

Volunteer News

Training • Events • Activities • Tips



Girl Scout Volunteer News & Updates for July 2025

Whether you're taking a summer break or packing up for a troop trip, we invite you to check out the activities and information in this newsletter, and make plans to join us for a very special event just for volunteers coming up in September.

July Special Observances:

- **National Anti-Boredom Month**
- **National Picnic Month**
- **National Make a Difference to Children Month**
- **July 4: Independence Day** (GSCCC office and shop will be closed.)
- **July 20-26: National Zookeeper Week** – Visit the Virginia Zoo and [earn a fun patch](#) to celebrate!
- **July 30: Share a Hug Day**



Activities and Events

Green Grass Door

This is a mental challenge game, especially great for road trips or sleepovers. Choose one person to be it; they decide what kinds of things can be taken through the Green Grass Door and give the first clue by saying something like, "I am going through the Green Grass Door and I am going to take a mitten with me." Have

participants try saying what they will take through the door until they guess the criteria.

For example: Someone says, "I am going through the Green Grass Door and I am taking a bottle with me." The person who is it can say "Yes, you can take that." However, if the person says they are going to take a car, the answer would be, "No, I am sorry, you can't take that."

If they are having trouble figuring it out, you can help with hints like, "I am going through the Green Grass Door and I am going to take a kitten but not a cat with me, or a puppy but not a dog, or a roof but not a house."

The solution in this example would be only things with double letters can be taken through the Green Grass Door. See what other creative criteria you can come up with!

Donut Adventure Packages (Multiple Dates)

Book your own fun-filled, donut-themed adventure at Duck Donuts! Whether you're looking for a fun, creative experience or a class specifically tailored to meet your troop's badge requirements, this event is perfect for Girl Scouts. Participants will customize and decorate their own donuts while engaging in fun, hands-on activities.

Location: Duck Donuts, N Battlefield Blvd, Chesapeake, VA

Levels: All

Sail Nauticus – August 2

Let's sail away! Discover what it takes to work as a team to sail in the bay with Sail Nauticus in Norfolk. Become a member of the crew and learn the basics of sailing, including water safety, parts of the boat, how to sail upwind and downwind, steering, tacking and jibing.

Location: Nauticus, Norfolk, VA

Levels: J/C/S/A

Registration Deadline: July 24

Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend – September 13-14

Choose from three different locations to join in the fun! Go on a fossil hike, learn to identify poisonous and edible plants, and more. Explore incredible places and earn a fun patch!

Sept. 13 - [York River State Park](#), Williamsburg, VA

Sept. 14 - [Machicomoco State Park](#), Hayes, VA

Sept. 14 - [Jockey's Ridge State Park](#), Nags Head, NC

Levels: All

Registration Deadline: August 14

You can browse our full calendar at gscnc.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.



Upcoming Adult Trainings

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

Canoe/SUP Facilitator Trainings

This course teaches advanced first aid skills to be used in emergencies when help from professional first responders may be far away. Required by Safety Activity Checkpoints for any camping trip that is 30 minutes or more from emergency medical services.

[July 26 at Camp Darden](#)

[August 2 at Camp Burke's Mill Pond](#)

Basic Troop Camping

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.

[August 9 at Camp Skimino](#)

[August 23 at Camp Darden](#)

[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

Volunteer Kickoff – September 13

This comprehensive training day 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 mental wellness, providing you with tools to nurture both your own well-being and that of your Girl Scouts. Learn how to work effectively with children of various abilities, ensuring everyone feels included and empowered to thrive. Conflict resolution techniques will be covered, giving you practical strategies for managing challenges and fostering a peaceful, cooperative atmosphere.

We'll also explore ways to improve the volunteer onboarding experience, making it easier for new leaders to jump in and feel confident. 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.

