

Program Guide

Fall 2023-Summer 2024



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Let's Get Started!

a note from our CEO & COO

Fasten your seatbelts! This is your year of inspiration, fun, invention, exploration, and so much more. Girl Scouts is girl-led, so as a Girl Scout, you call the shots. Whether you want to build a robot, go camping with friends, or use your voice to change a law, we've got all the tools and programs you need to make it happen. Your dreams are our dreams, and we're going to have a blast making them come true as we make the world a better place, together.

In this guide, you will find programs for Girl Scouts of all abilities and backgrounds. From discovering new museums to camping, there are as many ways to discover adventure as there are Girl Scouts. Go with a buddy or your entire troop and try something new.

There is so much to explore this year. Sit down with your troop and make a plan. How do you want to make the most of your Girl Scout year? Let's get started!

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Girl Scout Dates to Remember

New Membership Year Begins: October 1, 2023
Juliette Gordon Low's Birthday: October 31, 2023
Giving Tuesday: November 28, 2023
Annual Business Meeting: January 27, 2024
World Thinking Day: February 22, 2024
Girl Scout Week: March 10-16, 2024
Girl Scout Sunday: March 10, 2024
Girl Scout Birthday: March 12, 2024
Girl Scout Sabbath: March 15, 2024
Girl Scout Leader's Day: April 22, 2024
Volunteer Recognition Ceremony: April 20, 2024

Program Dates to Remember

Volunteer Kick-Off: August 5, 2023
Back in the Woods: October 14, 2023
Mountain Magic: October 20-22, 2023
Up in the Mountains: March 23, 2024
Spring Break Camp: April 1-5, 2024
Highest Awards Ceremony: May 5, 2024
Summer Camps Begin: June 3, 2024

Camp Service Days

Join us for a day of service at our camp properties. Service days are open to troops and families (members must be five years or older) and go from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Bring lunch, a water bottle, and gloves; all other equipment will be provided. Adult chaperones are required.

September 30, 2023: Camp Mary Elizabeth
October 7, 2023: Camp WaBak
October 28, 2023: Camp Wistagoman
March 16, 2024: Camp Wistagoman
April 13, 2024: Camp Mary Elizabeth
April 20, 2024: Camp WaBak

My Planner

From product sales to council programs, list the dates and info you want to remember here.

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Fall Product Program

The Fall Product Program is a council-sponsored program that combines educational activities with money earning opportunities for the troops. The Fall Product Program is directed toward family and friends—those closest to Girl Scouting—and enables troops to earn start-up money by selling magazine subscriptions as well as nuts and candy.

Service Unit Fall Product Manager Training

This training is intended for volunteers at the service unit level. You will learn everything you need to be prepared to serve the troops in your area. Zoom training; link will be provided.

Date & Time: August 30, 2023, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Troop Fall Product Manager Training

This training is intended for all volunteers serving as the Troop Fall Product Manager. You will learn everything you need to be prepared to have a successful Fall Product Program season with your troop. Volunteers only need to take one of the Zoom trainings offered:

- September 5, 2023, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
- September 5, 2023, 6:00–8:00 p.m.
- September 6, 2023, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Dates to Remember:

- Program start date: September 8, 2023
- Last day for girls to take girl-delivery orders: October 9, 2023
- Troop deadline to enter in-person deliveries: October 10, 2023
- Service unit deadline to enter in-person deliveries: October 11, 2023
- Product delivered to service units: October 30–November 1, 2023
- Program end date: November 19, 2023



2024 Cookie Program

When girls participate in the Girl Scout Cookie Program, they also develop important life skills—goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics—that will set girls up for success beyond anything they can imagine.

Service Unit Cookie Manager Training

This training is for those serving at the service unit level for the 2024 Cookie Program.

Date & Time: November 11, 2023, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Location: Presbyterian College (Neville Hall, Room 121), 503 S Broad St, Clinton, SC 29325

Troop Cookie Manager Training

All volunteers serving as the Troop Cookie Manager must attend one of the following trainings.

Trainings will last two hours. An optional one-hour Q&A time will be offered at the conclusion of each session.

- December 2, 2023, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
 - Location: Cathy Novinger Girl Scout Leadership Center (CNGSLC), 1107 Williams Street, Columbia, SC 29201
- December 2, 2023, 2:00–4:00 p.m.
 - Location: CNGSLC
- December 3, 2023, 2:00–4:00 p.m.
 - Location: Aiken Girl Scout Hut, 324 Dupree Place, Aiken, SC 29801
- December 4, 2023, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
 - Location: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 300 Oneal Road, Greer, SC 29651
- December 4, 2023, 6:00–8:00 p.m.
 - Location: Camp Wistagoman, 1013 Manse Jolly Road, SC 29621
- December 5, 2023, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
 - Location: Camp Mary Elizabeth, 330 Scout Drive, Spartanburg, SC 29301
- December 5, 2023, 6:00–8:00 p.m.
 - Location: Disciples UMC, 185 Riley Smith Drive, Greenville, SC 29615
- December 6, 2023, 6:00–8:00 p.m.
 - Location: Keowee Ebenezer Fire Dept, 7031 Keowee School Road, Seneca, 29672
- December 7, 2023, 6:00–8:00 p.m.
 - Location: University of South Carolina-Lancaster (Bradley Building, Room 121), 476 Hubbard Drive, Lancaster, SC 29720
- December 9, 2023, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
 - Zoom (link will be provided)
- December 12, 2023, 6:00–8:00 p.m.
 - Zoom (link will be provided)

