

FOCAL Point

February - May 2016



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Girl Scout Dates to Remember

Girl Scout Cookie Program Order Taking Begins	January 8
Deliver to Customers and Cookie Booth Sales	February 19-March 13

See your Cookie Program Reference Guide or Cookie Gram for other cookie program-related dates.

National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend	February 26-February 28
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As Girl Scouts across the country raise awareness about the benefits of the largest girl-led business in the country, troop leaders and parents need to remind girls to have their order card mobile devices ready to take more orders.

World Thinking Day	February 22
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Girls participate in activities and projects with global themes to honor their sister Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in other countries. World Thinking Day not only gives girls a chance to celebrate international friendships, but is also a reminder that Girl Scouts of the USA is part of a global community - one of 146 countries with Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

The theme for World Thinking Day 2016 is "Connect." Go to www.girlscouts.org/world_thinking_day to find out about the World Thinking Day Award Activities designed to complement the Girl Scout Leadership Journeys and reinforce the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

Girl Scout Birthday (March 12) - And Girl Scout Week	March 6-12
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A whole week celebrating the Girl Scout Movement and specifically commemorating the 104th Anniversary of the first Girl Scout meeting in the USA on March 12, 1912.

Spring Adult Recognition Nomination Deadlines

Years of Service Pin and Volunteer of Excellence Award	March 26
Appreciation Pin, Honor Pin, Thanks Badge, Thanks Badge II, and President's Award	March 26
Council Adult Recognition Celebration and Dinner	April 30

NEW! Early Bird Re-registration Due	March 31
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Must register 75% of troop for 2016-17 with at least 5 girls and 2 adults to receive \$.15 per box troop bonus!

Summer Camp

Registration Opens	February 22
- Financial Assistance Requests due (First Round)	March 22
- Financial Assistance Requests due (Second Round)	April 22

Summer resident and day camping opportunities are published in February.

Girl Scout Leaders' Day	April 22
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A day for saying "thank you" to all the Girl Scout volunteers who work as leaders and mentors in partnership with the girls.

Mountain Magic Weekend	April 22-April 24
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Combined Town Hall Meeting and Service Team Work Sessions

Again this spring we are combining the Town Hall Meetings with the Service Team Work Session and everyone is invited. Those of you who would like to help influence how we launch next year with some additional/better/improved ways to equip volunteers for easy success are especially encouraged to attend. Agenda and discussion topics will be distributed a month in advance at service unit meetings and posted on our website.

Greenville Region	April 7
Midlands Region	April 11
Spartanburg Region	April 12

Delegate Business Meeting	April 16
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This is a governance business meeting of the council that is attended by your service unit's elected representation. Your service unit delegate serves as the liaison to your area by representing your feedback on items that they receive a month prior to the meeting. In addition, your service unit delegate reports on key decisions of the council and Girl Scouts of the USA such as focus, strategy, property and financial direction.

Gold and Silver Award Reception	May 1
Troop Year End Reports and Troop Leader Reviews Due	June 17

On Time Girl Scout Registration/Re-registrations Due	September 30
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Founder's Day, aka Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low's Birthday	October 31
Annual Business Meeting	November 12

The Girl Scout Cookie Program is a Learning Adventure For All Ages

This year we have added some more exciting digital components that are modernizing the sales experience. It's not too late to take advantage of them. In addition to girls being able to create their own goal page and set and track their progress toward meeting their goals online, they have tools to reach out to prospective customers online - including the option of COCODirect where shipping is included.

During the booth sale/direct sale phase, troops have the option to accept credit card/debit card payments using a mobile payment account. The specific details can be found at <http://www.gssccookies.org>.

In addition to the actual selling, delivering and record-keeping experiences, are you helping your girls connect how their individual efforts combine to earn money for the troop's treasury and funding the troop's planned activities? Are they discussing the cost of their plans, learning to budget and prioritize?

it's cookie time!



