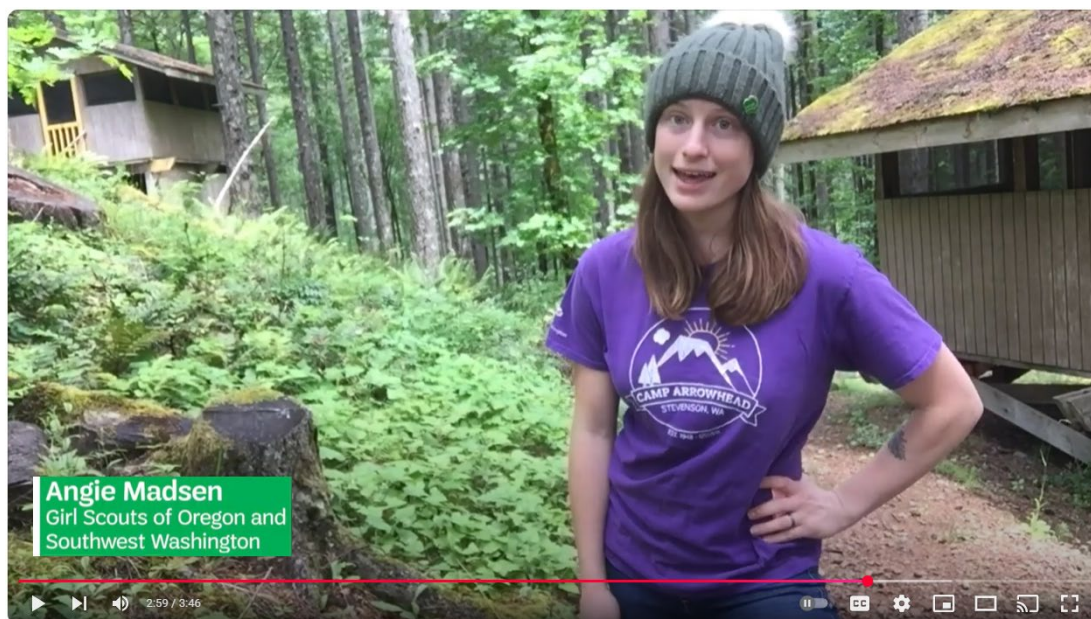




## **Calling all happy campers!**

Are you attending summer camp this year? Or is your troop planning an encampment for the fall? Maybe you've never been camping before and have lots of questions; whatever your experience level is, you can check out this helpful video from the GSUSA Activity Zone and learn how to start planning a camping trip. (And Girl Scout Brownies can complete steps towards earning their Cabin Camper badge!)





## Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors

Take the [Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge](#) this summer — at camp or in your own backyard — to earn this new patch! Use #gsoutdoors and #gsgccc on social media to share your adventures.

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## Call for Teen Applications for the Board of Directors

Are you interested in serving on the Board of Directors? GSCCC is seeking Girl Scouts ages 14-17 (or who will be at least 14 as of October 1, 2025) to serve on the Council's Board of Directors for a two-year term. This is an exciting way to take an active role in the critical decisions that impact our members. You'll meet and work with interesting and influential people, and have an opportunity to make sure that those people hear from you, too. [Apply online now!](#)

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## Upcoming Events

You can browse our full calendar at [gsgccc.org/events](https://gsgccc.org/events) or [download a PDF](#) of events through October 2025.

**NEW!** [Events Registration Tutorial](#) – Use this video guide to help you get registered for council events.

**Clean Beaches Week**  
**BEACH Clean Ups**

**JULY 3 – SUNSET CLEAN UP**  
7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**JULY 5 – MORNING CLEAN UP**  
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

**SUPPLIES PROVIDED OR BRING YOUR OWN**

**Community Beach Park**  
700 E. Ocean View Ave.

Register at  
[www.norfolk.gov/beachcleanup](https://www.norfolk.gov/beachcleanup)





## The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical

Presented by the Hurrah Players and adapted from the best-selling book *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan, this exciting production features a thrilling original rock score. Get \$5 tickets for Girl Scout groups of 10 or more! (Must call Lisa at 757-627-5437 for discount; one payment per group.) [Learn more at hurrahplayers.com](http://hurrahplayers.com).

**STEAMCON**  
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### Sail Nauticus – August 2

Let's sail away! Discover what it takes to work as a team to sail in the bay with Sail Nauticus in Norfolk. Become a member of the crew and learn the basics of sailing, including water safety, parts of the boat, how to sail upwind and downwind, steering, tacking and jibing.

Location: Nauticus, Norfolk, VA

Levels: J/C/S/A

Registration Deadline: July 224

### Making Games Badge Workshop – August 16

From scavenger hunts to mysteries to sports, Girl Scout Brownies will learn how to create new games and share them with others!

Location: Social Butterflies Club, Virginia Beach, VA

Level: B

Registration Deadline: July 30

### Senses Badge & Knowing My Emotions Patch Workshop – August 16

Girl Scout Brownies and Juniors will learn to engage their senses as they interact with the world around them while also looking inward and recognizing their own emotions.