Dates to Remember

- Preorders begin: January 8, 2024
- Preorders end: January 24, 2024
- Troop delivery: February 10–15, 2024
- Cookie Booths: February 16–March 10, 2024



Camp Mary Elizabeth

Back in the Woods

Let's hit the trails! Join us for a day of outdoor adventure that will activate your body and mind! Take part in activities from the Trail Adventure series that will get you ready to venture out at Camp Mary Elizabeth and beyond. Girls will receive an event patch and a snack.

Levels: Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Adults

Date & Time: October 14, 2023, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$20/member, \$25/non-member, adults are free

Frozen Winter Overnight at CME

Explore the ins and outs of cold weather camping with what to wear, what to bring, and how to plan your trip. Make snow, learn about cold weather animals, eat a tasty cold treat, and warm yourself up with a cup of cocoa and a movie. Drop off event; some adults needed for ratio. Snack, dessert, and breakfast are included.

Levels: Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Adults

Date & Time: December 9 (5:00 p.m.)–December 10 (11:00 a.m.), 2023

Cost: \$30/member, \$35/non-member, \$10/adult

CME Spring Break Fun

Enjoy the end of your spring break with friends. Join us for crafts, cookies, and camping activities! We will bake campfire sweet treats, craft a beautiful windchime, and learn camping skills to get you ready for a spring full of trips! Lunch is not included.

Levels: Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Adults

Date & Time: April 5, 2024, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$20/member, \$25/non-member, adults are free

FIRST® LEGO® League (Spartanburg)

FIRST® LEGO® League is a 6-week after-school program. Together, girls will explore robotics on Wednesdays, 3:30–5:30 p.m. Girls will learn engineering, coding, and design using LEGO® bricks and a structured curriculum. Space is limited. A snack will be provided. Attendees must be dropped off after school at Camp Mary Elizabeth.

Cost: \$50/member, \$75/non-member

Session 1

Levels: Brownies, Juniors

Dates: October 4, 11, 18, & 25; November 1 & 8, 2023

Session 2

Levels: Cadettes

Dates: November 15, 22, & 29; December 6, 13, & 20, 2023



Cathy Novinger Girl Scout Leadership Center



Overnights

Drop off: 4:45–5:00 p.m./Pick up: 11:00–11:15 a.m.

Outdoor Adventure

Get outside and learn new outdoor skills while celebrating *Girl Scouts Love State Parks* this weekend! On Sunday, in partnership with the South Carolina Forestry Commission and the City of Columbia, girls can also join a tree workshop.

Levels: Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors

Dates: September 9–10, 2023

Cost: \$30/member, \$35/non-member, \$10/adult

JGLOW Birthday Party

Spend your evening celebrating our founder, Juliette Gordon Low, with your fellow Girl Scouts! Enjoy our relaxing spa, bake sweet treats, and make new friends. Don't forget the glow-in-the-dark dance party with our nano leaf light wall!

Levels: Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes

Dates: October 21–22, 2023

Cost: \$30/member, \$35/non-member, \$10/adult

Sisterhood through Art

Join us on a journey-with-a-twist. Explore the *Mission Sisterhood* journey with a creative lens. Share stories and express yourself through art.

Levels: Seniors, Ambassadors

Dates: November 18–19, 2023

Cost: \$30/member, \$35/non-member, \$10/adult

Envisioning YOUR Year

Calling all trend setters and goal makers! Together at this overnight, we will envision our perfect 2024! We will create our own vision boards and build healthy habits which will help us get closer to our goals.

Levels: Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes

Dates: January 12–13, 2024

Cost: \$30/member, \$35/non-member, \$10/adult

Baking up a Good Time

This is an overnight special for older girls! Join us in the kitchen as we bake sweet treats inspired by our very own Girl Scout Cookies. Girls will enjoy an evening at the spa and do yoga, learning self-confidence and relaxation techniques.

Levels: Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors

Dates: February 10–11, 2024

Cost: \$30/member, \$35/non-member, \$10/adult

Dance Party!

Grab your dancing shoes and tutus! Dance the night away while we learn about different types of music and the fun dances that match the beat.

Levels: Daisies, Brownies, Juniors

Dates: March 16–17, 2024

Cost: \$30/member, \$35/non-member, \$10/adult

The Nature Around Us

Explore the flora and fauna of South Carolina's natural wildlife. Learn how to be an eco-friendly camper as spring blooms around us.