No Girl Left Inside

Girl Scouting has a long history of getting girls outdoors. However, parental protectiveness, increased use of technological devices, and a host of structured activities competing for children's time have led to girls spending less and less time outside. Environmental education, the study of the relationships and interactions between dynamic natural and human systems, is considered to be so important. There's even a national **No Child Left Inside** coalition that advocates and promotes getting kids outside and active and experiencing the wonders of nature. At Girl Scouts of South Carolinas - Mountains to Midlands, we have made getting girls back outside a priority in response to our own findings of **She Sees the Future**.

Based on the feedback of the membership that responded, the Board of Directors made a decision to align property with the five driving priorities of the program strategies: destination, program match, usage, previous plans and partnerships. Outdoor adventure opportunities remain the top choice of girls at every age level. These destinations will include superior indoor and outdoor experiences. All activities align with the Council's five areas of leadership development: Outdoor Adventure; the Arts; STEM; Financial Leadership; and Leadership Development

As you and your girls are planning the remainder of their activities for this year, we urge you to include at least one progressive, outdoor experience that will help them develop skills and an appreciation for our natural world. In addition to what our Girl Scout council is offering this Spring, there are numerous other sources and ideas for outdoor fun as close as your backyard or neighborhood park. Check out the program section of this FOCALPoint, and look into visiting our council's outdoor program facilities on our website too.

There are plenty of experiences that do not require specialized equipment or training. Get your girls outdoors - connect them to the environment - you are building the next generation of leaders.



Introducing the...

INDIVIDUAL GIRL PROGRAM

Girls will have the opportunity to join other girls in the community who are unable to participate in traditional troop experiences in our newly formed Individual Girl Program* (IGP)! In it's inaugural year, IGP will give individual members the chance to:

- **Sell cookies!**
- **Attend council-sponsored programs and series!**
- **Attend summer camp!**
- **IGP Special Event!**

*For details on how to register contact our Customer Experience Team.



Girl Scout Day at the Greenville Drive

for Girl Scout troops and their families

May 8, 2016

4:00 PM

Fluor Field at the West End,
Greenville

As a special part of this Girl Scout outing we will be honoring mothers. All mothers attending with their Girl Scout will receive a complimentary ticket and flower!

For more details, see page 24.

Mother
Daughter
day
OUT



Early Bird Registration

Must register 75% of your troop for 2016-17 with at least 5 girls and 2 adults to **receive \$.15 per box troop bonus!**

Girl Scout groups are large enough to provide a cooperative learning environment and small enough to allow development of individual girls. The following group sizes are recommended:

- Girl Scout Daisies: 5-12 girls
- Girl Scout Brownies: 10-20 girls
- Girl Scout Juniors: 10-25 girls
- Girl Scout Cadettes: 5-25 girls
- Girl Scout Seniors: 5-30 girls
- Girl Scout Ambassadors: 5-30 girls



SPRING BREAK Camp

April 4th-8th, 2016

Camp Mary Elizabeth

Extended care is being offered!

For more details, see page 20.



The Girl Scout 411

MEMBERSHIP

The cost of becoming a Girl Scout member is \$15 per year for girls and adults. Adults also have the opportunity to become lifetime members for a one-time fee of \$375.

Girls and adult volunteers are welcome to join Girl Scouts at any time during the year. Some rejoin each spring when they register to go to Girl Scout summer camp. Some troops take the fall season off to accommodate busy schedules, and then launch or re-launch their Girl Scout troop experience in January.

Financial assistance for membership dues is available. Contact your area's CDM for more details.

Troop leaders may turn in the registration forms and dues they have collected to their service unit's registration checker, Community Development Manager (CDM), or regional Girl Scout Service Center. Registration instructions and forms can be downloaded from our website Forms Directory.

Troops that start in January have several options for participating in the Girl Scout Cookie Program. Your CDM and Service Unit Cookie Manager can provide details.

Girls are also welcome to join and participate in our summer camping options.

GIRL SCOUT UNIFORMS

Although uniforms are not required, each Girl Scout grade level has one element (tunic, sash, or vest) for the display of official pins and awards. Uniforms will be required when girls participate in ceremonies or officially represent the Girl Scout Movement. For girls in kindergarten through 12th grade, the unifying look includes wearing a choice of a tunic, sash, or vest for displaying official pins and awards, combined with the white polo shirt or their own solid white shirts and khaki pants or skirts. Girl Scout Daisies and Brownies have a full collection of uniform components available as an alternative to wearing white shirts and khaki pants or skirts.

