



Congratulations, Girl Scouts!

Girl Scouts who complete Take Action projects that meet specific requirements can earn Girl Scouts' highest awards—the Girl Scout Gold, Silver, and Bronze Awards. On June 4, 2023, more than 300 guests attended “The Power of Girls: 2023 Girl Awards Celebration” held at Norfolk Collegiate School to celebrate girl leadership. Congratulations to our 2022-23 class of Gold Award Girl Scouts, and all our other Council award and scholarship recipients! Read more about the event, and find links to the program and photos at gscgcc.org.



Have you completed all the requirements to earn your “Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors” patch yet? You have until Sept. 10 to choose from 50 fun activities that will help you feel happier, relaxed, and in touch with nature. [Let’s go!](#)

Speaking of earning patches...

When you need a break from the summer heat, head to a local museum and earn a patch while you’re there! You can explore the [Hunter House Victorian Museum](#) to experience what life was like in 1900, or check out [The Mariners’ Museum](#) for a deep dive into our shared maritime heritage. Find these and so many more fun patch programs at gsgccc.org.

Did you know? 89% of parents say their girl is happier because of Girl Scouts!

(This fact and others can be found in our Family Guide, which is available to read on our [“For Parents and Families”](#) page.)

Upcoming Events

- **[Storytelling, July 17](#)**—You are invited to a free workshop being offered as part of the Hampton Storytelling Festival: “Everybody’s Got a Story.” Storytelling is fun and offers many benefits for mental health and community building, as well as strengthening communication and social skills. For Girl Scouts, the experience will also offer activities to meet some badge requirements, such as the It’s Your Story, Tell It! Journey. Meet GSGCCC Alum and Professional Storyteller Jay Johnson!
(Registration deadline is July 10)
Location: “The Big Pink” Victorian Station, Hampton
Levels: B/J/C/S
- **[Art All Around, August 5](#)**—Juliette Gordon Low loved expressing herself through arts and always considered herself an artist. Get inspired and show your many talents through role-playing, painting and performing with us...create, demonstrate, and celebrate!
(Registration deadline is July 15)
Location: Zeiders American Dream Theater, Virginia Beach
Levels: All

- Girls in Aviation, September 9**—Have you ever wanted to learn how to fly? Girls around the world will join with their local Women in Aviation International chapters to celebrate the 9th Annual Girls in Aviation Day. *(Registration deadline is August 1)*

Location: Military Aviation Museum, Virginia Beach

Levels: All
- Family Fun "National Everything Day," October 7**—Join us for this special, back-to-troop family fun day — we're going to observe as many "National Day of" celebrations for October in one day as we can! We'll get outside for National Outdoors Play Day and wear a blue shirt for National Blue Shirt Day. Make and bring your own hat to participate in a crazy hat contest for National Mad Hatter Day. Create a sweet and salty treat for National Chocolate Covered Pretzel Day. Build a noodle sword for National Noodle Day. There are so many more silly, fun and whimsical things to celebrate together so come out to play with us! *(Registration for this event is only open to those who have renewed their Girl Scout membership for 2024. Prices will go up after July 30, so make sure to renew today!)*

Location: Chesapeake City Park

Levels: All



Animal Rights
Workshop



Gold Award: Bells
Mill Park



Girl Scouts Love
“The Z”

In The Spotlight: Stories from the GSCCC Blog

Gold Award Girl Scout Brianna Hosts Animal Rights Workshop—This workshop helped to educate Girl Scout Brownies, Juniors, and Cadettes about

the cycle of poaching, consumerism, and how they can make a difference. [Read the full article](#)

Gold Award: Beautification of Bells Mill Park—Girl Scout Anna’s wildflower meadow and other improvements made an impact at this popular public park in Chesapeake. [Read the full article](#)

Girl Scouts Love Hanging Out at The Z—On May 13, Girl Scouts were invited to come along on a race across the globe at Zeiders American Dream Theater (affectionately known as “The Z”) during their production of “Around the World in 80 Days.” [Read the full article](#)

Share your story, Girl Scout!

Submit your news and announcements to marcomm@gsgccc.org or use the form on the “Our Stories” page at gsgccc.org.



Celebrate the 5th Annual Girl Scouts Love State Parks weekend with GSCCC! Join us at **York River State Park in Williamsburg on Saturday, September 9** for a fossil hike, geocaching with a pirate, fun nature displays, and more. Or, meet us on the sand dunes on **Sunday, September 10 at Jockey's Ridge State Park in Nags Head, North Carolina** for two mid-morning sessions with the

park rangers, and an optional canoe trip! (*Registration deadline is August 15.*) [Learn more and sign up today!](#)

Tell a Friend to Join the Fun

Do you have a friend in your neighborhood or at school who isn't a Girl Scout, but you wish they were so you could go on more adventures together? Tell them to visit www.gsgccc.org/discover where they can sign up for a free "Discover Girl Scouts" event (and their parents can talk to our staff for all the FAQs). Bonus: now that you've spread the word about Girl Scouts, you're on your way towards earning your [Recruiter patch!](#)



GSCCC Shop Specials

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

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

NEW: Celebrate GSCCC Camps T-Shirts

Show your love for Colonial Coast camps this summer! All five of our camp properties are represented around a central outdoor landscape design. Comes in Adult (charcoal) and Youth (yellow) sizes, \$25 each.

We have everything you need to make the most of summer camp, or any other outdoor adventure you go on, so [let's go shopping!](#)

NOTE: GSCCC's office and shop will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. (Camp Skimino will be open for our pre-registered day campers!)

Back to School

We know summer break just got going, but we're already looking ahead — "Be prepared!" Does your school host a back to school event or an open house to kick off the next year? If so, we'd love to attend! Email kiml@gsgccc.org with the name of your school and a contact person if you know one.