Levels: Daisies, Juniors

Dates: April 20–21, 2024

Cost: \$30/member, \$35/non-member, \$10/adult

Older Girl Social Overnight

Who doesn't want time to spend with your friends before school ends? Play the night away with karaoke, a scavenger hunt, an ice cream party, a movie, games and more!

Levels: Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors

Dates: May 18–19, 2024

Cost: \$30/member, \$35/non-member, \$10/adult

Additional Workshops

*Program Aides: For all Daisy through Junior workshops, Program Aides are welcome to attend for a small fee. Girls are encouraged to practice their leadership skills while having fun!

Culinary Challenge

Our sous chefs will chop, slice, and create their way to a healthy, tasty meal. Bon appetit, friends!

Levels: All

Date & Time: October 7, 2023, 10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. (DBJ) & 1:00–3:30 p.m. (CSA)

Cost: \$15/member, \$20/non-member

SC Honorary Girl Scout Legislative Page Program

Investigate how South Carolina state government works with Girl Scouts from across the state. Spend three days working as a page for the House of Representatives and Senate at the South Carolina State House, meeting with government officials and training on legislative procedure. This is an overnight program.

Levels: Seniors, Ambassadors

Special Info: Six girls from our council will be selected. Applications open in early September.

Date: March 4–7, 2024

Cost: \$125; deposit is required

Spring Art Series

Join us for our Spring Art Series! Each event will focus on a different local artist. Girls will learn about the artists' processes, the media they use, and to create their own versions, inspired by the artist they meet.

Levels: All

Dates: April 6, April 13, & May 4, 2024

Cost: \$15/member, \$20/non-member

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Cost: \$50/member, \$75/non-member

Session 1

Levels: Brownies, Juniors

Dates: September 27; October 4, 11, 18, & 25; November 1, 2023

Session 2

Levels: Brownies, Juniors

Dates: November 8, 15, 22, & 29; December 6 & 13, 2023



Heritage Patch Series*

The GSSC-MM Heritage Patch Series will introduce the art, history, and traditions of some of the many diverse cultures comprising South Carolina: African American, Hispanic, Native American, and more. Programs include guest speakers and hands-on opportunities to experience diverse cultures: seeing and creating art, listening to music, and tasting traditional foods. Girls can join us for the Kick-off Sleepover and workshops. Space is limited. This series is supported by a Connected Communities grant from Central Carolina Community Foundation.

Kick-off Sleepover

Kick-off our Heritage Patch series the best way we know how: a sleepover! Enjoy food, dancing, and traditional crafts from different cultures.

Level: All

Date: August 26–27, 2023

Cost: \$30/member, \$35/non-member, \$10/adult

Hispanic Heritage

Discover and connect with the diverse Latinx cultures represented in the South. Enjoy dancing and food and uncover the tradition behind it all.

Levels: All

Date: September 2, 2023

Cost: \$10/member, \$15/non-member, \$5/adult

Asian American Heritage

Enjoy the day eating, dancing, and experiencing your way through the ornate cultures that make up Asian Americans! Get the chance to meet and work with local Asian American business owners.

Levels: All

Date: October 15, 2023

Cost: \$10/member, \$15/non-member, \$5/adult

Native American Heritage

Experience the rich history of the Catawba tribe, 6,000 years in the making. Feel furs and antlers and hear the stories that fueled Catawba culture. Take a hike on a nature trail that leads to the famous Catawba River, followed by making a traditional soup and roasted corn.

Location: Catawba Cultural Center, 1536 Tom Steven Rd, Rock Hill

Levels: All

Date: November 4, 2023

Cost: \$10/member, \$15/non-member, \$5/adult

Gullah Heritage

Join us as we take a deep dive into the history of our coastal South Carolina heritage. Explore the complex language, art, traditional music, and food that is as rich and diverse as the people who make up the Gullah Geechee.

Location: TBD

Levels: All

Date: December 2, 2023

Cost: \$10/member, \$15/non-member, \$5/adult

LGBTQIA+ History*

Today's youth are demanding an inclusive space to be authentically themselves. Understanding diversity, equity, and inclusion is critically important for today's girls. Explore how the South played a role in the awareness of the LGBTQIA+ community. Meet local community leaders from nonprofits and learn how to be inclusive and to create a safe space for youths as they discover themselves. Learn how to be an ally for those who need help raising their voices.

Levels: All

Date: January 6, 2024

Cost: \$10/member, \$15/non-member, \$5/adult

African American Heritage

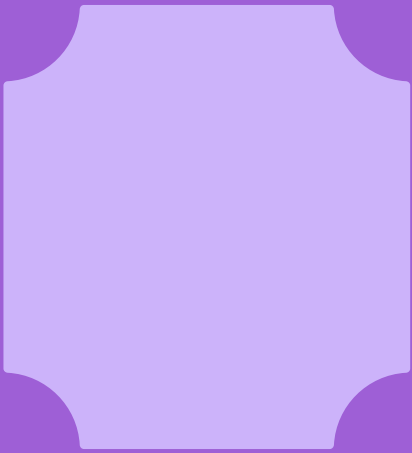
Tour the Mann-Simon's Site and learn more about the culture of African Americans who were not enslaved during this period, followed by an archaeology dig box. We will move down the street to tour the Modjeska Monteith Simkins House where we will focus on Simkins' activism during the Jim Crow era. We will also have a visit from Kiki, the owner of a local restaurant. Lunch will be provided.

