



## While we wait for Spring...

Our Council area has had quite a bit of snow in the past couple months, but warmer weather is just around the corner. As we prepare to say goodbye to winter, let's do a fun activity to learn what happens when glaciers melt.



# Cookie Spirit Contest

The creative spark that ignites during each cookie season is incredible — booths are blinged out with colorful cookie marketing content! This season, share your cookie ingenuity by entering the 2025 Cookie Spirit Contest for a chance to win a \$25 gift certificate to the GSCCC shop!

- [Contest Rules](#)
- [Unbox Your Future flyer](#)








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## Upcoming Events

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

### Girl Scout Week – March 9-15

Join us each day as we celebrate our worldwide sisterhood!

<b>March 9</b>  <b>Spirit Sunday</b> Do something kind in the spirit of Girl Scouts.	<b>March 10</b> <b>Affirmation Monday</b> Share a positive message with a friend. 	<b>March 11</b>  <b>Troop Tuesday</b> Appreciate your awesome troop besties.	<b>March 12</b> <b>National Girl Scout Day</b> Wear your Girl Scout gear this Wednesday for #NationalGirlScoutDay! 
 <b>March 13</b> <b>Thankful Thursday</b> Share something you're thankful for.	<b>March 14</b> <b>Flash Forward Friday</b> Make your plans for a brighter future! 	<b>March 15</b> <b>Service Saturday</b> Serve your community as a sisterhood.	

### **Cooking Club Interest Meeting – March 12**

Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast is launching a specialty club just for older members! Whether you're an aspiring chef ready to show off your skills or a beginner wanting to learn new techniques to impress your friends and family, our Cooking Club is for you! This club will meet in person at different locations with our community partners, as well as virtually where you can share your favorite recipes, tips and tricks with the group. Girl Scouts in 7th grade or above can register for this virtual meeting to learn more.

Location: Virtual

Levels: C/S/A

*Registration Deadline: March 10*

### **The Confidence Compass: Navigating Stress Together – March 16**

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*

### **Day by the Pond – March 29**

Grab a paddle and enjoy some time on the water with the Blazing Blue Herons Canoe Team as they share their paddling passion and skills with you. This day-long event is for both experienced and novice paddlers. Participate in other outdoor activities as well, including art and archery!

Location: Camp Burke's Mill Pond, Gloucester, VA

Levels: B/J/C/S/A

*Registration Deadline: March 20*

### **PBJ: Sleepover\* at the Museum, April 6**

Imagine spending your birthday at a museum! That's exactly what Mason had planned for his birthday. You can join the VSO for a multimedia adventure with Mason and his friends on a musical and scientific expedition. *\*Not an actual sleepover, however pajamas are encouraged!* [Get your tickets today!](#)



## **Cookies On Ice with The Norfolk Admirals - April 12**

Cheer on the Norfolk Admirals at their final game of the season on Fan Appreciation Night. Girl Scouts will be recognized for their cookie program achievements, so bring your friends and family for an evening of high energy fun!

Location: Norfolk Scope Arena, Norfolk, VA

Levels: All

*Registration Deadline: April 2*

(Want to learn more about the game before Cookies on Ice? Come to the [Hockey 101 Workshop](#) at Chilled Ponds on April 6!)

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## **March 31 Awards Deadline**

Girl Scouts who earned their Gold Award, Silver Award, Bronze Award or Summit Award between April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025 will be honored at a special ceremony in June. We will also announce scholarship recipients, so get those applications in, too! [Learn more at gsvccc.org.](#)

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## **Early-Bird Camp Registration ends March 16**

Summer camp adventures will be here before you know it! Don't wait to [choose your session](#), early-bird pricing ends this month. In the meantime, you can take a tour of camp at one of our open house events, being held from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. on the following Saturdays:

- [Camp Skimino, Williamsburg - March 8](#)
- [Camp Apasus, Norfolk - March 22](#)
- [Camp Outback, Chesapeake - March 29](#)

**Become a mentor and role model at Girl Scout camp!** We're looking for enthusiastic staff to inspire the next generation. Housing, meals, amenities and entertainment provided during overnight camp. Housing optional for staff who wish to remain onsite during day camp. [Learn more and apply online today!](#)

## What Can a Girl Scout Do?

**Change the world!** Character, conduct, and community service are core qualities of Girl Scouting. Girl Scouting is an asset to the community. Through leadership and taking action for sustainable change, Girl Scouts enrich the lives of those around them. **Let other families know about the difference Girl Scouting has made for your child by sharing these stories and resources.**

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### Celebrating 113 Years of Awesome Women

March is [Women's History Month](#), when we celebrate the strong changemakers who came before us and those who continue to push for us today. Many of these awesome women were Girl Scouts, like us, striving for a more just, equitable society. Check out [GSUSA's Noteworthy Alums](#) including athletes like Venus Williams, actors like Vanessa Hudgens, musicians like Taylor Swift, scientists like Cynthia Breazeal and writers like Frances Hesselbein. The same Girl Scouting program that you are a part of now provided so many opportunities for these go-getting women who have made (and continue to make!) amazing strides and bring about positive change for all.

