

# Volunteer News

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## Girl Scout Volunteer News & Updates for October 2023

The weather is cooling off but troop activities are heating up! Read on for great upcoming events, activities to try, inspiring stories, and more to make this fall memorable and fun for every girl.

### October Special Observances:

- **National Bullying Prevention Month:** GSUSA has a collection of great [articles on this topic](#) that you can use to start a discussion with your troop.
- **Global Diversity Awareness Month**
- **National Preparedness Month**
- **October 5:** National Do Something Nice Day – All Girl Scouts are encouraged to “Do a good turn daily” and this is a perfect chance to put that into practice. Try activities from the [“Spread Kindness” patch program](#) today!
- **October 10:** World Mental Health Day – Explore the [Girl Scouts Mental Wellness patch programs](#), created in partnership with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and the HCA Healthcare Foundation.
- **October 11:** International Day of the Girl – Get ready to amplify girl voices, girl stories, and girl action! This year’s theme is “Invest in Girls: Our Leadership! Our Well-being!” [Complete an activity from the guide](#) to receive an IDG 2023 patch.
- **October 13:** U.S. Navy Birthday – Celebrate these brave men and women by [earning a patch](#) today!
- **October 31:** Juliette Gordon Low’s Birthday – Enjoy these fun [Founder’s Day activities and resources!](#)



# Activities and Events

## **“Color the World with Kindness” Chalk Art Contest**

As part of our Spread Kindness program this fall, we invite all Girl Scouts to use their creativity to share some kindness through chalk art! Draw a kind, inspiring message on your driveway, sidewalk, or other space (get permission!) and send a photo of it to us at [marcomm@gsgccc.org](mailto:marcomm@gsgccc.org). The winning entry will be the featured art on GSGCCC’s Thanksgiving communications to 10,000+ members and their families, as well as shared across social media. (Plus, the winning artist will receive a \$50 Gift Certificate to the GSGCCC Shop!) See the full rules at [gsgccc.org/spread-kindness](http://gsgccc.org/spread-kindness).

## **New Badges: Craft and Tinker**

Just launched! This [badge series for Daisies, Brownies and Juniors](#) give Girl Scouts the chance to use different tools and materials while they craft objects to help others.

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## **Careers in STEM: Women in Business - October 28**

The Kappa Delta sorority invites you to the campus of William & Mary for a fun morning of educational networking with local community women in STEM careers. You'll learn how to be empowered as a female entrepreneur to build your own business, and the skills you'll need for any successful career!

Levels: C/S/A, Adults

Location: The College of William & Mary

*(Registration deadline: October 18)*

## **Year in the Life of a Girl Scout: Entrepreneurship – November 5**

Have you ever used a product or service and thought to yourself, What a great idea!? You probably have good ideas all the time. The difference is that someone took that great idea and turned it into a business. That is the definition of an entrepreneur! Let's have some fun learning how to build our own businesses. We'll go over all the basics, work on original, creative designs and so much more.

Levels: All

Location: A Place for Girls, Chesapeake

*(Registration deadline: November 1)*

## **Veterans Day Parade – November 11**

Around the country, Girl Scouts recognize Veterans Day in local parades and other community events. Join GSCCC in honoring our military veterans by participating in the Tidewater Veterans Day Parade in Virginia Beach.

Location: A Place for Girls, Chesapeake

Levels: All

*(Registration deadline: November 1)*

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**Calling all early birds: Registration is now open for the 10th Annual Cookie Classic Run!** We're heading back to the Dismal Swamp Trail on Saturday, January 13, 2024.

Download a printable version of the entire calendar of events for the 2023-24 membership year! [Program Events Calendar](#) (PDF)

## **Silver Award Q&A Sessions**

Have questions about how to help Cadettes earn the Silver Award? Join us for one of these virtual Q&A sessions by sending your **RSVP to [gshighestawards.gscgg@gmail.com](mailto:gshighestawards.gscgg@gmail.com)**. All sessions begin at 7:00 p.m.

- October 23
- November 30



# Upcoming Adult Trainings

## **Risk Management – Virtual Sessions**

At Girl Scouts, our number one priority is the safety and well-being of our members and the families and communities we serve. This course will help to prepare you to work with Girl Scouts and keep them safe.

### **Tuesday, October 17**

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

*(Registration deadline: October 9)*

### **Thursday, October 19**

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

*(Registration deadline: October 9)*

### **Friday, November 3**

Session 1: 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Session 2: 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

*(Registration deadline: November 1)*

## **Girl Scout Leader Enrichment Day – Saturday, November 11**

Join us for this fun day of learning together with other volunteers! You may sign up for the entire day or pick the individual sessions that interest you.

1. New Leader Bootcamp (9:00 – 10:30 a.m.)

2. Girl-Led: The Leadership Experience (10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

*(Lunch on your own, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.)*

3. Discover, Connect, Take Action! (1:30 – 3:30 p.m.)

*(Registration deadline: November 8)*

## New Leader Hub

**No worries, new troop leader, we've got you.**

We know you'll make a difference in girls' lives, and we're here to make sure you have all the help you need along the way. [Browse the specially-curated tools, training resources, and inspiring stories](#) that will help support brand new troop leaders through each step on your journey. Let's go!

## Troop Year Planner

Ready to plan your troop year? Our [age-appropriate troop year plans](#) are the best tool for first year troop leaders to get started with Girl Scouts without getting overwhelmed. The entire year is mapped out—just follow along to help your Girl Scouts complete badge activities, improve their communities, and explore the world around them.



## Our Stories: In the Spotlight

**Alum Spotlight: Gabi Kinney**—Love of the outdoors led this Girl Scout to a career protecting the environment. Gabi is the community engagement project manager for Wetlands Watch and runs the annual “Catch the King” program. [Read the full article](#)

**Gold Award Spotlight: Cyber Savvy Seniors**—Girl Scout Claire's website and workshops helped local seniors learn to use technology. [Read the full article](#)

**Campers Met the Low Ropes Challenge**—Girl Scouts used teamwork to overcome these popular obstacles at Camp Skimino. [Read the full article](#)

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



## GSCCC Shop Specials

### October 4, 11, 18, and 25: Discount Wednesdays!

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

### GSUSA Online Specials:

- October 6 – 9: Buy More, Save More! Get \$10 off \$50, \$20 off \$100, \$40 off \$150
- October 30 – 31: Founder’s Birthday! Free Shipping on orders over \$125

**Varsity Rainbow Sweatshirt:** In classic varsity style, this long sleeve charcoal gray pullover features multicolor “GIRL SCOUTS EST 1912” and a solid blue trefoil. Comes sizes XS to 5X, \$34 each.

**Official Adult Recycled Vest:** Comfortable and stylish with lots of details, this vest is a blend of breathable cotton, stretchy spandex, and recycled polyester. Adjustable side pull tabs ensure a perfect fit. \$39 each.

Don’t forget about our **Explore Patch Clearance Sale: Buy 10, Get 10 Free!**

Temps are falling and we’ve got more new, cool-weather gear coming—[let’s go shopping!](#)

## Planning a Troop Pizza Party?

We are part of Papa John’s Pizza Hampton Roads “Dollars for Dough” program! We will receive 20% of every dollar spent on a pizza when you order through [papajohns.com](http://papajohns.com) and use the code “**GSCCC**” at checkout.