The adult uniform consists of a Girl Scout scarf for women and a tie for men, worn with navy blue business attire and the membership pin.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

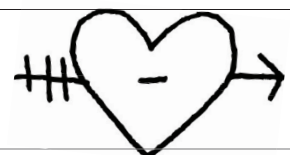
Girl Scouts is powered by volunteers. Only about 1% of all adult members are paid staff. Help recruit more Girl Scout volunteers and community partners to Girl Scouting. Direct them to "Volunteer Now" or "Join Us" on our website, www.gssc-mm.org.

Volunteers who work directly with girls and have the responsibility to provide ongoing supervision, including troop leaders and assistant troop leaders, are required to participate in a volunteer screening and placement process that includes a volunteer application, personal references, and background check.

Our caring, adult volunteer role models are conscientious about creating a safe environment where girls work together and where every girl feels free to work toward her highest aspirations. We all appreciate the time, skills and energy that volunteers devote to girls' personal growth and leadership development.

GIRLZ GEAR COUNCIL SHOPS

Girlz Gear is our official Girl Scout merchandise shop – and there's one in each of our three Girl Scout Service Centers. See the back cover for the locations and hours. Girlz Gear is your source for uniform components and insignia – including tunics, sashes, vests, troop numbers, membership pins – and all the national Girl Scout program books, earned awards, and badges. We also carry a variety of Girl Scout branded products, casual wear, council-specific merchandise, and gifts. Girlz Gear accepts payment by cash, personal or troop checks, MasterCard, Visa, and Girlz Gear gift certificates.



The Girl Scout 411

GIRLZ GEAR COUNCIL SHOPS CONTINUED

Parents, families, volunteers, girls—everyone is welcome to visit any of our three locations to check out our current selection. If you prefer, orders may be placed by phone, fax, or e-mail, for pick-up or delivery.

Contact any Girlz Gear shop for information regarding order placement via e-mail, or see our website for an order form. Shipping charges apply to delivery orders. Please allow 48 hours notice.

You can connect to Girl Scouts national online shopping site from our website or directly, at www.girlscoutshop.com/SOUTH-CAROLINA-MOUNTAINS-TO-MIDLANDS-COUNCIL.

WEBSITES

Our website, www.gssc-mm.org, has the most up-to-date information on what's happening around the council. Some of the most popular features are:

- Online volunteer application
- Online registration for council-sponsored girl events and workshops
- Online registration for adult learning courses
- Forms, conveniently gathered in our Forms Directory
- Girlz Gear, our council's Girl Scout shop
- PDF and ePub versions of our primary publications

Many of our service units also maintain a service unit-specific site within the council's website. Stay connected through our council's social networks by: liking us on Facebook www.facebook.com/GSSCMM, following us on Twitter [@gsscmm](https://twitter.com/gsscmm) or www.twitter.com/gsscmm, and Instagram [@gssc_mm](https://www.instagram.com/gssc_mm). Check out our videos on YouTube www.youtube.com/gsscmm. Girl Scouts of the USA's website is also a very helpful source of information: www.girlscouts.org.

CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE TEAM - 800.849.4475

The Customer Experience Team can guide you to what you are seeking, answer your questions, and/or refer you to an appropriate person in or outside of our Girl Scout family. Here are just some of the topics that our Customer Experience Team is ready to help you with:

- Camp/Program facility availability and reservations
- Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award requirements/forms
- Religious awards
- Questions on Girl Scout policy, safety, and additional insurance
- Approved riding stables, bus and car rental companies, and camp sites

ADULT LEARNING AND VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

Adult learning sessions for volunteers who work with girls in troops, along other role-specific learning opportunities, are published in FOCALPoint's Adult Learning section and on our website. Be sure to check our website for additional adult learning session options and cancellations.