Brownies will earn the Senses badge and Juniors will earn their Mental Wellness patch!  
Location: Social Butterflies Club, Virginia Beach, VA  
Levels: B/J  
*Registration Deadline: July 30*

### **The Great Girl Scout Cookie Mystery – September 14**

This fun whodunnit combines interactive dinner theater with Girl Scout family fun. Who will catch the cookie culprit before the matinee concludes?  
Location: Virginia Enmeier Program Center at Camp Skimino, Williamsburg, VA  
Levels: Family-friendly  
*Registration Deadline: September 9*



### **Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend**

Choose from three different locations to join in the fun on [Girl Scouts Love State Parks](#) weekend on September 13 and 14. Explore incredible places and earn this fun patch!

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## **Wonders of Europe: Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland & France, June 23 – July 7, 2027**

Embark on an unforgettable journey through Europe, where history, culture, and breathtaking landscapes come to life. From magnificent castles and grand cathedrals to charming cobblestone streets, every corner offers a glimpse into centuries past. Explore world-class museums, iconic monuments, and the majestic Swiss Alps. Marvel at golden rooftops, glide through Venice on a gondola, and bask in the glow of the glittering Eiffel Tower.

Travel by airplane, bus, and train to uncover the charm of medieval towns and the vibrancy of modern cities. Immerse yourself in diverse cultures, awaken your taste buds with authentic cuisine, and embrace new languages. This is your chance to experience a true sampling of Europe. Don't wait — apply today to make memories that will last a lifetime!

Levels: 9-12 grade Girl Scouts, including graduating seniors.  
For more information, contact GSCCC's "Travel Queen" Eileen Livick at [gscgccdestinations@gmail.com](mailto:gscgccdestinations@gmail.com).

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Bronze Awards for  
National Pet Month



Silver Award: The Ivor  
Playground



Girl Scouts Who Lead the  
Way

## In The Spotlight: Our Stories

**Bronze Award Spotlight: Committed to Helping Animals**—A look back at Girl Scout Juniors who took action this year to help our four-legged friends. [Read the full article](#)

**Silver Award Spotlight: The Ivor Playground**—Girl Scout Cadettes Emma and Hannah improved a popular community park. [Read the full article](#)

**Girl Scouts Who Lead the Way Girl Awards Celebration**—Congratulations to Girl Scout Gold, Silver, Bronze, and other award recipients! [Read the full article](#)

Season 2, Episode 7, NEW podcast has dropped: Say hello to Gold Award Girl Scout alum Caitlyn! [Listen on Spotify or YouTube](#)

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



## GSCCC Shop Specials

**We're celebrating Winter in July!**

This is your chance to get special holiday items early before they sell out!

## SPECIAL SHOP HOURS:

- The shop will be closed on the following Tuesdays: July 1, July 8, July 15, and July 22
- The GSCCC office and shop will be closed July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

### **July 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30: Discount Wednesdays!**

Spin the lucky wheel at checkout and receive a 5%, 10% or 15% discount off the entire purchase, or score a special surprise item! *May not be combined with any other offer.*

**Week 1 – Pom-Pom Hats:** These cute knit hats are topped with a pom-pom and will keep you toasty warm all winter; assorted colors. \$25 each

**Week 2 – Girl Scout Stockings:** Decorated with a fun assortment of Girl Scout cookie illustrations, these green and white stockings are the perfect gift (or gift bag)! \$10 each

**Week 3 – Cookies and Dots Fuzzy Lounge Slippers:** Inspired by everyone's favorite cookies, these slippers are a deliciously stylish way to show your Girl Scout spirit. Whether you're relaxing at home or out and about, wrap your feet in warmth and comfort. \$20 child; \$22 adult

**Week 4 – Fun Patch Ornaments:** Decorate your tree, your room, or yourself! These sew-on patches can be hung anywhere that needs a little Girl Scout-style holiday cheer. \$3 each

**Week 5 – Assorted Charms:** From holiday sparkle to hobbies and cute camp bling to Girl Scout cookies, there's a charm for every occasion. \$6 each

**SHOP NOW**

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## **Girl Scouts Make a Difference**

Share this page of [inspiring stories, information, and all the benefits of Girl Scouting](#) with other families you know, and invite them to come along on the journey with you and your Girl Scout next year!

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## Do you work here? You can help!

If you are an employee of any of the following businesses, GSCCC needs your help! **Reach out to [philanthropy@gscccc.org](mailto:philanthropy@gscccc.org)** for details in helping sponsor an employee-recommended grant application. It's an easy process that will really help us connect and serve more girls!

- GEICO
  - Raytheon/RTX
  - BAE Systems
  - General Dynamics NASSCO
  - Enterprise Mobility
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## NEW Girl Scout Picture Book



Add this to your summer reading list! “Make New Friends, Keep the Old” is a picture book, the newest addition to the series of Girl Scout-inspired stories, guides, and journals for young readers published by HarperCollins. [Learn more at girlscouts.org/read](https://girlscouts.org/read).

BONUS: These new books can help you complete the 2025 Summer Reading Challenge from Second Lady of the United States Usha Vance, for grades K-8. Read 12 books before September 5 to be eligible to win! Learn more at [whitehouse.gov/read](https://whitehouse.gov/read).