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, Virginia Beach, VA

Registration Deadline: September 5

REGISTER

A Week in Greece: October 6 – 14, 2026

Join GSCCC's "Travel Queen" Eileen Livick for this amazing adventure, just for adults. Walk through ancient history and open-air museums in the capital, Athens. Revel in the serenity and diversity of the Greek Islands on the isles of Mykonos and Santorini. Watch the setting sun from hilltops and black sand beaches. [See the full itinerary and book your spot today!](#)

Do you work here? You can help!

If you are an employee of any of the following businesses, GSCCC needs your help! Reach out to philanthropy@gsgccc.org for details in helping sponsor an employee-recommended grant application. It's an easy process that will really help us connect and serve more girls!

- GEICO
 - Raytheon/RTX
 - BAE Systems
 - General Dynamics NASSCO
 - Enterprise Mobility
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Our Stories: In the Spotlight

from gsccc.org/blog

Volunteer Spotlight: Girl Scout Dads—This Father's Day, we celebrated amazing dads and father figures in Girl Scouts. [Read the full article](#)

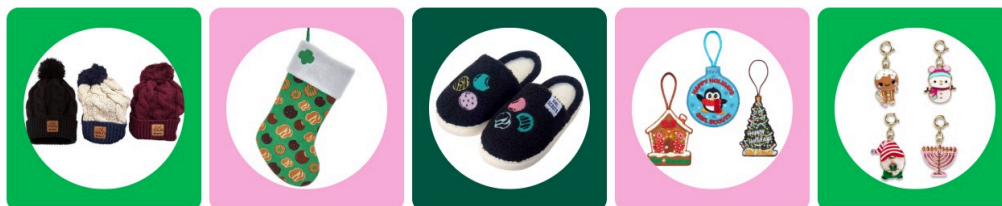
Girl Scouts Who Lead the Way—Congratulations to Girl Scout Gold, Silver, Bronze, and other award recipients! [Read the full article](#)

Women Veterans Recognition Day—Meet some extraordinary women veterans who continue to serve with Girl Scouts. [Read the full article](#)

Generations of Girl Scouts Honored with Brick Ceremony—Families and alum dedicated commemorative bricks at a special ceremony. [Read the full article](#)

Check out the newest episode of our podcast, and meet Gold Award Girl Scout alum Caitlyn Leach! [Listen on Spotify or YouTube](#)

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



GSCCC Shop Specials

We're celebrating Winter in July!

This is your chance to get special holiday items early before they sell out!

SPECIAL SHOP HOURS:

- The shop will be closed on the following Tuesdays: July 8, July 15, and July 22
- The GSCCC office and shop will be closed July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

July 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, or score a special surprise item! *May not be combined with any other offer.*

Week 1 – Pom-Pom Hats: These cute knit hats are topped with a pom-pom and will

keep you toasty warm all winter; assorted colors. \$25 each

Week 2 – Girl Scout Stockings: Decorated with a fun assortment of Girl Scout cookie illustrations, these green and white stockings are the perfect gift (or gift bag)! \$10 each

Week 3 – Cookies and Dots Fuzzy Lounge Slippers: Inspired by everyone's favorite cookies, these slippers are a deliciously stylish way to show your Girl Scout spirit. Whether you're relaxing at home or out and about, wrap your feet in warmth and comfort. \$20 child; \$22 adult

Week 4 – Fun Patch Ornaments: Decorate your tree, your room, or yourself! These sew-on patches can be hung anywhere that needs a little Girl Scout-style holiday cheer. \$3 each

Week 5 – Assorted Charms: From holiday sparkle to hobbies and cute camp bling to Girl Scout cookies, there's a charm for every occasion. \$6 each

SHOP NOW



This playful, interactive, family theater experience was written by acclaimed author and GSCCC Board Member, Dawn Brotherton. Watch for familiar faces while you enjoy an engaging performance!

Register before September 1 to receive your "special event card" to share a specific clue during the performance. Clues are limited in quantity and reserved for pick up at the event!

BONUS: Activities for Girl Scout Juniors to earn their Detective badge!

Date: Sunday, September 14

Time: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Virginia Enmeier Program Center at Camp Skimino

[Get tickets online today!](#)