Local service unit meetings, which happen at least four times a year and generally monthly, often include an adult learning component designed to help those who work directly with girls to become more adept. Open communication about needs, concerns, problems, and ideas will generate helpful involvement, trust, and respect. Ask for assistance from other volunteers, parents, council staff, community resource people—and, of course, the girls!

PROGRAM FACILITIES

Our Girl Scout council offers a wide range of facilities that are available for Girl Scout troop/group outings, such as camping and outdoor days, and for council-sponsored events and activities. Reservations can be made up to four months in advance of the desired usage date. Detailed information about the facilities and their capacities, along with pictures, rental fees, and the reservation procedure, is located on our website. You may also contact The Customer Experience Team for more information.



Celebrating 100 Years of Changing the World

1916-2016



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Girl Scouting's Highest Awards

Girl Scouts highest awards are integrated with the leadership Journeys. The Award Project emphasizes leadership throughout the project, community focus, living the Girl Scout Law, sustainability, and attention to impact.

GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award in Girl Scouting and is earned individually by Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors. Each girl's Take Action project must encompass a minimum of 80 hours to complete the Girl Scout Gold Award. The Gold Award Girl Scout has demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. It generally takes two years to complete the requirements, which include completion of two Senior or Ambassador Journeys; or earning the Girl Scout Silver Award as a Cadette and completing one Senior or Ambassador Journey. It also requires each girl to present her Girl Scout Gold Award Project Proposal to the Gold Award Committee for approval before beginning work on her project; and then present her Final Report to the Committee. The Girl Scout Gold Award Take Action Project is more than a service project because a girl uses her organizational, leadership, and networking skills to fulfill a need within her community or beyond. The Orientation course is designed for Girl Scouts and their Advisors to attend together. Parents are also encouraged to attend.

GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD The Girl Scout Silver Award is the highest award for Girl Scout Cadettes. It recognizes their outstanding efforts to improve their own lives and the lives of others. The award can be earned individually or by a small group of 3 to 4 girls. The 8-step process begins with completing a Cadette Journey. Each girl must complete a minimum of 50 hours on the Take Action project to earn the Girl Scout Silver Award. Girl Scout Silver Award projects are focused on producing positive community change. Girls will identify an issue that impacts their community, explore the community and the issue, and choose and carry out a Take Action project. Before starting their Take Action Project, girls must submit a Girl Scout Silver Award Notice of Intent Form. The Orientation is designed for girls and advisors to attend together.

GIRL SCOUT BRONZE AWARD The Girl Scout Bronze Award is the highest award a Girl Scout Junior can earn. The Girl Scout Bronze Award can only be earned as a group award. The girls must demonstrate leadership skills and a commitment to helping others and improving their communities. The 7-step process begins with completing a Junior Journey. Each girl must complete a minimum of 20 hours on the Take Action project to earn the Girl Scout Bronze Award.

Want To Know More?

- For advice on the Girl Scout Bronze Award Take Action Projects, contact Kayla Mallett (kmallett@gssc-mm.org or 803.461.3733).
- Get started by attending a Girl Scout Gold or Silver Orientation along with your interested girls.
- Check out the Girl Scout Awards page on our website and you'll find requirements, guides for adult advisors, and step-by-step activities and forms to facilitate girls' progress on these leadership award journeys.

Celebrating Girls' Leadership Accomplishments: Girl Scout Bronze Award recipients will be honored at their troop and/or service unit. Final reports must be turned in no later than **June 30, 2016** and will be added to our Girl Scout Bronze Award Honor Roll.

Girl Scout Gold and Silver Award recipients will be honored at the council's Girl Scout Gold and Silver Award Reception on **May 1, 2016**.

In order to participate in the Reception:

- Girl Scout Silver Award recipients must submit the Girl Scout Silver Award Final Report by **April 1, 2016**.
- Girl Scout Gold Award recipients must submit the Girl Scout Gold Award Final Report Form and make their final presentation on or before the Girl Scout Gold Award Committee by **March 20, 2016**.

Developing Leadership Excellence: Whether it is the Girl Scout Gold, Silver, or Bronze Award, each of these prestigious awards are a wonderful way for girls to meet the challenge of taking their leadership skills to the next level.

