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Girl Scout Updates for Parents & Caregivers

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of the colonial coast

Welcome, Summer!

Summer is here and it's time to go outside! June is National Great Outdoors Month, which is a perfect time for families to get outside and play. Do you feel ready? Stretch those muscles and take some deep breaths with a fun outdoor game that gets you warmed up and ready for a hike in the woods or a walk around your neighborhood.



GO Day on June 12 and Free Parks Day on June 19

Now that you're warmed up and ready, let's GO! National Get Outdoors Day, also known as GO Day, is observed on June 12 and introduces children and newcomers to outdoor recreation, promoting healthy, active outdoor enjoyment. Also this year, the National Park Service has designated June 19 (Juneteenth National Independence Day) as a FEE FREE day! The Department of the Interior is dedicated to making sure that everyone may access and benefit from our public lands and natural spaces. Enjoy the [Bureau of Land Management](#)'s wilderness areas, national conservation lands, national monuments, and more. Visit the [Fish and Wildlife Service](#)'s refuges, marine national monuments and wetlands. Find your national park, historic site, or monument managed by the [National Park Service](#) and get outdoors, Girl Scouts!



These activities and park visits are a great way to get started on the [Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge](#) to earn a new fun patch! This challenge starts today, June 1 and ends with [Girl Scouts Love State Parks](#) weekend on September 13 and 14. Use #gsoutdoors and #gsgcc on social media to share your adventures with us — and your friends!

Upcoming Events

Earn a badge or two this summer! You can browse our full calendar at gsgcc.org/events or [download a PDF](#) of events through October 2025.

[Craft and Tinker with Mathnasium – June 28](#)

See how your crafts can help out your friends, family and even the world! Use your skill and imagination to make objects that solve problems and then tinker to make them better. Girl Scouts will have the opportunity to meet the requirements of the Craft and Tinker badge for their level!

Location: Mathnasium (Great Neck), Virginia Beach, VA

Levels: D/B/J

Registration Deadline: June 20

[Public Speaker Badge Day – July 15](#)

Cadettes: Find your inner performer and be unafraid to speak up! Work on your stage presence and develop your onstage skills, including a short performance for caregivers at the end of the workshop.

Location: Zeiders American Dream Theater, Virginia Beach, VA

Level: C

Registration Deadline: July 8

[Dancer Badge Day – July 16](#)

Brownies: Explore the world of dance and find the dancer inside you! Learn fun warm-ups, perform steps from new dances, and make up a dance of your very own, including a short performance for caregivers at the end of the workshop.

Location: Zeiders American Dream Theater, Virginia Beach, VA

Level: B

Registration Deadline: July 8

Screenwriter Badge Day – July 17

Cadettes: Try your hand at writing for the big (or small) screen. Learn about developing characters, building a plot, and more, then share your script with caregivers at the end of the workshop!

Location: Zeiders American Dream Theater, Virginia Beach, VA

Level: C

Registration Deadline: July 8



Fun Summer Reading

Dive into this book series from HarperCollins, including the newly-released *Anika and the Great Dog Rescue*, the exciting sequel to *Maven Takes the Lead*. Then check out how you can earn a fun patch for each book! [Learn more at girlscouts.org/read](https://www.girlscouts.org/read).

The adventure is for everyone.

A Girl Scout can do anything — and everything! Share this page of [inspiring stories](#), [fun activities](#), 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!



June is Pride Month

This month, we honor LGBTQ+ history. Girl Scouts and leaders have plenty of activities to choose from to [earn this patch](#) as part of the Girl Scout Multicultural Community Celebration series.



Bronze Award: Blessing Box



Homeschool Spotlight: Meet Ericka



Gold Award: Furry Futures

In The Spotlight: Our Stories

Bronze Award Spotlight: Blessing Box—Troop 44 transformed an existing structure into an essential community resource. [Read the full article](#)

Homeschool Spotlight: Meet Ericka—This Girl Scout Cadette is passionate about taking the lead and being involved. [Read the full article](#)

Gold Award Spotlight: Furry Futures—Girl Scout Abi tackled animal adoption myths and stigma to help local shelters. [Read the full article](#)

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GSCCC Shop Specials

SPECIAL SHOP HOURS:

- The shop will be closed on the following Tuesdays this summer:
June 24, July 1, July 8, July 15, July 22

June 4, 11, 18 and 25: Discount Wednesdays!

Spin the lucky wheel at checkout and receive a 5%, 10% or 15% discount off the entire purchase, or score a freebie from our clearance table! *May not be combined with any other offer.*

“Girl Scout Dad” T-Shirt: Perfect Father’s Day swag for the amazing Girl Scout dad in your life! Dark heather gray shirt with light gray trefoil and text is available in adult sizes, \$20 each.

So Many Hats! The perfect accessories for all your outdoor adventures! “Camp Hair, Don’t Care” bucket hats \$10; assorted colors ball caps \$15; green GSCCC visors \$10.

Supermix: Create a personalized gift for end-of-year celebrations, bridgings, graduations, and more. Customize tons of cool gear in our shop or [online!](#)

Trefoil Suncatcher: These limited-edition, handmade treasures are the perfect gift for important milestones, thank-yous, or just because. One for \$15 or two for \$25.

SHOP NOW



Get tickets for this fun whodunnit!

Who will catch the cookie culprit before the matinee concludes? Register before September 1 to receive your “special event card” to share a specific clue during the performance. Pasta and salad bar included with registration. All ages are welcome to attend; best for ages 7 and up. [Get your tickets today!](#)

