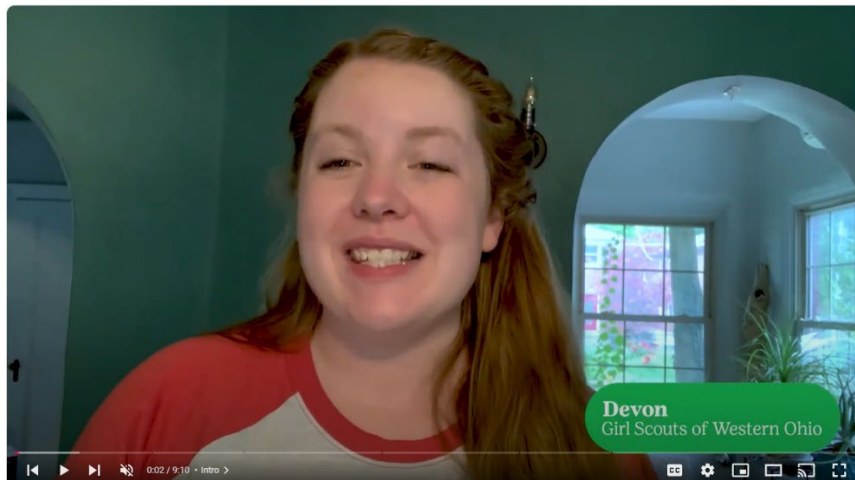




Here come the cookies!

Let's get in the swing of cookie season with an exercise from the My Cookie Venture badge in this video. Then, check out the [For Cookie Entrepreneurs page](#) for more resources, tips, and fun Girl Scout Cookie Program® activities!

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



Upcoming Events

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

Latitude – January 11

Join us at Latitude Virginia Beach for some indoor climbing fun! Test out your climbing skills, then challenge yourself and your fellow Girl Scouts to see how high you can reach. Cost includes shoe rental and pass to stay the remainder of the day.

Location: Latitude Climbing and Fitness, Virginia Beach, VA

Levels: B/J/C/S/A

Registration Deadline: January 2

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

Youth Mental Health First Aid – January 18

Designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, and other caring citizens how to help an adolescent (ages 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addiction challenge or is in crisis, this course introduces common mental health challenges for youth, reviews typical adolescent development, and teaches a 5-step action plan for how to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations.

Location: A Place for Girls, Chesapeake, VA

Level: Adults

Registration Deadline: January 2

Last call for the 11th Annual Cookie Classic Run! We're heading out to the Dismal Swamp Trail on Saturday, January 18, 2025. This festive event is perfect for active families. We hope to see you on the course!

STEM Club: Mechanical Engineering – January 25

Mechanical engineers create all types of machines, from batteries to refrigerators. Let's explore this fun, STEM-focused career together! Create board games and engineer your own game spinner. Make a Fling Flyer and learn what keeps it in the air. Make model cars, build a Leap Bot, and design a roller coaster! Includes all three Mechanical Engineering badge kits for Girl Scout Daisies, Brownies and Juniors (older girls will receive patches).

Location: Camp Skimino, Williamsburg, VA

Level: All

Registration Deadline: January 22



PBJ: Dancing Princesses, January 26

Put on your dancing shoes and join students from The Academy of Dance and Gymnastics to dance along to the melodious sounds of the Virginia Symphony Orchestra! Learn more and get your tickets at virginiasymphony.org.



REGISTER FOR FREE!

community PLAY-IN & SING-ALONG

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025 | 4:30PM
ECHOLS MEMORIAL HALL, NORFOLK STATE UNIVERSITY

VIRGINIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Eric Jacobson, Music Director

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. Learn more at gsgccc.org.

Buck Harris Award for Girl Scouts

This award is presented at Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast's Girl Awards Celebration each year and consists of a framed certificate and a gift certificate towards attending a GSGCCC-sponsored summer camp! To qualify for the award, a Girl Scout must be nominated by the members of her troop, group or service unit or by an adult who is aware of her qualifications. **Nominations are due by March 31**; learn more at gsgccc.org.

Speaking of [summer camp](#)...have you seen the new “Good Vibes” Camp Guide? Early-bird registration opens February 13, so make your plans now and get ready to reserve your spot!

Earn Badges at CODE NINJAS

Girl Scout Daisies, Brownies, Juniors and Cadettes can earn all three badges in a series in one workshop! [Coding, Cybersecurity, and Robotics](#) offered at locations in Chesapeake and Virginia Beach.



Gold Award: Crisis Boarding Program



Camp Young Reunion



Girl Scout Puts CPR Skills to Use

In The Spotlight: Our Stories

Gold Award Spotlight: Bringing Awareness to Crisis Boarding Program & Resources—Girl Scout Justina partnered with the Chesapeake Humane Society to educate local veterinarians, first responders, and others in her community about these critical resources. [Read the full article](#)

Camp Young Reunion—Girl Scout alum were guests at a special celebration of a historic Norfolk camp. [Read the full article](#)

Girl Scout Puts CPR Skills to Use—Girl Scout Junior Vada took action to help save her father during a heart attack. [Read the full article](#)

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



Maven Takes the Lead

The first in a middle grade series from GSUSA about a group of fifth-graders with lots of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. This novel is perfect for readers who love The Baby-Sitter's Club and American Girl's Girl of the Year series. After you and your friends have read Maven Takes the Lead, [get the free discussion guide and unlock the fun patch!](#)

What Can a Girl Scout Do?

A world of good. If you know a family who is considering Girl Scouts for their child, [share this page](#) of uplifting and inspiring stories and activities with them, and the message that a Girl Scout can do anything — and everything!

Nominations due January 20

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 for Famous Formers!** An announcement of the honorees will be released in early February. Save the date to join us for the awards event on May 1, 2025!



Go exploring together! Perfect for family adventures, our “Explore Our Partners” patches cover a lot of ground, from the Chrysler Museum to the Virginia Zoo and beyond. Created for our Council, these fun patch programs were developed to provide Girl Scouts at any level a variety of activities and experiences. Check them out at gscgg.org!



GSCCC Shop Specials

January 8, 15, 22 and 29: Discount Wednesdays!

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

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

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.

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

Cookie Feather Flag: This colorful, double-sided flag is sure to draw attention to your cookie booth! UV inks resist fading; includes premium base for sturdy display. *Must order by January 24.* \$275.

Get everything you need to make your cookie season a success — [let's go shopping!](#)

[SHOP](#)



Want to widen the Girl Scout circle? Consider becoming a volunteer!

Girl Scouts change the world. You can change their lives. Get in on the fun with [FREE monthly supply boxes for new Daisy troops!](#)

New Year, New Budget?

Now that we're in 2025, you may be establishing a new budget. GSCCC is here to help you achieve your charitable goals, and make sure they count toward your 2025 IRS tax benefits. Contact Sally Swanson, GSCCC Philanthropy Director, sallys@gscgcc.org or 757-549-0641. It's easier than you think to help Girl Scouts and benefit yourself at the same time!