In 2016, Girl Scouts of South Carolina – Mountains to Midlands joins Girl Scouts of the USA, Gold Award recipients, and Girl Scouts around the world in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Gold Award.

Stay connected with us as we share the history of the Gold Award, highlight stories of the past and present Gold Award recipients, and unveil regional and statewide events commemorating the Centennial Anniversary of the Gold Award.

We have big things planned and can't wait to celebrate with you!

Girl Scouting's Highest Awards

GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD ORIENTATION

Girl Scout Gold Award Orientation is for Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors in grades 9 through 12. It is highly recommended that girls interested in completing the Girl Scout Gold Award attend this orientation session prior to the start of their project planning stage. This session will prepare participants to know and understand the difference between a Service Project and Take Action Project. Girls and their advisors will learn about the steps necessary to complete the Girl Scout Gold Award, be able to demonstrate at least 2 tools to complete Girl Scout Gold Award steps and understand the importance of a project's impact and sustainability.

Minimum/Maximum: 5/25 (includes girls and adults)	Registration ends: 7 days prior to orientation
Sunday, February 7, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM, Simpsonville United Methodist Church, 215 SE Main St, Simpsonville	Sunday, March 20, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM, Simpsonville United Methodist Church, 215 SE Main St, Simpsonville
Tuesday, February 16, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Camp Wistagoman, 1013 Manse Jolly Road, Anderson	Saturday, April 9, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Grace UMC, 410 Harbison Blvd, Columbia
Saturday, February 27, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Grace UMC, 410 Harbison Blvd, Columbia	

GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD ORIENTATION

Girl Scout Silver Award Orientation is for Girl Scout Cadettes in grades 6 through 8. It is highly recommended that girls interested in completing their Girl Scout Silver Award attend this orientation session prior to the start of their project planning stage. At the end of this session, participants will be able to list the steps necessary to complete the Girl Scout Silver Award, understand the pros and cons of an individual vs. group project, understand the difference between Take Action and Community Service, demonstrate at least 2 tools to complete Silver Award steps and understand the importance of community impact of the project.


Minimum/Maximum: 5/25 (includes girls and adults)	Registration ends: 7 days prior to orientation
Saturday, January 23, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Grace UMC, 410 Harbison Blvd, Columbia	Saturday, March 19, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Grace UMC, 410 Harbison Blvd, Columbia
Saturday, February 20, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, St. Giles Presbyterian Church, 1021 Hudson Rd, Greenville	Monday, March 21, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Camp Wistagoman, 1013 Manse Jolly Rd, Anderson
Saturday, March 12, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM, St. Giles Presbyterian Church, 1021 Hudson Rd, Greenville	Saturday, May 7, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Grace UMC, 410 Harbison Blvd, Columbia

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW:

All Girl Scout Gold Award candidates must meet with the Girl Scout Gold Award Committee twice during the award process. The first meeting is to present your project proposal for approval. DO NOT begin your project until you have received approval from the Girl Scout Gold Award Committee. The second meeting is to present your Final Report on the approved project. Contact Kayla Mallett (kmallett@gssc-mm.org or 803.461.3733) for more information or questions regarding highest awards.

The following list indicates the place and time of Girl Scout Gold Award Presentation Meetings available by area during the 2015-2016 membership year.

Girl Scout Gold Award Proposal and Final Report Forms need to be **typed** and received 30 days before the presentation date you wish to attend. Every effort will be made to meet your first choice.

COLUMBIA SERVICE CENTER	GREENVILLE SERVICE CENTER	SPARTANBURG SERVICE CENTER	
Sundays at 3 pm - February 21 - April 17 - June 12 - August 21	Sundays at 2 pm - March 20 - May 15 - July 17	Tuesdays at 6 pm - February 9 - March 8 - April 12 - May 10 - June 14 - July 12 - August 9	

Program Event Registration

Please check one: Attending as individual Attending as Troop

Troop # _____ Service Unit # _____

Grade Level(s): Daisy Brownie Junior Cadette Senior Ambassador

Primary Adult Contact Name _____

E-mail Address _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone Day _____

Evening _____ Cell _____

Event/Workshop Name _____

Date of Event/Workshop _____ Session _____

Attach all Cookie Dough to registration form.
Sister-to-sister transfers will be accepted for sisters living in the same household.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received: _____

Cash _____ Check _____ Debit/Credit Card _____

Receipt #: _____

Amount Received: _____

Date Confirmation Sent: _____

Please return this form and payment to any Girl Scout Service Center by registration deadline.