An excellent place to start your celebration is our ["Make the World a Better Place" podcast](#), to hear inspiring stories from local Girl Scouts and volunteers who are doing just that!

Next, check out the new [Juliette Gordon Low American Women Quarter](#) from the US Mint. This special coin is scheduled for release on March 25, and you will be able to order them by the bag or roll.

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Girl Scout Legislative Day  
2025



Bronze Award: Free Little  
Library



Girl Scouts Spread  
Kindness to Pets

## In The Spotlight: Our Stories

**Bronze Award Spotlight: Free Little Library in Support of Chesapeake Humane Society Crisis Boarding Program**—Troop 30 was excited to have the opportunity to make a lasting impact for a cause they love. [Read the full article](#)

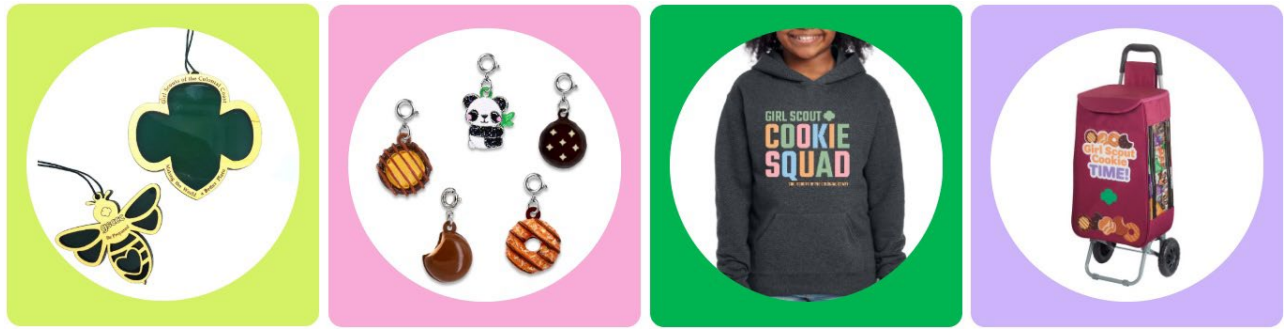
**Legislative Day 2025**—Each year, GSCCC’s Advocacy Team meets with legislators in Richmond, Virginia, to champion key issues. [Read the full article](#)

**Girl Scouts Loved Spreading Kindness to Pets**—This animal-focused patch program was a hit with Girl Scouts and volunteers. [Read the full article](#)

**NEW PODCAST EPISODE:** [Check out our interview with Liz Vaughn](#), Deputy Director of Public Communications for the City of Chesapeake, on why she chose to get involved as a troop leader.

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

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## GSCCC Shop Specials

### March 5, 19 and 26: Discount Wednesdays!

Pick a lucky shamrock at checkout and receive a 5%, 10% or 15% discount off the entire purchase. *May not be combined with any other offer.*

### March 10-14: Girl Scout Week Discount!

Enjoy 10% off everything in the shop!

**Wooden Keepsakes:** These limited-edition, handmade treasures are the perfect gift for the troop leader or volunteer in your life. Trefoil Suncatcher: \$15; Bee Suncatcher: \$10.

**Cookie Charms:** We have all your favorite cookie flavors plus the new panda, in honor of this year's mascot, Mèi 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.

**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 gifts to gear, uniforms, badges and more — [it's all in the shop!](#)

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## Caregivers: want a night out?


Check out these upcoming opportunities to enjoy yourself and support Girl Scouts!



Cocktails for a Cause  
Still Green. Still Great!

March 5, 2025 | 6:30 - 8 p.m.  
Town Point Club  
101 W Main St, Suite 300, Norfolk  
Free admittance, hors d'oeuvres,  
cash bar and great company!

Enjoy fun networking games, a reverse raffle,  
and a specialty cocktail inspired by a popular  
cocount and caramel Girl Scout cookie!



Girl Scout  
**FAMOUS FORMERS**

Join Us in Celebrating  
Girl Scouts Legacy of Leadership!

Artist Led  
Activity

May 1, 2025  
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
d'Art Center  
740 Boush Street, Norfolk

Celebrate Honorees  
Culinary Delights & Adult Beverages  
Hands-on Art Experiences • Valet Parking

## Buy a Brick to Honor Your Special Girl Scout

Are you looking for a lasting way to honor the achievements of your Girl Scout or a special volunteer? **Buy a Brick** gives you a way to support GSCCC while providing a commemorative message that will last a lifetime. All bricks will be installed in the garden at A Place for Girls. To be included in the spring dedication ceremony on on May 3, personalize your brick by March 31.