

# Volunteer News

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of the colonial coast



## Girl Scout Volunteer News & Updates for June 2024

School's out, bridges have been crossed and awards bestowed, summer camp's about to begin, and it's time to relax and recharge! While you're enjoying fun in the sun this month, we're rounding up activities, events, trainings and more to help you make the most of not only this season, but also the Girl Scout year ahead.

### June Special Observances:

- **National Great Outdoors Month:** Summer is finally here! Longer days means more time to work on your [Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge](#) to unlock a new patch.
- **National Pollinators Month**
- **LGBTQ+ Pride Month:** Earn this month's "I Am a Girl Scout!" [multicultural heritage fun patch](#).
- **June 1-7: National CPR and AED Awareness Week**
- **June 13: National Weed Your Garden Day** – This is not only a great way to burn some calories outdoors, it could also be a wonderful act of community service. Do you know someone who might need help with this task?
- **June 14: Flag Day**
- **June 16: Father's Day**
- **June 19: Juneteenth**



# Activities and Events

Here are two activities to try with troops of any Girl Scout grade level: one that is done outdoors and might help you cool off, and one that can be done either indoors or out.

## **Over-the-Shoulder Bucket Brigade**

Equipment: 4 buckets of the same size, a paper cup for each participant, a blindfold for each participant

Procedure: Participants are divided into two equal groups and seated on the ground outside in straight lines, with each person close between the knees of the person behind. Each person has a cup, and is blindfolded. A bucket of water is placed in front of the first person in line, and an empty bucket is placed behind the last person. The first person fills her cup from the bucket, and then pours it over her shoulder into the cup of the person behind her, and so on, until the final person empties her cup backwards into the bucket. Continue until the first bucket is empty (or a time is called). The team with the most water in their bucket wins!

## **Nosebag Skits**

Equipment: Prior to the game, assemble bags of assorted objects and clothing that can be used in skits. (Tip: Kitchens are a good source for fun props!)

Procedure: Divide the group into teams. Each team is given a bag with at least one item for each player in it (tip: use one item per player for younger Girl Scouts, and try adding more for older, more experienced teams). Players have 5 to 10 minutes to create a skit using all the items in their bag. Judge the skits and award a prize, or simply enjoy each other's performances!

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### **Year in the Life of a Girl Scout: Outdoor STEM – Saturday, July 13**

Let's have fun with outdoor STEM, where we can get messy and play with new ideas for improving the environment. Learn how to create an outdoor pulley system, build an ant farm (see why ants are so smart) and practice some other hands-on activities.

Location: A Place for Girls, Chesapeake VA

Levels: All

*(Registration Deadline: June 24)*



### **Celebrate Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend, Sept. 14-15**

Join us on Saturday at York River State Park in Williamsburg, Virginia or Sunday on the dunes at Jockey's Ridge State Park in Nags Head, North Carolina. A full day of fun and adventure awaits you at either location. [Learn more and sign up today!](#)



## Upcoming Adult Trainings

### **Canoe/SUP Instructor Trainings**

Get ready to take your troop or group out on the water on GSCCC properties! In this course you will learn the basic responsibilities of a canoe/stand-up paddleboard instructor. Choose your date and location:

#### **Sunday, July 28**

Location: Camp Darden, Courtland

Time: 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.

*Registration deadline: July 18*

### **Saturday, August 24**

Location: Camp Burke's Mill Pond, Gloucester

Time: 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.

*Registration deadline: August 15*

### **Basic Troop Camping – Saturday, August 10**

Join us for this all-day training in outdoor skills at Camp Darden. We will cover basic outdoor camping and gear, outdoor cooking and environmental stewardship, plus 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.