Columbia Service Center

130 Pinnacle Point Ct., Suite 100 | Columbia, SC 29223
 T 803.782.5133 | F 803.782.0410

Greenville Service Center

Five Independence Pointe, Suite 120 | Greenville, SC 29615 | T 864.770.1400 | F 864.272.3394

Spartanburg Service Center

349 East Blackstock Rd. | Spartanburg, SC 29301
 T 864.576.2514 | F 864.587.7367

Name(s) of Girl(s) Attending <i>Put a star next to the names of any non-Girl Scouts</i>	Grade	Amount being used from Cookie Dough	Amount being paid	Amount Due
				_____ girls x \$_____ fee = \$_____
				_____ girls x \$_____ fee = \$_____
				_____ adults x \$_____ fee = \$_____
				_____ adults @ no fee = \$_____
				Donation to Help Others = \$_____
				Total Due \$_____
				Minus Total Cookie Dough \$_____
				Amount Enclosed \$_____

Name(s) of Adult(s) Attending	Yes, I am willing to have a short volunteer assignment during the event.	I am interested in having a volunteer assignment during the entire event. No charge. Please provide your phone # below.	Please indicate if any of the girl participants or adult volunteers will need special accommodations: <input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Physical assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Dietary Restrictions (describe): _____ _____ _____ Other (describe): _____ _____ _____

Photos / videos / recordings of all registrants may be used by Girl Scouts Yes No

List any exceptions _____

Make checks payable to: GSSC-MM

If paying by credit/debit card please include the following information:

Visa Mastercard *CC# may be called in to the Service Center receptionist.*

Credit/Debit Card Account # _____ Expiration Date _____ 3-Digit Code _____

Name as it appears on the card _____ Cardholder Signature _____

Cardholder's Complete Mailing Address _____

Program Events/Workshops and Series

Q. HOW DO I REGISTER FOR AN EVENT OR WORKSHOP?

A. Online: Visit www.gssc-mm.org; click the “Register Online” button; choose “Program Event Registration.” Then simply follow the directions to register for the activity. The online registration system cannot accept Cookie Dough. To redeem Cookie Dough, use a Program Registration Form. Actual Cookie Dough must be attached to the registration form.

Registration Form: Use the Program Event Registration form when registering to attend as an individual or as a troop. Turn the completed form into your Service Center.

Q. WHEN AND HOW CAN I REDEEM COOKIE DOUGH FOR PROGRAM FEES?

A. Cookie Dough may be used for girls’ fees for council-sponsored programs listed in FOCALPoint, council-sponsored Girl Scout resident camps and day camps, GSUSA-sponsored destinations, and council-sponsored trips with regional, national, and international itineraries, Girl Scout Silver and Gold Award Project expenses, and to help pay for Girl Scout Lifetime Membership. Sister-to-sister transfers will be accepted for sisters living in the same household. Cookie Dough is issued in \$2.50 and \$5 increments. Unused value will not be redeemed for cash nor returned. 2015 Cookie Dough expires September 30, 2016.

Q. HOW WILL I KNOW THAT MY REGISTRATION HAS BEEN ACCEPTED?

A. When registering online you will receive a confirmation of registration. This indicates receipt of your registration; additional confirmation materials will be sent at a later date. Please add registrar@gssc-mm.org to your email’s safe list. For all registrations (online and paper) a confirmation or “over capacity” notice will be e-mailed or mailed to the responsible adult once the event minimum is met. Registration will close when the maximum capacity is reached or on the ending registration date (generally three weeks prior to the event/workshop), whichever comes first. Additional detailed confirmations may be provided for some events, which may include information such as driving directions, a list of things to bring or pack, and any additional information specific to the activity.

