

Volunteer News

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Girl Scout Volunteer News & Updates for April 2025

April is National Volunteer Appreciation Month! From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for the time, creativity, care, and dedication you bring to your Girl Scout troop and to Girl Scouting as a Movement. Whether gathering last-minute project supplies or helping your troop find the confidence to shine, you're making such a difference in young lives, your community, and the world at large.

Badge Booklets in the Volunteer Toolkit

NEW: All badge booklets are now available for download in VTK! Find them on each meeting page directly under the steps and purpose of the badge. With easy access to badge requirements, now you just have to decide which one to earn first!

April Special Observances:

- **Month of the Military Child:** Find resources and fun activities on our [Supporting Military Families](#) page!
- **Keep America Beautiful Month**
- **Financial Literacy Month:** Yep, there's a [badge](#) for that!
- **National Car Care Month:** This is the perfect time to start the [Automotive Engineering badge series](#)!
- **April 20-26:** National Volunteer Week
- **April 22:** Earth Day AND Troop Leader Appreciation Day!
- **April 26:** Arbor Day – Celebrate and honor trees today! Learn about the [Girl Scout Tree Promise](#)



Activities and Events

Earth Day Activity: Composting

[Learn about the benefits of composting](#) and start your own compost at home! This activity was adapted from Step 1 of the Daisy Use Resources Wisely petal badge, but Girl Scouts of all ages can participate.



Composting at A Place for Girls

Our partner Tidewater Compost will take your food scraps and transform them into nutrient rich living soils. Visit our compost bin located at A Place for Girls in Chesapeake! To learn more or sign up to make a drop-off, visit tidewatercompost.com.

Solar Pioneers – April 26

Experiment with the power of the sun! You'll learn how solar energy works and all about the different ways we can use it: to create electricity for buildings, to cook, and more. Then, become a solar pioneer and create your own solar-powered device! Plus, meet Daisy, the solar SmartFlower who helps to power our regional headquarters.

Location: A Place for Girls, Chesapeake, VA

Levels: D/B/J/C

Registration Deadline: April 17

Finding Common Ground Badge Workshop – April 27

Girl Scout Cadettes will learn about diversity and how to make decisions together through respectful debate and compromise, all while earning the Finding Common Ground badge.

Location: Social Butterflies Club, Virginia Beach, VA

Level: C

Registration Deadline: April 16

Wind Chime Creations – May 4

Tap into your creativity to create a soothing wind chime. Happy Hour Glass Works will help you assemble your original design; have fun decorating your glass chimes with all colors of glass, glass dots and glass frit. Each wind chime will hang from a piece of driftwood.

Location: Happy Hour Glass Works, Suffolk, VA

Levels: All

Registration Deadline: April 17

Think Like an Engineer Journey – May 17

How do engineers use design thinking to solve problems? On this Journey, Girl Scouts will complete six hands-on design challenges powered by solar energy, and plan a Take Action project that helps others. Includes the badges to be earned and everything you need to complete the Journey!

Location: Landstown High School, Virginia Beach, VA

Levels: All

Registration Deadline: April 30

Peru – August 2-12, 2027

Plan ahead for this once-in-a-lifetime trip! Explore historical sites in Lima, take a guided boat tour in the Amazon and an expert-led tour of Machu Picchu. While experiencing Peruvian history, culture, and natural beauty, your group will also help uplift local women and their communities with a service project that supports economic sustainability, local agriculture, or access to education.

Levels: Girl Scouts 14 and up at the time of travel

Discounted Enrollment Deadline: April 30, 2025



Earn this free patch!

Girl Scouts is more fun with more friends. Complete three activities and earn a free patch. It's that simple!

LET'S GO



Upcoming Adult Trainings

Archery / Axe Throwing Training – April 12

Join us for this combination training at Camp Darden, where you will learn to empower participants to do their best while sticking the axe in a bullseye as well as basic steps of shooting and the safety measures you must take while instructing participants on GSCCC's archery ranges. In addition, you will learn how to set up and take down the archery range itself. Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to facilitate their troop or group on axe throwing and archery on GSCCC sites.

Location: Camp Darden, Courtland, VA

Level: Adults

Registration deadline: TODAY, April 3

Youth Mental Health First Aid – April 27

Designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers, 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. The course introduces common mental health challenges for youth, reviews typical adolescent development, and teaches a five-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: April 17

Wilderness First Aid – June 7 & 8

Designed for Girl Scout leaders, outdoor enthusiasts and anyone who works or spends time in remote environments, this course teaches advanced first aid skills to be used in emergencies when help from professional first responders may be far away. This course is required by Safety Activity Checkpoints for any camping trip that is 30 minutes or more from emergency medical services.

Location: Camp Apasus, Norfolk, VA

Level: Adults

Registration deadline: May 29

Lifeguard Training for Summer Camp Employment

We are hiring for multiple positions, including lifeguards. Take your training with us on June 3 and learn how to save a life this summer! **American Red Cross Lifeguard Training** is available to all volunteers and Girl Scouts age 17+. Check out all our available summer camp jobs and **apply online today!**

Early Renewal Incentives!

For Troops:

Troops will receive \$10 program credits for each girl in their troop who is renewed by 11:59 p.m. on April 7, 2025. (The program credits can be used from October 1, 2025 – April 30, 2026.)

For Troop Leaders:

- Every troop and service unit volunteer who is renewed by 11:59 p.m. on April 30, 2025 will receive a Girl Scout lanyard.

- A drawing will be held and 20 leaders will each be awarded a training credit of up to \$50 to enroll in a class between May 15 – December 15, 2025

For Service Units:

Service units will receive \$1 for every girl member who registers by May 31, 2025.

[Learn more at gscucc.org/renew](https://gscucc.org/renew)



Military Spotlight: Victoria Couch—This alum and volunteer has lessons to share from her long Coast Guard career. [Read the full article](#)

Volunteer Spotlight: Christy Campbell—This leader has made it her mission to be a person who Girl Scouts can count on. [Read the full article](#)

Juliette Gordon Low Quarter Celebration—GSCCC members traveled to Washington, D.C. to attend this historic event. [Read the full article](#)

Browse these and other inspiring stories featuring local Girl Scouts, volunteers, alum, and more at gscucc.org/blog. For inspiration on the go, listen to our [“Make the World a Better Place” podcast!](#)



GSCCC Shop Specials

April 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. *May not be combined with any other offer.*

April 20-26: Volunteer Appreciation Week!

Get a free gift with each \$100 purchase, and an additional free GSCCC suncatcher with each \$150 purchase (while supplies last).

Trefoil Suncatcher: These limited-edition, handmade treasures are the perfect gift for the troop leader or volunteer in your life. One for \$15 or two for \$25.

Juliette Gordon Low Quarter Scarf: Our founder, Juliette Gordon Low, is the latest member of the American Women Quarters™ Program from the U.S. Mint. This elegant scarf features the brand new JGL quarter design, a true keepsake! \$39.

My Girl Scout Kit: Bridging to the next level? Purchase your uniform and spend at least \$60 and you will receive a free bag! (Colors vary.)

Celebrate GSCCC Camps T-Shirt: 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, \$10 each.

From special gifts to camping gear, uniforms, bridging supplies and more — [it's all in the shop!](#)

SHOP

Enjoy a Special Evening with Famous Formers, May 1

Join us on May 1 at the d'Art Center in Norfolk from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. to celebrate Girl Scouting and its legacy of leadership.

Free valet parking, culinary delights to suit every palette, two beer/wine tickets, a tile pour art class, and a “Leave your mark” canvas group art project will entertain and engage you! **Register today!**