Location: Mann-Simon's Site, 1403 Richland St, Columbia

Levels: All

Date: February 10, 2024

Cost: \$10/member, \$15/non-member, \$5/adult



School Break Camps

Winter Break Camp

Join us for this creative out-of-school-time camp! The winter season is a time of hustle and bustle—let's slow down and enjoy what the season has to offer by celebrating the joy of friendship with your Girl Scout sisters. Our girls will be making holiday crafts, baking sweets in our kitchen, and enjoying the fun of a day camp.

Levels: Daisies, Brownies, Juniors

Dates: December 20–22, 2023, 8:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m. daily

Cost: \$50/member, \$75/non-member

Spring Break Camp

Get a taste of everything Girl Scouts has to offer. From STEM to art, outdoors to cooking, our girls will do it all!

Levels: Daisies, Brownies, Juniors

Dates: April 1–5, 2024, 8:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m. daily

Cost: \$150/member, \$200/non-member

STEM Expo

Explore and play your way through STEM. Join us and our program partners to complete badges, discover innovative technologies, and spark your girl's imagination in STEM.

Levels: All

Date: March 30, 2024, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$20/member, \$25/non-member, \$5/adult





Camp WaBak

Program Aide and Volunteer-in-Training (VIT) Training

Do you want to become a Program Aide or VIT? Join us overnight at Camp WaBak to participate in the Program Aid and Volunteer in Training session. This program will allow girls to learn more about Girl Scouts, develop their leadership skills, and guide younger girls throughout their Girl Scout journey.

Levels: Cadettes, Seniors

Dates: September 23–34, 2023 & April 6–7, 2024

Cost: \$30

WaBak Winners

It's all about the games! Take aim, paddle around, and scavenger hunt your way around Camp WaBak. Have fun trying new things and making new friends on this exciting day in the mountains.

Levels: Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors, Adults

Date & Time: November 11, 2023, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$15/member, \$20/non-member, adults are free

Up in the Mountains Overnight

Join us for a night of friendship with a sleepover before the *Up in the Mountains* event. We will come together for a campfire, songs, skits, and fun in Rambler Lodge. This is a drop-off event. Adults are needed for ratio. Snack, dessert, and breakfast are included.

Levels: Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors, Adults

Date & Time: March 22 (6:00 p.m.)–March 23 (9:00 a.m.), 2024

Cost: \$20/member, \$25/non-member, \$7/adult

Up in the Mountains

Older girls, pick and choose your own outdoor sessions in this girl-led adventure day. Girls will have the option to select two outdoor skill-building sessions centered around backpacking and survival, in addition to selecting two sessions focused on popular trades and crafts. Girls will receive an *Up in the Mountains* patch and lunch.

Levels: Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors, Adults

Date & Time: March 23, 2024, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$40/member, \$45/non-member, \$7/adult





Trailblazers

Trailblazer M2M: Camping at Kings Mountain State Park

Spend the weekend with sister Girl Scouts camping at Kings Mountain State Park, honing camping skills and learning about the area's role in the Revolutionary War during one of its living history days. Drop off event; some adults may be needed for ratio. Saturday meals and Sunday breakfast included.

Date & Time: October 6 (6:00 p.m.)–October 8 (10:00 a.m.), 2023

Levels: 8th-grade Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors

Cost: \$30/member (members only)

Trailblazer M2M: Camping at Congaree National Park

Did you know that South Carolina is home to a national park? We will spend the weekend setting up camp, hiking the many boardwalks and trails at Congaree, learning about its ecology, and honing your outdoor skills knowledge. Drop off event; some adults may be needed for ratio. Saturday lunch, dinner, dessert, and Sunday breakfast are included.

Date & Time: November 18 (10:00 a.m.)–November 19 (10:00 a.m.), 2023

Levels: 8th-grade Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors

Cost: \$30/member (members only)

Trailblazer M2M: Girl Scout Survivor

Are you ready to team up and show off your skills? Maybe you aren't sure what you know? Join your sister Girl Scouts for a day of survivor challenges. From shelter-building to filtering water, you'll join a team to meet the outdoor skill challenges. You might even win a prize! Drop off event; some adults may be needed for ratio. Lunch is not included.

Date & Time: February 3, 2024, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Location: Newberry

Levels: 8th-grade Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors

Cost: \$15/member (members only)

Trailblazer M2M: Backpacking Enoree Passage of the Palmetto Trail

Enjoy a weekend backpacking 13 miles in the backcountry of the Sumter National Forest along the Franklin Road/Brickhouse Camping trail!