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. (plus optional overnight)

Location: Camp Darden, Courtland, Virginia

*Registration Deadline: July 25*



**Volunteer Spotlight: Erika Grasse**—Erika's journey started more than 20 years ago with her daughter's Daisy troop. [Read the full article](#)

**Navy Captain Terra Gray**—GSCCC's Board Chair first said yes to Girl Scouting with her daughter in 2009. [Read the full article](#)

**Girl Scouts Who AMAZE: 2024 Awards Recap**—Congratulations to all the Girl Scout highest awards, scholarship, and other council recognition recipients! [Read the full article](#)

**Volunteer Spotlight: Sandy Wright**—This long-time leader knows the importance of CPR and first aid training. [Read the full article](#)

Browse these and other inspiring stories featuring local Girl Scouts, volunteers, alum, and more at [gscucc.org/blog](https://gscucc.org/blog).

Have you heard the latest episode of the GSCCC Podcast? Hear how members like you “Make the World a Better Place” at [gscucc.org/podcast](https://gscucc.org/podcast).



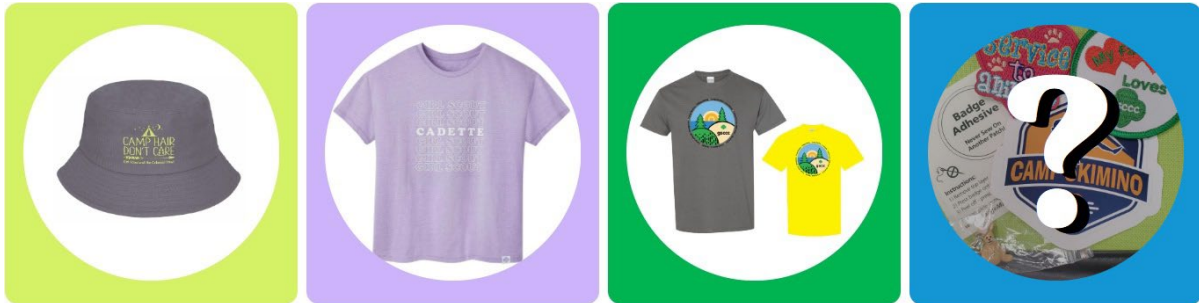
Guiding Girl Scouts is an adventure we’re on together! Here’s the map. [Troop Year Plans are customizable, turnkey resources](#) featuring a variety of our most popular activities! They’ll help you, our volunteers, lead your troops — whether you have one level or multiple. With print-friendly and online versions, they’ll be a welcome companion on all your Girl Scouting adventures in the year ahead.

## “I’m bored!”

Help beat the summer vacation blahs with some fun patches and badges that Girl Scouts can work on together as a troop, out with their families, or on their own.

- [Council Patch Programs](#): Explore a museum, a branch of the military, or your own hometown to earn a fun new patch this summer.

- [New Badges](#): Girl Scouts can learn new skills or get better at ones they already love. Try the new Animal badges (D/J/C) or the Maker badge series (D/B/J).
- [Virtual and Online Badges and Journeys for June](#): GSCCC has plenty of “badge in a box” options for Girl Scouts to work on at their own pace.



## GSCCC Shop Specials

### **June 5, 12, 19 and 26: Discount Wednesdays!**

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

**June 13-18: GSCCC Shop Pre-Inventory Sale!** Take half off clearance prices, fun patches, holiday ornaments, and more. Plus, if you spend \$100 after discounts you’ll get a free goodie bag filled with mystery merch (while supplies last). Sale applies to in-stock items only; come in and snag a deal!

**Bucket Hat:** This gray cotton hat offers great protection for your outdoor adventures with a fun “Camp Hair Don't Care” design in bright spring green on the front. One size fits all; \$12.00 each.

**Cadette Retro T-Shirt:** Show your Girl Scout pride in this comfy t-shirt designed just for Cadettes. In heather purple with white repeated “Girl Scout” and “Cadette” graphic on front. \$23.00 each.

**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, \$20 each.

## **All Adult Camp Weekend – September 21-22**

Camp Darden is reserved for s'more fun, just for adults! Enjoy classic activities like canoeing, archery, hiking, and more in a friendly environment. We've got a full agenda, including a wine and Girl Scout cookie pairing! [Learn more and get tickets at gsgccc.org.](#)