

Volunteer News

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Girl Scout Volunteer News & Updates for June 2025

School's out, bridging and awards ceremonies are underway, and it's time to take a step back and smile at all the memories you and your Girl Scouts have made. 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 this season as well as the Girl Scout year ahead.

June Special Observances:

- **National Great Outdoors Month:** Get started on earning this year's [Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge](#) patch!
 - **National Safety Month**
 - **National Pollinators Month**
 - **Pride Month:** Earn this month's [multicultural heritage fun patch](#).
 - **June 1-7: National CPR and AED Awareness Week**
 - **June 14: Flag Day**
 - **June 15: Father's Day**
 - **June 19: Juneteenth**
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Activities and Events

Outdoor Activity: Hug a Tree

Have Girl Scouts pair up, then have one blindfold the other and carefully guide them to a tree. Allow the blindfolded person to explore the tree thoroughly. Lead them away, remove the blindfold and ask them to find their tree. Repeat until everyone has had a chance to hug a tree. (Bonus: You've just completed one of the steps towards earning your [Girl Scout Tree Promise patch!](#))

Indoor/Outdoor Activity: Mrs. Mumble

Participants sit in a circle. Leader begins by turning to her right and saying, "Is Mrs. Mumble there?" The person being asked will reply, "I don't know, let me ask my neighbor," and turns to her neighbor to ask, "Is Mrs. Mumble there?" and so it goes. The key: no one is allowed to show their teeth while speaking. If they do, they are out!

Making Friends and Social Butterfly Badge Workshop – July 26

Girl Scout Brownies and Juniors will learn how to make and keep friends, share their favorite activities, practice good manners, and more. Brownies will earn the Making Friends badge, and Juniors will earn the Social Butterfly badge!

Location: Social Butterflies Club, Virginia Beach, VA

Levels: B/J

Registration Deadline: July 9

Detective and Special Agent Badge Workshop – July 26

Follow clues and discover facts like a real detective while you learn secrets from the worlds of forensic science and criminal psychology! Juniors will earn their Detective badge and Cadettes will earn their Special Agent badge.

Location: Social Butterflies Club, Virginia Beach, VA

Levels: J/C

Registration Deadline: July 9

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

Registration Deadline: July 24

NASCAR Cook Out Cup Series Race and Camping – August 16-17

Cheer on the drivers at the 2025 NASCAR Cook Out Cup Series Race. Girl Scouts and their troops are invited to also enjoy camping in the Sheetz Scout Village at the Richmond Raceway! Registration includes a ticket to Saturday night's race and a campsite reserved for Thursday night through Sunday morning. Reserving a campsite also gets your troop the exclusive event patch!

Location: Richmond Raceway, Richmond, VA

Levels: All

Registration Deadline: June 15

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



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!

Date: Sunday, September 14

Time: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Virginia Enmeier Program Center at Camp Skimino

[Get tickets online today!](#)



Upcoming Adult Trainings

NEW: [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



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

Volunteer Spotlight: Krista Ocilka—This dedicated co-leader is strengthening bonds with her Girl Scout Daisy daughter. [Read the full article](#)

Famous Formers Artful Celebration—Guests and honorees enjoyed fun, unique experiences at the d'Art Center [Read the full article](#)

Gold Award Spotlight: Furry Futures—Girl Scout Abi tackled animal adoption myths and stigma to help local shelters. [Read the full article](#)

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GSCCC Shop Specials

SPECIAL SHOP HOURS:

- The shop will be closed on the following Tuesdays this summer:
June 24, July 1, July 8, July 15, July 22

June 4, 11, 18 and 25: Discount Wednesdays!

Spin the lucky wheel at checkout and receive a 5%, 10% or 15% discount off the entire purchase, or score a freebie from our clearance table! *May not be combined with any other offer.*

“Girl Scout Dad” T-Shirt: Perfect Father’s Day swag for the amazing Girl Scout dad in your life! Dark heather gray shirt with light gray trefoil and text is available in adult sizes, \$20 each.

So Many Hats! The perfect accessories for all your outdoor adventures! “Camp Hair, Don’t Care” bucket hats \$10; assorted colors ball caps \$15; green GSCCC visors \$10.

Supermix: Create a personalized gift for end-of-year celebrations, bridgings, graduations, and more. Customize tons of cool gear in our shop or [online!](#)

Trefoil Suncatcher: These limited-edition, handmade treasures are the perfect gift for important milestones, thank-yous, or just because. One for \$15 or two for \$25.

SHOP NOW

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!](#)