Special Note: If you have never backpacked before, an in-person training class will be required before attending this event. The class date will be announced at a later time. A required organizational Zoom meeting will be held at least one week prior to the trip. This is a drop-off event; some adults may be needed for ratio. Meals are not included.

Levels: 8th-grade Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors

Date & Time: April 13–14, 2024; times TBD

Cost: \$15/member (members only)

Camp Wistagoman



Explore Wistagoman!

Get out into nature. Hike around camp, searching for geocaches, while enjoying the lush biodiversity. Get competitive in a few games of gaga ball, learn how to tie knots, and try your hand at archery while at Camp Wistagoman in Anderson.

Levels: All, Adults

Date & Time: September 23, 2023, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$15/member, \$20/non-member, adults are free

Night Owl Overnight

Stay up and enjoy the night with this older-girl overnight. We will take a night hike to enjoy star gazing and sharing the stories behind the stars. Spend the night hanging out, watching movies, making friendship bracelets, and snacking on a warm treat from the oven. This is a drop-off event. Adults are needed for ratio. Snack, dessert, and breakfast are included.

Levels: Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors, Adults

Date & Time: January 13 (5:00 p.m.)–January 14 (11:00 a.m.), 2024

Cost: \$30/member, \$35/non-member, \$10/adult



Highest Awards

Gold and Silver Award Training Session

Are you thinking about earning your Gold or Silver Award? Join this monthly virtual training to learn more about the process and requirements for completing your Gold and Silver Awards. The Gold Award training is usually held on the first Wednesday of the month. The Silver Award training is usually held on the second Wednesday of the month. Please visit the [Events Calendar](#) for exact dates.

Levels: Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors, Adults

Time: 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Gold Award Presentation Meetings

Are you working on your Gold Award project and have you completed your project proposal? If so, it is now time for you to sign up for a presentation date to meet with the Gold Award Committee. You will present your Gold Award project proposal to the Gold Award Committee and receive feedback and helpful tips to help you during your Gold Award process. Presentation meetings are typically held on the third Sunday of each month (except for holidays and excluding December and May). Registration for each meeting closes a month in advance. Each girl must have her project proposal or final report completed in GoGold, alongside signatures from her Project Advisor and Troop Leader, prior to the committee presentation date that she registered for.

Levels: Seniors, Ambassadors

Date & Time:* July 16, 2023; August 20, 2023; September 17, 2023; October 15, 2023; November 12, 2023; January 21, 2024; February 18, 2024; March 17, 2024; April 21, 2024; All meetings: 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Highest Awards Ceremony: Save the Date!

Our Highest Awards Ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 5, 2024. Celebrate girls who have achieved this great honor by coming together for award presentations and celebrations.



**Subject to change*



Adult Programs & Trainings

Online Trainings

New Leader Series (NLS): Quarterly New Leader Q&A

Open to new leaders in their first few years of volunteering. Staff and veteran leaders will be on the call to help you get your questions answered. Date & Time: September 5, 2023, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

NLS: Service Unit 101

Are you not sure why the Service Unit exists? Or maybe you have not attended any SU meetings and don't see the value? Perhaps you are the new Service Unit Manager and want to know more about some general expectations. This webinar is for new and veteran leaders who are looking for a little clarity on the function of the service unit. Date & Time: September 21, 2023, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE)

Covering the basis of what Girl Scouts do and how they do it, this webinar is primarily designed for new leaders or any leaders who want to learn foundational knowledge of the GSLE. Date & Time: October 3, 2023, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Multi-level Troop Management

With the support of veteran multi-level troop leaders and staff, participants will learn best practices to plan and manage a multi-level troop. Date & Time: October 26, 2023, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

DEI: The Holiday Season

With the holidays right around the corner, your troop may want to plan traditional holiday activities. Join us to see how those traditional activities may differ from girl to girl and get ideas to ensure every girl feels included. Date & Time: November 9, 2023, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Journeys

Dig deeper into understanding Journeys, Take Action Projects, and how they all come together, plus tips for how you can enhance the process. Date & Time: November 16, 2023, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

NLS: Quarterly New Leader Q&A

If you are a new leader in your first three months, this webinar is part of your onboarding checklist. If you are a new leader in your first year or two and have lingering questions, this webinar is also for you. Staff and veteran leaders will be on the call to help you get information and find answers. Date & Time: December 5, 2023, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

NLS: Summer Camp 101

If you are a leader who will be encouraging your troop to attend summer camp, or even planning to volunteer and attend yourself, we invite you to join us for this webinar. We will give an overview of the facilities, girl activities, registration, volunteer and staff opportunities, and give you an opportunity to ask questions. Date & Time: January 9, 2024, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

GSSC-MM Properties

Our council has multiple facilities where opportunities abound for you and your troop. Join this webinar to learn about each of them, how to book them, and ideas on how to utilize their unique spaces. Date & Time: January 16, 2024, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Troop Travel

Learn more about preparing for troop travel, including resources, processes, and requirements. Date & Time: February 6, 2024, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

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Date & Time: March 5, 2024, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

How to Become a Facilitator/Trainer

Have you attended a camp cooking session at a troop or service unit event and could see yourself facilitating one in the future? Did you get your CPR/First Aid training from a fellow volunteer and would like to support your service unit by becoming a trainer yourself? Join us for this webinar to learn about the difference between a facilitator and a trainer, what types of facilitator and trainer roles volunteers are invited to hold in our council, and best practices for how to step into those roles.

