

Volunteer News

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Girl Scout Volunteer News & Updates for August 2025

As summer winds down, we're looking ahead and planning for ways to help you make this your most rewarding year yet. Are you registered for the Volunteer Kick-Off? You won't want to miss the chance to meet our special guest from GSUSA!

August Special Observances:

- **Summer Sun Safety Month:** Enjoy those [outdoor adventures](#) safely. Apply plenty of sunscreen, wear sunglasses and hats, and stay hydrated!
- **National Make-A-Will Month:** Girl Scouts has partnered with FreeWill, a completely FREE and EASY online platform that creates a valid will in either Virginia or North Carolina. (Learn more at gscoc.org/legacy.)
- **August 4: U.S. Coast Guard Birthday** – Celebrate these brave men and women by earning a [fun patch](#)!
- **August 10: National S'mores Day** – Check out resources for s'mores-themed fun below!
- **August 17: International Geocaching Day**
- **August 26: Women's Equality Day**

Updates to Your Inbox!

We're moving to **ONE e-newsletter per month**, instead of separate ones for volunteers and families, **beginning in October**. Delivered on the **first Thursday of each month**, *The Colonial Coaster* will have sections for targeted reading so you can focus on what you need.

Plus, we're streamlining our event emails; the *GSCCC GO!* weekly digest of program opportunities will be **sent on Tuesdays**. (There may sometimes be additional GSCCC emails for special promotions.)

Make sure you are opted-in to emails from GSCCC! Visit gscce.org/email for more information.



Have S'more Fun!

August 10 is National S'mores Day, and we have a collection of activities you can do to celebrate all month long.

From s'mores-themed bingo and word search to s'mores SWAPS and a s'mores STEM station, you can plan a back-to-troop party with ease. Get the full suite of resources at

gscce.org/marketing#smore.

Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend – September 13-14

Choose from four different locations to join in the fun! Go on a fossil hike, learn to identify poisonous and edible plants, go Seining on the James River, and so much more. Explore incredible places and earn a fun patch!

Levels: All

- York River State Park, Williamsburg, VA
- Machicomoco State Park, Hayes, VA
- Jockey's Ridge State Park, Nags Head, NC

Registration Deadline: August 14

- Chippokes State Park, Surry, VA

Registration Deadline: August 29

The Great Girl Scout Cookie Mystery – September 14

This playful whodunnit combines interactive theater with Girl Scout family fun. Who will catch the cookie culprit before the matinee concludes? Join us for an afternoon of mystery, fun, and tasty food! All ages are welcome to attend; best for ages 7 and up.

Location: Virginia Enmeier Program Center at Camp Skimino, Williamsburg, VA

Levels: All / Family Friendly

Registration Deadline: September 11

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

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



Join us for an exciting and impactful day of training for Girl Scout volunteers! This comprehensive event is designed to equip you with the skills and knowledge you need to create a positive, inclusive, and supportive environment for all Girl

Scouts. We'll dive into key areas such as conflict resolution, mental wellness, and explore ways to improve the volunteer onboarding experience. Plus, we'll celebrate the heart of Girl Scouting with a focus on ceremonies and traditions, helping you to honor the values and rituals that make Girl Scouts such a special community.

Meet GSUSA National Board President, Noorain Khan

We are excited to announce that GSUSA National Board President, Noorain Khan, will be joining us as our special guest speaker! She leads NFK Philanthropic Strategy where she guides private clients, and she is a Senior Advisor at the investment firm XN. She lives in Brooklyn with her husband Sabeel Rahman and their two children, and she co-leads Daisy Troop 2314.

Workshops will include:

- Generational Training
- Question, Persuade and Refer
- Parents as Partners
- Leading Engaging and Effective Meetings
- Ceremonies/Traditions
- New Leader Bootcamp
- Inspire Bronze: Equip Juniors to Lead
- Elevate Silver: Coach Cadettes to Create Change
- Empower Gold: Mentor Seniors & Ambassadors to Make an Impact
- Is Human Trafficking Really Happening Here?!
- Managing Big Emotions in My Small Part of the World

Come ready to learn, connect, and be inspired as we kick off an incredible year of leadership, growth, and service!

Location: Virginia Beach United Methodist at the Oceanfront

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Lunch Provided)

Cost: \$10 per person

Registration Deadline: September 5

REGISTER



Upcoming Adult Trainings

[Facilitator Trainings Page](#) – This hub features links to all our upcoming facilitator trainings, FAQs on requirements, certifications, and more.

[Basic Troop Camping – August 23](#)

We will cover basic outdoor camping and gear, outdoor cooking and Leave No Trace. Participants will leave with plenty of tips to help Girl Scouts take the lead in planning their next outdoor overnight. The optional overnight will include night activities to do with your girls, additional fire skills and Girl Scout ceremonies/traditions.

Location: Camp Darden, Courtland, VA

Registration Deadline: August 7

[Archery / Axe Throwing Training – August 24](#)

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: August 14

[Climbing Wall Facilitator Training – August 24](#)

Learn how to set up and take down the climbing wall at Camp Darden, as well as some knot-tying and belaying skills. Once you have completed this training, you and one other instructor will be able to host your troop or groups at the climbing wall.

Location: Camp Darden, Courtland, VA

Registration deadline: August 14

American Red Cross Adult & Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED – October 11

This blended learning course equips you to recognize and care for a variety of first aid, breathing and cardiac emergencies for people of all ages. Upon successful completion of the online course and in-person skills session a valid 2-year digital certificate for Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED is issued.

Location: A Place for Girls, Chesapeake, VA

Registration deadline: October 4



Our Stories: In the Spotlight *from gscgcc.org/blog*

Girl Scouts and the Lady Eagle Engineers and Scientists—GSCCC has partnered with local high school students for popular STEM programs. [Read the full article](#)

Bronze Award Spotlight: Spread Kindness the GS Way—Girl Scout Junior Chloe spread kindness to Mooseheart Child City & School. [Read the full article](#)

Community Troop Day at Camp Apasus—More than 50 Girl Scouts enjoyed this annual day of outdoor fun and learning. [Read the full article](#)

NEW Podcast: Season 2, Episode 8—Meet Girl Scout alum Tameika Serrano, the Program Director of Old Dominion University's Mustard Seed Place Women's Business Center. [Listen on Spotify or YouTube](#)

Browse these and other inspiring stories featuring local Girl Scouts, volunteers, alum, and more at gscgcc.org/blog.



GSCCC Shop Specials

SPECIAL SHOP HOURS:

- The GSCCC office and shop will be closed August 21–22 to conduct annual inventory.

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

Inventory Clearance Sale: You get the best price because we don't want to count it. Help us make room for new items coming this fall!

Choose from youth and adult attire, cookie merch, and hats, hats, hats! Flat rate shipping or in-store pickup is available, and you can [order directly online through this secure form](#).

(Clearance items are only available in the sizes listed and there is a very limited quantity of each. No other discounts apply.)

Don't wait, or the item you looked at today may be gone tomorrow!

SHOP NOW