

Financial Literacy from Cookies

One of the five important skills that Girl Scouts learn when they participate in the Girl Scout Cookie Program[®] is money management. Before cookie booths open for business on February 23, let's get some practice selling items and making change with an activity from the Daisy Money Explorer badge.



Another quick tip: Make sure you have the most current version of the Digital Cookie mobile app installed to avoid any technical issues when using the platform.

Upcoming Events

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

<u>Medical Simulation Experience – February 22</u>

Do you think you might like a career in the medical field? Find out what it's like to be a med student as you try your hand at different stations with the staff from the Macon & Joan Brock Sentara Center for Healthcare Simulation & Immersive Learning at Old Dominion University. Activities include Stop the Bleed techniques, patient-centered communication methods, and even applying some Girl Scout knot-tying skills to surgical knot tying! Participants will have the opportunity to speak with experts in the field. Location: Old Dominion University Lester Hall, Norfolk, VA Levels: C/S/A *Registration Deadline: February 5*

<u>Let the Sky Tell Its Story - March 1</u>

Visit ODU's Lê Planetarium to behold a pristine night sky unspoiled by light pollution. See thousands of stars, learn how the Milky Way glows, and hear stories behind some of the most popular constellations. We'll also fly throughout the solar system to see your favorite planets up close, do a hands-on activity and view a fun science demonstration. Location: Michael and Kimthanh Lê Planetarium at ODU, Norfolk, VA Levels: All *Registration Deadline: February 14*

<u> Slingshots – March 2</u>

Just for Girl Scout Daisies! The slingshot has been around for centuries, just waiting for you to give it a try. Join us to work on your aim and enjoy some fun target range activities with the slingshot! Location: Camp Skimino, Williamsburg, VA Level: D *Registration Deadline: February 20*



Hurrah Players presents Frozen, Jr.

You're invited to visit with Elsa and Anna in the magical land of Arendelle. Enjoy all of the memorable songs from the animated film and five new ones!

- March 7-9, Sandler Center for the Performing Arts
- March 15, Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts <u>Get your tickets today!</u>

<u>The Confidence Compass: Navigating Stress Together - March 16</u>

The Girl Scouts Mental Wellness patch program reminds you that you are never alone in facing challenges, and further invites you to dive into and understand your emotions. Jacquella from Harvesting Hope Foundation will help you to learn more about caring for yourself, supporting others, and feeling empowered. All participants will earn their Mental Wellness patch.

Location: A Place for Girls, Chesapeake, VA Levels: C/S/A *Registration Deadline: March 7*

<u> Hockey 101 Workshop – April 6</u>

Ready to try your hand at the fastest team sport? Want to learn more about the game before Cookies on Ice with the Norfolk Admirals on April 12? Come to the Hockey 101 workshop at Chilled Ponds! Their coaches will guide you through the basics of hockey while you practice out on the ice.

Location: Chilled Ponds, Chesapeake, VA Levels: All *Registration Deadline: March 26*

This summer, it's good vibes only!

Summer camp early-bird registration opens February 13, are you ready? We are, and you're invited! Get a taste of what's in store this summer when you join us for a camp open house this spring. All open house events are held from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. and are free to attend!

- <u>Camp Skimino, Williamsburg March 8</u>
- Camp Apasus, Norfolk March 22
- <u>Camp Outback, Chesapeake March 29</u>

Adults 18 and up: You can experience the joy of summer camp, too! We're hiring passionate individuals to lead activities and create lasting friendships. <u>Learn more and apply online today!</u>

What Can a Girl Scout Do?

Anything — and everything! <u>Check out this page</u> of uplifting and inspiring stories and activities, learn about the Girl Scout Difference, and then share it with other families you know.

Girl Scouts history runs deep during Black History Month

Learning about Girl Scouts history is learning part of Black history! Girl Scouts has always been an organization that encourages girl empowerment, and championed inclusion based on race. The third Girl Scout troop ever formed in the United States was a Black troop in 1913 in New Bedford, Massachusetts. Some segregated states made it difficult for troops such as one led by Carrie Knox in Washington, D.C. The troop, founded in 1929, was active for three years until it had to disband, due to segregation laws preventing them from communicating with headquarters in New York City. But other troops opened up to accept all girls, making an impact on their communities. Even Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. took notice, and stated in 1956 that Girl Scouts was "a force for desegregation." Learn more by earning your <u>Black History Month Celebration "I'm A Girl Scout!" Fun Patch</u>!



You can read about another local piece of Black history in our coverage of the <u>Camp Young</u> <u>Reunion</u> from last October, held in Norfolk, VA, and view a video of interviews with the camp's Girl Scout alum.



Gold Award: Nurture Your Mind



Learning the Cookie Business



Girl Scout Earns Lifesaving Award

In The Spotlight: Our Stories

Gold Award Spotlight: Nurture Your Mind with Nature—Girl Scout Julia's additions at Paradise Creek Nature Park support mental wellness for local kids. <u>Read the full article</u>

Learning the Cookie Business—GSCCC Cookie Captains led younger Girl Scouts through fun entrepreneurship activities. <u>Read the full article</u>

Girl Scout Earns Lifesaving Award—Girl Scout Cora has been awarded the Lifesaving Bronze Cross for saving a drowning child. <u>Read the full article</u>

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World Thinking Day is February 22

Start thinking, start changing! This year's theme is "Our Story: Reflecting the symbolism and values of our Movement" and there are plenty of activities to choose from to <u>earn your</u> <u>special patch</u>!



GSCCC Shop Specials

February 5, 12, 19 and 26: Discount Wednesdays!

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

Special Shop Hours: We will be at all three <u>Cookie Count-n-Go</u> locations on Saturday, February 22 from 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Cookie Charms: We have all your favorite cookie flavors plus the new panda, in honor of this year's mascot, Mêi Lán! \$6 each.

Cookie Squad Hoodie: Let everyone know you're part of the sweetest team around! Make a bold statement and celebrate our cookie community. Available in youth and adult sizes, \$35.

Pom-Pom Hats: These cute knit hats are topped with a pom-pom, and excel at keeping you toasty warm! Assorted colors, \$25.

Cookie Cart: 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. Red (shown): \$35; Green: \$38.

From cookie swag to spirit gear, uniforms, badges and more - <u>it's all in the shop!</u>



Cocktails for a Cause is back: Still Green. Still Great!

Adults 21 and over are invited to join us at the **Town Point Club on March 5** to celebrate the Girl Scout Birthday in style! Raise your glasses and toast to the incredible achievements of Girl Scouts everywhere. Enjoy free admittance, hors d'oeuvres, and a special themed cocktail (TBA). <u>Register today</u> and start planning your best green outfit!