain new outdoor survival skills and team up with other Girl Scouts to conquer challenges! Learn how to build a fire, how to use a compass, some basic emergency techniques, and more.

Location: Camp Apasus, Norfolk, VA

Levels: J/C

Registration Deadline: January 9

Register now for the 11th Annual Cookie Classic Run! We're heading back to the Dismal Swamp Trail on Saturday, January 18, 2025. *Don't wait, prices will increase after December 21...*



2025 Summer Camp Guide

Summer Camp early bird registration opens February 13, but you can start planning for your next adventure now! Check out the [2025 Summer Camp Guide](#) and get ready — this year, it's good vibes only. (Consider giving the gift of camp to a Girl Scout in your life this holiday season. Gift certificates are available now! Send an email to customer care@gsccl.org today.)

Serve on the National Girl Scout Advisory Board

GSUSA is accepting applications for up to 11 seats on the National Girl Scout Advisory Board. Members of the advisory board serve a 2-year term and contribute to key projects with staff at GSUSA, such as program strategy, Highest Awards, cookie marketing, Global Girl Scouting, and more. As part of their term, the 2025-27 class will provide input on plans for the 2026 Phenom celebration at the National Council Session (NCS) and will be invited to attend.

Current Girl Scouts in grades 6–10 are eligible. **Complete the application and email to customer care@gsccl.org by January 17, 2025.** (Note that on the application form the stated January 31 deadline is for councils to submit to GSUSA.)

Innovating Smarter: EngineerGirl Writing Contest

Write a piece describing a common object you would like to make “smart”, how it would help, and what could go wrong. This Writing Contest is open to all students in grades 3-12 and the top prize is \$1,000! Entries are due February 1. Learn more at engineergirl.org.



Gold Award: Let's Get Real. Period.



Gold Award: Dogs for a Cause



Gold Award: Time to Get Cheering

In The Spotlight: Our Stories

Gold Award Spotlight: Let's Get Real. Period.—Girl Scout Taylor addressed education gaps in menstrual health and pelvic pain. [Read the full article](#)

Gold Award Spotlight: Dogs for a Cause—Girl Scout Sarah eased stress for students at Norfolk Academy with therapy dogs. [Read the full article](#)

Gold Award Spotlight: Time to Get Cheering—Girl Scout Mackenzie created an affordable cheerleading camp for local kids. [Read the full article](#)

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Seeking Famous Formers Nominations

Do you know someone in your personal or professional life who has made a difference? Was she a Girl Scout? (Is it you?) **Nominate yourself or someone else by January 20;** an announcement of the 2025 honorees will be released in early February. Save the date to join us for the awards event on May 1, 2025!

Holiday Ideas to Say “Thank You” to Troop Leaders

Is there a Girl Scout volunteer in your life who goes above and beyond? Get your family involved in a fun activity to celebrate the holiday with a note of thanks — or a video of appreciation! Learn more at gsgcc.org/family.



GSCCC Shop Specials

December 4, 11, and 18: 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 Shop Hours:

- The shop will be closing at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, December 13.
- GSCCC offices and shop will be closed December 24 – January 1 in observance of the holidays.

Wooden Keepsakes: These limited-edition, handmade treasures are the perfect gift for the troop leader or volunteer in your life. Trefoil Suncatcher: \$15; Bee Suncatcher: \$10; Trefoil Keychain: \$5

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.

Cookie Cart: Are you ready for all the cookies? This cart is designed to safely and easily carry stacks of Girl Scout cookie boxes, great for delivery, secure restocking, or transporting to your booth. SALE: \$35 each.

Classic Girl Scouts Pajama Set: Packaged perfectly to gift! A cozy navy top with green and blue plaid “12,” to honor our 1912 founding, and “Girl Scouts” graphic in white, is paired with matching elastic waistband flannel bottoms with white “Girl Scouts” graphic on the leg. Youth: \$32; Adult: \$38.

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

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All in 4 Girl Scouts! Every \$4 makes a difference:

- For \$4, a Girl Scout proudly receives a new badge.
- For \$4/month, 4 Girl Scouts can engage in a STEM workshop.
- For \$4/week, a Girl Scout can attend camp.
- For \$4/day, more than 20 new troops can receive needed startup funds.

Giving Tuesday is December 3. The end of the calendar year is a great time to make a financial donation. The sky's the limit on what Girl Scouts can do when they have enough support. [Please consider making your year-end contribution to support Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast.](#) Thank you for believing in the future!