

Volunteer News

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Girl Scout Volunteer News & Updates for February 2025

Cookie season is a busy — and fun! — time for Girl Scouts. Before booths open later this month, take a moment to enjoy some of the other events and activities that are on offer from GSCCC and our program partners.

February Special Observances:

- **Youth Leadership Month**
- **Black History Month:** Earn the [Black History Month patch](#), part of the Multicultural Community Celebration Patch Program.
- **Women Inventors Month:** Check out an [upcoming STEM event](#) and learn the skills you need to invent a brighter future.
- **Bird Feeding Month**
- **February 2:** Groundhog Day
- **February 9-15:** Random Acts of Kindness Week – Try activities from the [Spread Kindness](#) patch program this week!
- **February 14:** Valentine’s Day
- **February 22:** World Thinking Day – Find activity sheets to download below!
- **February 16:** Letter to an Elder Day



Activities and Events

World Thinking Day

Join your fellow Girl Scouts and Girl Guides from over 150 countries around the world to celebrate World Thinking Day on February 22. Dive into this year's focus of "Our Story: Reflecting the symbolism and values of our Movement" and explore how you can build the confidence to know you can make a real difference, in your community and beyond. Think about the issues that contribute to problems near or far, and about the little things you can do to make a big difference!



Download the FREE Girl Scouts World Thinking Day activity guides and see how your thoughts are more powerful than you think!

- [Daisy / Brownie / Junior Guide](#)
- [Cadette / Senior / Ambassador Guide](#)

Stargazing - March 1

Learn about the different constellations in our night sky and see how many you can spot! You'll make your own star wheel to help guide you through observing the Milky Way throughout the year, view the night sky through a telescope, and enjoy star-inspired crafts.

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

Levels: J/C/S/A

Registration Deadline: February 20

Low Ropes Challenge Course – March 8

Join us for some fun on the Low Ropes Course at camp. Participate in some fun teambuilding games and traverse tricky obstacles with your team. Challenge yourself and gain some new skills!

Location: Camp Skimino, Williamsburg, VA

Levels: J/C

Registration Deadline: February 27

Climbing Wall – March 8

Challenge yourself to see how high — and how fast — you can climb our indoor rock wall! Explore your limits and reach new heights.

Location: Camp Skimino, Williamsburg, VA

Levels: B/J

Registration Deadline: February 27

Hockey 101 Workshop – April 6

Ready to try your hand at the fastest team sport? Want to learn more about the game before Cookies on Ice with the Norfolk Admirals on April 12? Come to the Hockey 101 workshop at Chilled Ponds! Their coaches will guide you through the basics of hockey while you practice out on the ice.

Location: Chilled Ponds, Chesapeake, VA

Levels: All

Registration Deadline: March 26

Wild Things

Looking for excitement this spring and summer? Travel with the Wild Things Girl Scout High Adventure Group for camping, hiking, white water rafting, horseback riding, and more! Registration is now open for Triple Crown, April 14-18, and Smoky Mountains, July 12-20.



Upcoming Adult Trainings

American Red Cross Adult & Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED - March 15

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. An online link will be sent to the participants prior to the course. The online portion (accessed via mobile, desktop or tablet) must be completed prior to attending the instructor-led skills session. Upon successful completion of the online course and in-person skills session a valid two-year digital certificate for Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED is issued.

Location: A Place for Girls, Chesapeake, VA

Levels: C/S/A, Adults

Registration deadline: March 1

Basic Troop Camping - March 22

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. All food and supplies will be provided for this training. 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

Level: Adults

Registration deadline: March 5

Climbing Wall Facilitator Training - March 23

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

Level: Adults

Registration deadline: March 12

Archery / Axe Throwing Training - March 23

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: March 12

Get paid to have fun this summer!

Volunteers, are you ready for a new kind of adventure? Get PAID to work at Girl Scout Camp and enjoy the great outdoors while teaching valuable skills that will last a lifetime! Be part of something special this summer.

Apply online today!



Our Stories: In the Spotlight

from gsgccc.org/blog

Gold Award Spotlight: Nurture Your Mind with Nature—Girl Scout Julia’s additions at Paradise Creek Nature Park support mental wellness for local kids. [Read the full article](#)

Learning the Cookie Business—GSGCCC Cookie Captains led younger Girl Scouts through fun entrepreneurship activities. [Read the full article](#)

Girl Scout Earns Lifesaving Award—Girl Scout Cora has been awarded the Lifesaving Bronze Cross for saving a drowning child. [Read the full article](#)

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

Cocktails for a Cause: Still Green, Still Great!

Adults 21 and over are invited to join us at the Town Point Club on **March 5** to celebrate the Girl Scout Birthday in style! Raise your glasses and toast to the incredible achievements of Girl Scouts everywhere. Enjoy free admittance, hors d’oeuvres, and a special themed cocktail (TBA). **Register today and start planning your best green outfit!**

Money Matters Course Available

Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors can prepare for their first jobs by learning all about their paycheck during the “Money Matters” course from PayrollOrg! Learn how to fill out a W-4, all about taxes, and more. There will also be time for a Q&A. Staff will come to your troop meeting to facilitate the course! [Fill out the interest form](#) and you will be contacted by council partner, Vyvyenne Johnston, FPC, to book your session.



GSCCC Shop Specials

February 5, 12, 19 and 26: Discount Wednesdays!

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

Special Shop Hours: We will be at all three [Cookie Count-n-Go](#) locations on Saturday, February 22 from 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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.

Pom-Pom Hats: These cute knit hats are topped with a pom-pom, and excel at keeping you toasty warm! Assorted colors, \$25.

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

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Send in your Cookie News

Do you know of a Girl Scout or troop that has used their Cookie Dough for a special project or award? We are looking for stories of our go-getters who have done amazing things, thanks to Girl Scout Cookies — or who are planning amazing things as they Embrace Possibilities during the 2025 cookie season! **Submit your cookie story or other exciting Girl Scout news at gsvcc.org.**