

Volunteer News

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Girl Scout Volunteer News & Updates for March 2025

With spring weather on the horizon, GSCCC is making big plans for tons of fun outdoor events. What kinds of activities does your troop most look forward to? From archery to canoeing and hiking to ziplining, there is something for every age, experience level and interest coming up soon! Read on for more on our events as well as facilitator trainings, so you can confidently lead your Girl Scouts through all their adventures.

March Special Observances:

- **National Women's History Month:** On March 25, the US Mint will release the new Juliette Gordon Low quarter!
 - **National Peanut Month**
 - **March 8:** International Women's Day
 - **March 9-15 – Girl Scout Week:** Join us each day as we celebrate our worldwide sisterhood! Try the games and activities listed at gscgcc.org, including two we have highlighted below!
 - **March 12:** National Girl Scout Day
 - **March 14:** Pi Day
 - **March 17:** St. Patrick's Day
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Activities and Events

Girl Scout Week: Thankful Thursday

To: _____

Thank you for _____

I'm so grateful for you and everything you do.

From: _____

Girl Scout Week is celebrated each March, starting with Girl Scout Sunday and ending with Girl Scout Sabbath on a Saturday, and it always includes Girl Scouts' birthday, March 12. As part of our celebration, we're designating March 13 as "Thankful Thursday" and all Girl Scouts are encouraged to share something they are thankful for. This could be as part of a troop discussion, as an entry in a gratitude journal, or by sending a "thank you" card to someone special, like the one shown here!

"Hey, who ate my Thin Mint?" SWAPS



All you need for this fun SWAPS project is dark brown felt or paper, a lighter colored paper, a pen or marker and a safety pin. Cut out a cookie shape and do another cut for the "bite." Add a message written on a strip of paper and pin it all together. Try making other cookie flavor designs, too!

Letterboxing - March 22

Argh, matey! There's treasure hidden at Camp Apasus just for you to find! Follow the clues to find the letterboxes and solve the mystery of the pirates, and along the way you will earn your Letterboxing badge.

Location: Camp Apasus, Norfolk, VA

Level: B

Registration Deadline: March 13

Slingshots – April 5

Just for Daisies! The slingshot has been around for centuries, just waiting for you to give it a try. Join us to work on your aim and enjoy some fun target range activities with the slingshot!

Location: Camp Apasus, Norfolk, VA

Level: D

Registration Deadline: March 27

Think Like a Citizen Scientist – April 5

Explore how scientists do research and create solutions for some of the most important problems faced by people, animals, and the environment. Practice making scientific observations and collecting data, participate in a citizen science project, and do a Take Action project to address an issue in your community.

Includes the badges to be earned and everything you need to complete the Journey!

Location: Virginia Wesleyan University, Virginia Beach, VA

Levels: All

Registration Deadline: March 19

Mental Wellness Badge and Patch Workshops – April 5 & 6

Social Butterflies Club is focused on helping youth strengthen their social communication and emotional intelligence through supportive, engaging activities. Girl Scouts can earn badges that teach how to make friends, use good manners, and be a team player, as well as GSUSA's Mental Wellness patches for their grade level.

Location: Social Butterflies Club, Virginia Beach, VA

Levels: B/J/C/S

Registration Deadline: March 19

Shenandoah Bound – April 12-13

Enjoy a weekend getaway at Shenandoah National Park! Kick off your spring break with a bang on this two day, one night trip. You'll get to pack in hikes, cook over the fire, and test your camping skills. Roast s'mores over the fire, sing camp songs, and take in the awesome natural beauty of Shenandoah.

Location: Pick Up/Drop off at APFG, Chesapeake, VA

Levels: C/S/A

Registration Deadline: March 27



Upcoming Adult Trainings

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

American Red Cross Adult & Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED – April 5

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 23

Get Paid to Have Fun at Summer Camp

The perfect job is waiting for you at Girl Scout camp. We offer career skills to build up your resume, leadership experience, training/certifications, and more. **[View available positions and apply online today!](#)**

Enjoy a Fun Night Out with Girl Scouts

Check out these upcoming opportunities (just for adults) to mingle and relax with your Girl Scout friends.



Cocktails for a Cause
Still Green. Still Great!