Date & Time: March 19, 2024, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Rallyhood 101

This webinar is primarily designed with new leaders in mind who are just getting started with Rallyhood. Veterans who find themselves in the same situation are also welcome to join. We will provide an overview of why the council adopted this platform and look at some of the features and functions of Rallyhood.

Date & Time: April 9, 2024, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

NLS: Finances & Wrapping Up the Year

New leaders may find this walk-through of the troop annual financial report helpful. We will also look at end-of-year ceremonies and thoughts for transitioning to the next Girl Scout year.

Date & Time: May 16, 2024, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Troop Connection over the Summer

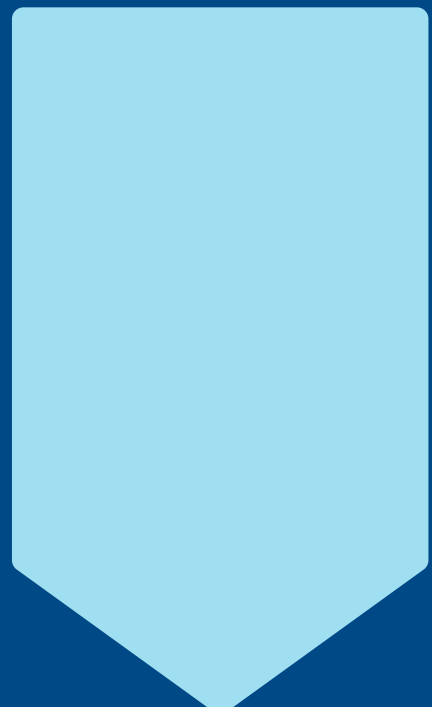
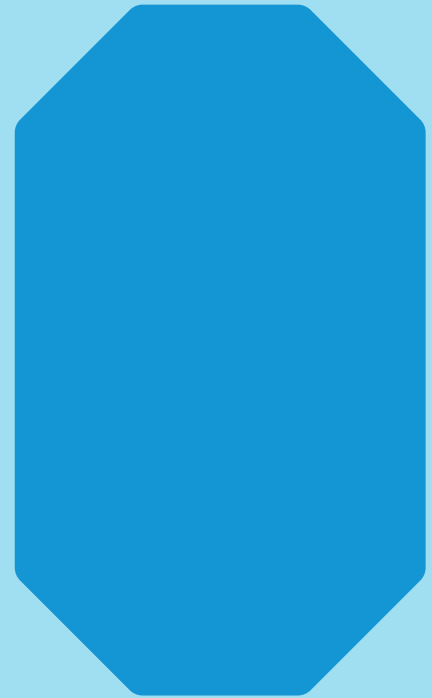
Are you at a loss for how to engage your troop over the summer? We will have veteran troop leaders in the training to offer advice and support on ways that you can keep everyone engaged during the summer months.

Date & Time: May 28, 2024, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

NLS: Quarterly New Leader Q&A

If you are a new leader in your first three months, this webinar is part of your onboarding checklist. If you are a new leader in your first year or two and have lingering questions, this webinar is also for you. Staff and veteran leaders will be on the call to help you get information and find answers.

Date & Time: June 13, 2024, 6:00–7:00 p.m.





Community Partners

In this webinar, we will look at how a business or organization becomes a community partner, how volunteers can help bring in more partners, and who some of our partners are and what they can offer for you and your troop.

Date & Time: June 25, 2024, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Recruiting Tips & Tricks

As a troop co-leader, recruitment is a big part of your role. You want to keep your troop going year after year and that often means bringing on new girls or new co-leaders. We will have a staff recruiter and a veteran leader on the call to offer tips, advice, and resources for recruitment.

Date & Time: July 9, 2024, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

In-Person Training & Social Events

Volunteer Kick-Off

Learning, networking, and socializing, oh my! Join co-leaders and staff at this year's multi-session Kick-Off event. We will provide light snacks with coffee in the morning and lunch.

Location: Piedmont Technical College-Laurens County Campus

Date & Time: August 5, 2023, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Cost: Free

Mountain Magic

This magical weekend is a cornerstone of the volunteer community. Please plan to join us at Camp WaBak for this highly anticipated weekend of training and camaraderie. Participants can purchase an event t-shirt for \$20 each.

Location: Camp WaBak

Date & Time: October 20 (5:00 p.m.)–October 22 (12:00 p.m.), 2023

Cost: \$50; some sessions may include an additional fee

Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony

In honor of all the work you do and all you give to our council, this day is set aside for celebrating and recognizing the achievements of volunteers. Details will be announced as we get closer to the event.