Q. WHAT IF I HAVE PARTICIPANTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS?

A. Please let us know if we will need to accommodate any girl’s or adult’s special needs when you register. If you have questions, please contact the activity’s staff manager which can be obtained from www.gssc-mm.org.

Q. SHOULD WE BRING THE PERMISSION SLIPS AND HEALTH HISTORY FORMS WITH US?

A. Yes. Although we will have a First Aider at the activity, we ask that an adult attending with your group bring and keep your troop’s event specific Parent Permission forms and Health History forms with her/him.

Q. CAN I BRING ALONG AN EXTRA CHILD TO THE EVENT?

A. No, not unless activity information specifically states that the event is appropriate for families or non-members. Program activities have been designed specifically for Girl Scouts in the grade levels indicated.

Q. HOW MANY ADULTS HAVE TO ATTEND THE EVENT?

A. A minimum of two adults should accompany the troop/group to a program activity unless otherwise noted. Please confer with the activity’s staff manager if your group is not able to attend with the adult-to-girl supervision ratio (see Safety Activity Checkpoints or *Volunteer Essentials* for ratios). We may be able to provide the necessary adult supervision by utilizing other adult volunteers.

Q. WHAT IS THE RAIN PLAN?

A. For most events and workshops, inclement weather is not an issue. In the case that an activity is affected, leaders of troops and parents of individual girls will be notified by a council staff person prior to the activity.

Q. WHAT IF I/WE CAN’T ATTEND AFTER WE HAVE REGISTERED? CAN I GET A REFUND?

A. The council and our community partners start planning long before the date of the actual program. Staff and volunteers are secured, food and supplies are purchased, and sometimes other girls are turned away because you have registered to be there. Refunds will only be offered in the following circumstances:

- The council cancels the program event/workshop;
- Proof of military or job transfer is provided in advance;
- Participant becomes ill and a doctor written notice is provided that indicates that her participation is not recommended. Doctor’s written notice can be turned in within 30 days of the event;
- Your registration cancellation request is received six weeks prior to the day of the event.



Troop Experiences and Beyond

Girls can take advantage of what Girl Scouting offers through a variety of participation options. In addition to the activities that are planned and carried out at the troop level, there are ways for individuals and small groups of girls to participate in Girl Scouting.

Many of our service units sponsor events locally, giving girls and their families the opportunity to experience a community-based Girl Scout activity while enjoying the support of a wider network of community volunteers. Most often, information about these opportunities is provided through troop leaders.

The council also sponsors a variety of program events, workshops, and series, thanks to the involvement of community partners and volunteers who share our commitment to girls' growth and development in ways that foster their leadership development. Note: Individual girls are welcome to attend alone or with a friend or two. She must attend with an adult, unless otherwise stated in the description. Earned Cookie Dough may be used for the following girl program fees.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for any of the Girl Scout events, workshops, or series sessions listed below; or you would like to explore the feasibility of an additional opportunity for girls that would have appeal beyond the troop, please contact Deanna Ludwick, Director of Program Experience, at dludwick@gssc-mm.org.

Council-Sponsored Events/Workshops & Series

KEY	
E	Event Pathway: can attend as individual & will be formed into new groups during event; individual girls must attend with a registered adult unless otherwise stated.
T	Troop Pathway: designed for Troops to attend together; minimum of two adults per troop required
PA	Program Aide Needed

