



## It's Cookie Season!

Are you ready? [Visit our website](#) for all the resources that make it easy to sell more cookies this year than you ever thought possible. Here are a few to help you hit the ground running:

- [Girl Scout Cookie Program Family Guide](#) (PDF)
- [Four Easy Steps to Set Up Digital Cookie®](#) (PDF)
- [Super Seller Guide](#) (PDF)
- [The Shoe That Grows Philanthropic Reward](#) (PDF)
- [Digital Cookie Video Contest](#)
- [Cookie Entrepreneur Family Pin](#) – Make Girl Scout Cookie season a family affair! Earning Cookie Entrepreneur Family pins makes spending time with family even sweeter.

Important Dates:

- GSCCC's cookie season will begin on **February 4**.
- National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend will be **March 3-5**.
- Cookie Count 'n' Go will be **March 25**.
- Cookie booths will begin on **March 26**.



## All About Camp!

Friends. Fun. Adventure. Repeat! Overnight and day camps will be held this summer at multiple GSCCC properties, and Camp Fury is back, too!

**Registration opens February 13** (and will close on June 1). In the meantime, browse the information at [gsc.org/summercamp](https://gsc.org/summercamp), download the [Summer Camp Guide](#) (PDF) or come to a [free camp open house](#) to learn more.

**We're hiring for summer camp!** 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, the [perfect job is waiting for you](#) at Girl Scout camp! (We offer training, certifications, bonuses and more!)

## First Day Patch Design Contest

Celebrate the 2023-24 Girl Scout membership year and you could win! Your design could be produced as the official patch given to everyone who renews their membership on May 1—plus, the winner will receive a complimentary 2024 membership! **Create your design on the [official entry form](#)** (PDF) and send it in by **March 1**. Winner will be announced March 24. Good luck!



Gold Award:  
Bluebird Box Project



Silver Award: How  
Long til it's Gone



Gold Award: Kids  
Korner

## Spotlight on Gold and Silver Award Girl Scouts!

**Gold Award: Bluebird Box Project**—Girl Scout Ambassador Sydney became aware of the shrinking availability of habitats for native species, like the Eastern Bluebird, in the Hampton Roads area and beyond. She then built and installed three bird boxes along the trails of Norfolk Botanical Garden as well as informational signage about the project and how individuals can get involved on their own. [Read the full article](#)

**Silver Award: How Long Until It's Gone?**—Girl Scout Kiara of Troop 1445 built an outdoor display case at Camp Skimino to educate others about the length of time it takes for various items to decompose in the environment. [Read the full article](#)

**Gold Award: Kids Korner**—Girl Scout Ambassador Lauren created a dedicated after-school learning space and provided educational materials to the students of the Boys and Girls Club of Southeast Virginia, including a dedicated website and video series. [Read the full article](#)

## Share your story, Girl Scout!

Let us celebrate your accomplishments with you. Submit your news and announcements to [marcomm@gsgcc.org](mailto:marcomm@gsgcc.org) or use the form on the “Our Stories” page at [gsgcc.org](http://gsgcc.org).

## Upcoming Events

- **February 18, “[World of Friends](#)”**—Juliette Gordon Low loved to travel and made friends around the world. Learn all about the World Association of Girls Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) and how to become an advocate for international friendships! (*Registration deadline is February 1*)

- **March 4, “[Friend to Animals](#)”**—Juliette Gordon Low loved animals and had many different pets including dogs, exotic birds and horses. This month we will learn how to take care of animals, advocate for them and create awareness of animal shelter needs. *(Registration deadline is February 20)*
- **March 11, [Daisy/Brownie Challenge Course](#)**—Come to Camp Skimino and learn how to navigate obstacles on the challenge course. Participate in some fun teambuilding activities while challenging yourself to learn new skills! *(Registration deadline is March 8)*



## Every Meeting is a Family Meeting

All Girl Scouts are sisters, which means that all of us—from parents to volunteers—are family. So have a family meeting (make sure to include your troop leaders) to figure out who can do what to help the troop this year. We’re all in this together!

For more information on how families can enjoy the Girl Scout experience together, check out our website at [gsccl.org/family](https://gsccl.org/family).

## Girl Scouts Magazine - Winter/Spring 2023

We love recognizing our girls for all they do to make the world a better place. [Read the latest issue of the GSCCC magazine](#) to be inspired!



## Making College Dreams a Reality

Did you know? Girl Scouts are eligible for many college scholarships, SAGE Scholars® tuition rewards and other academic awards. (Even more are available if you are also a Gold Award Girl Scout!) Learn more about these awards, contests, and other financial aid opportunities at [gsccc.org](http://gsccc.org).

## GSCCC Shop Specials

### February 1, 8, 15 and 22: Discount Wednesdays!

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

### Get Ready for Cookie Season

We've stocked up on everything you need to "bling your booth" and make this the best cookie season ever, including our money-saving [Booth in a Bag!](#)



There are new products, clothing, cookie swag and more arriving every day, [so let's go shopping!](#)

## Multicultural Celebration Fun Patch: Black History Month

February is Black History Month, when we honor the incredible contributions Black and African American communities have made throughout U.S. history — from civil rights leaders to artists, politicians to inventors. We've got plenty of activities to choose from so you can make new discoveries and have fun while earning your patch!



[LEARN MORE](#)



## Work at your own pace with these Girl Scout Badges and Journeys

Whether you're a citizen scientist, a hands-on engineer, or a budding entrepreneur, there's a program for you. Work on your own, with your troop, or with your family! These programs run all month long, so you can start—and finish—any time.

### Badges

- [Think Like a Programmer Badge](#) (Cadette/Senior/Ambassador)
- [Photography Badge](#) (Junior/Ambassador)
- [Financial Literacy Badge](#) (All levels)
- [Entrepreneur Badge](#) (All levels)
- [Science of Happiness](#) (Cadette badge; All other levels patch)
- [STEM Club: Automotive Engineering](#) (3 badges, All levels)
- [STEM Club: Mechanical Engineering](#) (3 badges, All levels)
- [STEM Club: Robotics](#) (3 badges, All levels)

### Journeys

- [Think Like a Programmer Journey](#) (Daisy/Brownie/Junior)
- [Think Like a Citizen Scientist Journey](#) (Daisy/Brownie/Junior)
- [Think Like an Engineer Journey](#) (Daisy/Brownie/Junior)

Register today  
for a chance  
to win!



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## Two Great Reasons to Register for the 2023 Girl Scout Convention

Now through February 21, when you register for a three- or five-day pass, you'll be entered for a **chance to win two *Walt Disney World*® theme park tickets** (a retail value of \$288)! Five winners will be selected. [Official sweepstakes rules](#) and [privacy policy](#).

Plus, Girl Scout troops and families can now take advantage of the group of four package—**four 3-day passes for \$1,300** (savings start at \$200).

Get ready to have fun and make lifelong memories at this epic, can't-miss gathering. [Register Today!](#)

**Already registered? Want to participate on a deeper level?** Apply to be the Girl Discussion Topic Co-Facilitator for National Council Session! The Girl Discussion Topic Co-facilitator will work with the Discussion Planning and Implementation Team to implement a robust discussion format for those topics placed on the National Council Session agenda. Deadline to Apply: February 10, 2023. [Learn more and apply online at gsccc.org](#).

### AmazonSmile is ending February 20

We want to thank our community for supporting GSCCC through [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). It has just been announced that the 10-year program has reached its end. GSCCC truly appreciates the support which totaled over \$2,200. We will continue our relationship with Amazon through their Community Giving initiatives.