March 5, 2025 | 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Town Point Club
101 W Main St, Suite 300, Norfolk
Free admittance, hors d'oeuvres,
cash bar and great company!

Enjoy fun networking games, a reverse raffle,
and a specialty cocktail inspired by a popular
cocoanut and caramel Girl Scout cookie!



Girl Scout
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Join Us in Celebrating
Girl Scouts Legacy of Leadership!

Artist Led
Activity

May 1, 2025
5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
d'Art Center
740 Boush Street, Norfolk

Celebrate Honorees
Culinary Delights & Adult Beverages
Hands-on Art Experiences • Valet Parking



Our Stories: In the Spotlight

from gsvcc.org/blog

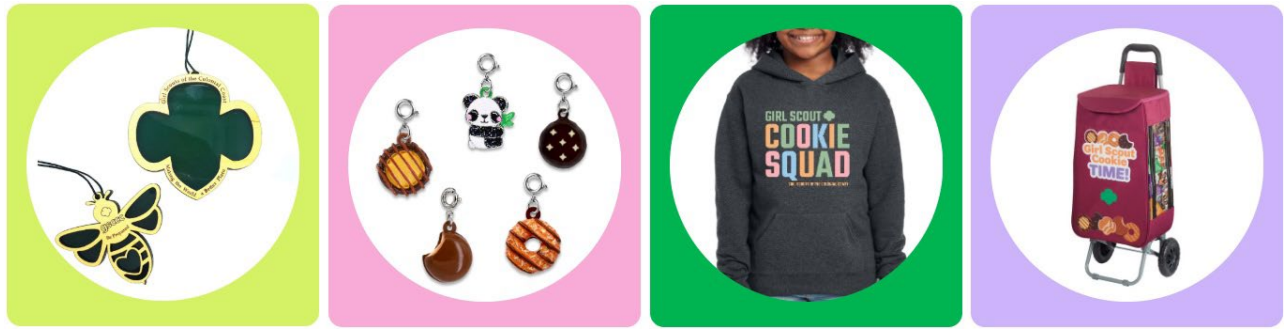
Bronze Award Spotlight: Free Little Library in Support of Chesapeake Humane Society Crisis Boarding Program—Troop 30 was excited to have the opportunity to make a lasting impact for a cause they love. [Read the full article](#)

Legislative Day 2025—Each year, GSVCC's Advocacy Team meets with legislators in Richmond, Virginia, to champion key issues. [Read the full article](#)

Legacy Planning with the Juliette Gordon Low Society—GSVCC welcomed new members to the JGL Society at a special ceremony and educational event. [Read the full article](#)

NEW PODCAST EPISODE: [Check out our interview with Liz Vaughn](#), Deputy Director of Public Communications for the City of Chesapeake, on why she chose to get involved as a troop leader.

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



GSCCC Shop Specials

March 5, 19 and 26: Discount Wednesdays!

Pick a lucky shamrock at checkout and receive a 5%, 10% or 15% discount off the entire purchase. *May not be combined with any other offer.*

March 10-14: Girl Scout Week Discount!

Enjoy 10% off everything in the shop!

Wooden Keepsakes: These limited-edition, handmade treasures are the perfect gift for the troop leader or volunteer in your life. Trefoil Suncatcher: \$15; Bee Suncatcher: \$10.

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.

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

[SHOP](#)

Donate Your Old Car

Do you have a car gathering dust and taking up space? **CarEasy.org** makes it easy for you and the proceeds support GSCCC. The car doesn't even need to run! You simply transfer the title, and Girl Scouts will benefit from your generosity.

Answer 10 Short Questions for a Chance to Win!

Please take a few moments to complete [GSCCC's Marketing Survey](#) for your chance to win a pair of tickets to Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey presents The Greatest Show On Earth at the Hampton Coliseum on March 14 at 7:00 p.m. Your feedback is invaluable in our ability to serve you.

Be sure to complete the survey by March 9. Four ticket winners will be notified on March 10 at the email address entered at the end of the survey.

If you've already completed the survey, thank you! (If you experienced an error, you may re-take it as the glitch has been fixed. Either way, your entry for the drawing has been recorded!)