

Volunteer News

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Girl Scout Volunteer News & Updates for May 2025

As the weather warms up, our calendars are starting to fill with fun events and celebrations. We hope you've taken advantage of [Early Renewal](#) to make sure the adventure continues; incentives for service units are still in effect through May 31.

This is also the perfect time to start planning troop encampments for the fall. Read on for upcoming trainings covering basic camping, archery, wilderness first aid and more to make your time at camp safe and memorable.

May Special Observances:

- **Military Appreciation Month:** Celebrate with resources and inspiring stories on our [Supporting Military Families](#) page!
- **National Mental Health Month:** Try activities from the GSUSA [Mental Wellness patch programs](#) this month.
- **National Physical Fitness & Sports Month**
- **Teen CEO Month**
- **Homeschool Awareness Month:** Girl Scouts is the perfect fit for [families that homeschool](#).

- **Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Heritage Month:** Earn this month's [multicultural heritage fun patch](#).
- **May 8:** Jamestown Day – plan a visit and [earn a patch](#)!
- **May 11:** Mother's Day
- **May 26:** Memorial Day – All GSCCC locations will be closed in observance. If you celebrate, please do so safely!

Bridging

Bridging is a beloved tradition that honors Girl Scouts' achievements throughout the year and celebrates their "crossing the bridge" to the next Girl Scout level. Many troops hold their bridging ceremony in May or June, and some tie it to the end of the girls' current school year. Girl Scout bridging ceremonies have a few basic elements:

- Opening: Welcome your guests and share the Girl Scout Promise and Law.
- Main section: Girl Scouts, whether physically or symbolically, cross a bridge and are welcomed to the next Girl Scout level.
- Closing: Girl Scouts participate in a friendship circle and thank their guests.

And the rest is up to the girls! The ceremony should always focus on paying tribute to Girl Scouts as they move forward, but let them get creative with how they'd like to celebrate—this is the fun part! Check out [GSUSA's Bridging Guide](#) and take advantage of the May 5-9 bridging sale at the [GSCCC Shop](#)!



Activities and Events

NEW! Daisy the SmartFlower and Solar Power

Included in these new lesson plans are fun activities you can do with your Girl Scouts to learn more about [Daisy the SmartFlower](#), resources, energy, the sun, and

making observations. If you visit A Place for Girls, be sure to stop by the lobby to view Daisy's real-time energy output data on a special monitor!

- [Lesson Plan for: Daisy | Brownie | Junior](#)
- [Lesson Plan for: Cadette | Senior | Ambassador](#)

These educational materials have been made possible by a grant from the Department of Energy.



Think Like a Programmer Journey – May 31

How do programmers use computational thinking to solve problems? On this Journey, Girl Scouts will complete six fun, computational thinking activities with hands-on materials for experimentation. Includes the badges to be earned and everything you need to complete the Journey!

Location: A Place for Girls, Chesapeake, VA

Levels: All

Registration Deadline: May 14

Discover Flight with the Ninety-Nines – June 1

Explore the world of aviation with The Ninety-Nines, International Organization of Women Pilots. Gain insight into navigation techniques, see aircraft in action, interact with women pilots, and more. Fun patch included!

Location: Hampton Roads Executive Airport, Chesapeake, VA

Levels: S/A

Registration Deadline: May 21

Donut Adventure Package – May 18

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

Registration Deadline: May 14

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



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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!

Wilderness First Aid – June 7-8

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.

Location: Camp Apasus, Norfolk, VA

Registration deadline: May 29

Basic Troop Camping – August 23

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.

Location: Camp Darden, Courtland, VA

Registration deadline: August 7

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 Appreciation Month—Adults who volunteer with Girl Scouts are making a positive impact. Thank you! (We hope you felt the love last month.) [Read the full article](#)

New Podcast Episode—Meet mother-daughter duo Deirdre and Martha-Ann who have taken on the journey of Girl Scouting together. [Listen on Spotify or YouTube](#)

That's a Wrap on Cookie Season!—Nearly 4,000 Girl Scouts participated in the iconic entrepreneurial experience. [Read the full article](#)

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



GSCCC Shop Specials

SPECIAL SHOP HOURS:

- The GSCCC office and shop will be closed on Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day.
- NEW: The shop will be closed on the following Tuesdays this summer: June 24, July 1, July 8, July 15, July 22

May 7, 14, 21 and 27: Discount Wednesdays!

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

May 3 – 9: Bridging Sale!

Enjoy 10% off of everything in the shop...including clearance items! *May not be combined with any other offer.*

“Once a Girl Scout...” T-Shirt: Share your pride and affection for the Girl Scout sisterhood in this sage green shirt that proclaims, “Once a Girl Scout, Always a Girl Scout.” Adult sizes, \$20 each.

Trefoil Suncatcher: These limited-edition, handmade treasures are the perfect gift for moms, dads, and grads. One for \$15 or two for \$25.

Bridging Kits: Includes everything your Girl Scout needs to cross the bridge to the next level. Brownie, Senior and Ambassador: \$8; Junior and Cadette: \$10.

En Español: New! “Somos Girl Scouts” Adult (\$23) and Youth (\$18) T-shirts, water bottles (\$15) and “Soy Una Girl Scout: Mighty & Maravillosa” tote bags (\$18).

Baseball Caps: These soft, stylish caps are the perfect accessory for all your outdoor adventures! Assorted colors, one size fits all. \$18 each.

SHOP NOW

Get paid to have fun this summer!

The perfect job is waiting for you at Girl Scout camp. Check out all our available positions and **[apply online today!](#)**