Date: April 20, 2024

Cost: Free

SWAPS & Ice Cream

Do you love SWAPs? Do you want to share cool ideas for them with other leaders, or want to see what tips and tricks others can share with you? Come out for a social afternoon and swap some SWAPs with other volunteers from around the council, plus enjoy an ice cream snack!

Location: CNGSLC

Date & Time: June 22, 2024, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Cost: Free



Adult Outdoor Trainings*

Small Craft Safety Training (Flatwater Canoe & Kayak)

The Girl Scouts of USA Small Watercraft Safety training and workbook focus on canoes and kayaks. You will learn about small watercraft safety, basic water rescue, and moving water safety. Participants must be currently certified in First Aid and CPR and be able to swim.

Date & Time: September 16, 2023 & March 30, 2024; 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Location: Camp WaBak

Cost: \$20/member, \$30/non-member or members outside of GSSC-MM

Level 1 Archery Certification

Level 1 Archery Instructor Certification (8-hour course, hybrid, and in-person) provides you with the knowledge to run safely an indoor and outdoor archery range. Instructors learn about range safety, equipment maintenance, range set up, and steps of shooting.

Date & Time: September 17, 2023 & March 3, 2024; 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Location: Camp Mary Elizabeth

Cost: \$60/member, \$100/non-member or members outside of GSSC-MM

Intro to Cabin Camping Training

Learn what you need to know to introduce your girls to camping. This course will emphasize meal planning and preparation, use of kaper charts, propane stoves, fire safety, knot tying, knife safety and *Leave No Trace* ethics. This is a hands-on course where you will prepare and eat a full meal. Intro to Cabin Camping is a prerequisite for Tent Training.

Date & Location: September 16, 2023, Camp WaBak & CNGLSG;

September 23, 2023, February 4, 2024 & April 6, 2024, Camp Mary

Elizabeth; September 23, 2023 & December 9, 2023, Andrew Jackson State Park

Time: 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15

Basic Troop Tent Camping

Learn what you need to know to take your girls tent camping. This course will emphasize knowledge of outdoor skills such as fire building, tent pitching, varied outdoor cooking techniques (Dutch oven and box oven), and campfire programs.

Prerequisites: Introduction to Cabin Camping Training, 5-hour course or previous Sleep-In training.

Date & Location: September 23, 2023, Newberry; October 10, 2023 & April

27, 2024, Camp Mary Elizabeth; December 10, 2023, Andrew Jackson

State Park; March 30, 2024, Camp WaBak

Time: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15



**These trainings are not series; please choose the date that works best for your schedule.*



Community & Family Events

BMW Day

During your BMW experience, you will be given the mission to become a Junior Plant 10 associate! Earn your very own Junior Plant 10 ID Badge by completing adventures like planning a manufacturing line, manufacturing your own products, and experiencing new and exciting Innovations! Virtually tour the new plant and explore manufacturing equipment and processes in the state-of-the-art Technical Training Center. Lunch will be provided.

Levels: Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors, Adults
Date & Time: July 21, 2023, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
Cost: \$10

Girl Scout Night at Columbia Fireflies

Celebrate Girl Scouts with an evening at the Columbia Fireflies game. Girls can participate in a pre-game parade and a post-game run around the bases. Girls can also receive a Fireflies patch to commemorate the night!

Levels: All, Families
Date & Time: August 13, 2023, 5:05 p.m.
Cost: \$11; additional charge for food vouchers

Girl Scout Day at Town Theater–A Theater Workshop

Light up the stage as we take a behind-the-scenes tour of one of Columbia's best local theaters. Girls will participate in activities such as dance, costume design, and acting.

Levels: All
Date & Time: August 19, 2023, 10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. (DBJ) & 1:00–3:30 p.m. (CSA)
Cost: \$15/member, \$20/non-members

Girl Scouts Love State Parks

Every year, Girl Scouts and friends explore the natural wonders found across our country during the *Girl Scouts Love State Parks* weekend. Grab your backpack and head to your local state park for self-guided tours, family hikes, watersports, special events, and more!

Date: September 9–10, 2023

Clemson College of Science CSI Lab

Use DNA fingerprinting to solve a crime! In collaboration with the Clemson College of Science, girls can visit the CSI Lab to discover DNA's role in our bodies, perform gel electrophoresis to compare DNA from suspects to DNA found at the crime scene, and explore how genetic signatures are used in forensics and other applications.

Levels: Cadettes, Seniors
Date & Time: September 30, 2023, 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Cost: \$10

Girl Scout Day at South Carolina Children's Theater

Join us for Girl Scout Day at the South Carolina Children's Theater for a workshop and behind-the-scenes theater tour. Girls will meet the cast of *Charlotte's Web* and attend the performance. *Charlotte's Web* will run from 4:30–6:00 p.m. if family members would like to attend. Tickets must be purchased through the SCCT website.

Levels: All
Date & Time: October 7, 2023, 2:00–6:30 p.m.

Girl Scouts & Friends Day at Clemson, sponsored by PEER & WISE

This outreach program introduces middle school girls and their friends to the many types of engineering and computer science offered at Clemson University through hands-on activities.

Levels: Cadettes
Date & Time: October 14, 2023, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Cost: Free

Girls on the Go: Transportation Adventure

Girls on the Go: Transportation Adventure is an exciting, educational initiative designed to introduce Girl Scouts to the fascinating world of transportation career paths. Sponsored by the SC Chapter of the Women's Transportation Seminar, Girl Scouts will have the opportunity to engage in hands-on activities showcasing the principles and applications of transportation planning, design, and construction. Girls will learn about the importance of infrastructure, safety measures, and environmental considerations in transportation systems. By fostering curiosity and creativity, this event aims to inspire young girls to pursue transportation careers. This is a drop-off event. Adults are needed to meet ratio and to help lead a group. Girls will receive a patch. Snack is provided.

Levels: Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors

Date & Time: November 4, 2023, 1:00–3:00 p.m.

Location: CNGLSC

Cost: \$5/member, \$10/non-member, adults are free

Powerful Women Summit

Spend time with accomplished female professionals at this career exploration event. Break out into small groups with each participating professional and learn about their career fields. This unique experience allows girls to demonstrate their confidence while gaining exposure to a variety of interesting careers by networking with successful women. Girls can visualize their futures by engaging women who have once walked in their shoes and are now community leaders. The Powerful Women Summit is not your average career day, and girls are not just observers: they're dressed in business attire and are active participants! Girls will network, enjoy a delicious meal, and learn more about various careers. The Powerful Women rotate through tables of 8–10 girls allowing girls to have time with each professional. The girls pose thoughtful questions and engage in meaningful dialogue. This is a girl-only event.

Levels: 8th grade Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors

Date & Time: January 20, 2024, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Location: TBD

Cost: \$10

Carolina Camporee

The only thing better than camping is camping with sister Girl Scouts. Join other Girl Scouts, young and old, for this council-wide camping celebration. Enjoy traditional camping activities such as an opening ceremony, age-level kindred sessions, group games, a SWAP session, and an evening bonfire with a singalong. Wake up to sunrise yoga and a farewell friendship circle. There will be downtime for troops or individually planned programs.

Levels: All, Adults, Families (Children K-12th)

Date & Time: April 27 (10:00 a.m.)–April 28 (11:00 a.m.), 2024

Location: TBD

Cost: \$40/youth, \$15/adults, food not included





Girlz Gear Shop

The Girlz Gear Shop is your uniform and Girl Scout gift destination for Girl Scouts of South Carolina—Mountains to Midlands.

Girls can use Cookie Dough to purchase uniforms, badges, and other items from the Girlz Gear Shops.

Can't make it to a Girlz Gear Shop? You can always shop at the official online store at www.girlscoutshop.com and select *Shop Your Council*.

Visit one of our Girlz Gear Shop locations:

Greenville Service Center
3 Independence Pointe, Suite 106, Greenville, SC 29615

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 9:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m. & 2:30–5:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 9:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m. & 2:30–5:00 p.m.
Thursday: 9:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m. & 2:30–5:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Camp Mary Elizabeth
330 Scout Drive, Spartanburg, SC 29301

CME orders are filled from the Greenville shop and are available for pickup on an as-needed basis, dependent upon staff availability. To learn more about this process, please visit our council web page at gssc-mm.org and click on *Shop*.

Cathy Novinger Girl Scout Leadership Center
1107 Williams Street, Columbia, SC 29201

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2023 Friends of Girl Scouting Annual Campaign

By making a gift to the Friends of Girl Scouting Annual Campaign, you ensure the Girl Scout Leadership Experience continues to build our community's next generation of leaders. Because of your support, Girl Scouts have the resources to learn, grow, and thrive.

Annual Campaign supports the following:



Outreach



Memberships



Adult Services



Camperships

Girls need you. That's right, YOU can make a difference.

Community support enables more girls to join Girl Scouting. Together, we can connect girls to other girls, adult role models, and programs of their interests that provide life-changing experiences. We seek to become a leading charity of choice in the communities we serve.

Like our girls, we must be bold.

Together, we must communicate to the community the impact Girl Scouting has on local girls. We must present opportunities for others to get involved and invest in Girl Scouts. Connect today with our development staff to learn more about how to get involved and invest in local girls. **Reach out to us at funddevelopment@gssc-mm.org.**

In 2022:



900 girls
received
financial aid



489 girls
received uniforms
at no cost



156 girls
received camp
assistance



5 post-secondary
scholarships
awarded

Please refer to council communications and website for the most updated information. Events, dates, and times are subject to change. This booklet is printed far in advance.

We appreciate your understanding and flexibility. Registration links will be found on the Girl Scouts of South Carolina—Mountains to Midlands [Events Calendar](#) as registrations open throughout the year.



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