Key	Category	Activity	Grade	Dates	Page #
E, T	Growing Up Healthy	Columbia's Cooking presents...Culturific Cooking!	6th-8th	February 6th	13
E, T	STEM	Archaeology at the Mann-Simons	2nd-5th	February 6th	16
E, T	Teen Leadership & Responsibility	Program Aide (PA) Leadership Course	6th-8th	February 6th	23
E, T	Teen Leadership & Responsibility	Volunteer-in-Training (VIT) Leadership Course	9th-12th	February 6th	23
E, T	STEM	WISE Up	6th-12th	February 20th	16
E, T	Teen Leadership & Responsibility	Program Aide (PA) Leadership Course	6th-8th	February 27th	23
E, T	Teen Leadership & Responsibility	Volunteer-in-Training (VIT) Leadership Course	9th-12th	February 27th	23
T, PA	Adventures in the Outdoors	CME Outdoor Adventure Day	K5-3rd	March 5th	19
E, T	Growing Up Healthy	Columbia's Cooking presents...Cooking 101!	4th-5th	March 5th	13
E, T	STEM	Engineering the International Space Station Planetarium Show	2nd-12th	March 5th	16
E, T	Growing Up Healthy	Wholesome Tummies Cooking Class	K5-3rd	March 5th	13
E, PA, T	Adventures in the Outdoors	WaBak Outdoor Skills Day	4th-8th	March 12th	19
E, T	STEM	Sweetgrass STEAM	4th-8th	March 19th	16
E, T	Teen Leadership & Responsibility	Babysitter's Training Certification Course	6th-10th	March 19th	23
E, T	Adventures in the Outdoors	High Adventure in the Upstate	4th-12th	April 2nd	20
E, T	Teen Leadership & Responsibility	Babysitter's Training Certification Course	6th-10th	April 2nd	23
E, T	Adventures in the Outdoors	Spring Break Camp!	K5-8th	April 4-8th	20
E, T	STEM	Detectives	4th-5th	April 9th	17
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E, T	Adventures in the Outdoors	High Adventure in the Midlands (Sessions A & B)	4th-12th	April 23rd	21
E, T	Adventures in the Outdoors	Core Troop Camp (Session B)	K5-8th	April 29th-May 1st	21
E, T	Growing Up Healthy	Gardening Goddesses	4th-5th	April 30th	14
E, T	Growing Up Healthy	Intro to Mountain Biking (Session A & B)	2nd-8th	April 30th	15
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E	Adventures in the Outdoors	Kayaking the Saluda	6th-12th	May 7th	22
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Program Events/Workshops and Series

Growing Up Healthy



E, T	<i>Grades 6th-8th</i>
Columbia Cooking presents...Culturific Cooking!	
Learn how to make healthy taste delicious with Columbia's Cooking at the University of South Carolina and have fun doing it! Girls will learn basic cooking skills and will prepare an international meal! Girl Scout Cadettes will work on their <i>New Cuisines</i> badge.	
Session Information:	Registration ends: January 25, 2016
Date: February 6, 2016	Minimum/Maximum Girl Attendance: 15/30
Time: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Location: University of South Carolina, Discover I Building, 915 Green Street, Cancer Prevention and Control Program Kitchen (1st floor), Columbia, SC 29208
Cost: \$17.50/girl; \$15.00/adult	


E, T	<i>Grades K5-3rd</i>
Wholesome Tummies Cooking Class	
Girls will learn from experts in kids' cooking how to bake brownies and make fresh smoothies that can be shared with their families at home. All class participants will receive a healthy snack recipe and a surprise gift! Girl Scout Brownies will earn 2 steps towards their <i>Snack</i> badge.	
Session Information:	Minimum/Maximum Girl Attendance: 15/20
Date: March 5, 2016	Location: Columbia Service Center, 130 Pinnacle Point Court, Suite 100, Columbia, SC 29223
Time: 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	
Cost: \$17.50/girl; \$15.00/adult	Volunteer Opportunity: A volunteer is needed to serve as the on-site coordinator for this event.
Registration ends: February 15, 2016	

E, T	<i>Grades 4th-5th</i>
Columbia's Cooking presents...Cooking 101!	
Learn how to make healthy taste delicious with Columbia's Cooking at the University of South Carolina and have fun doing it! Girls will get to tour the CPCP Kitchen and will learn basic cooking skills before they make a healthy dessert. Girl Scout Juniors will work on their <i>Simple Meals</i> badge.	
Session Information:	Minimum/Maximum Girl Attendance: 15/30
Date: March 5, 2016	Location: University of South Carolina, Discover I Building, 915 Green Street, Cancer Prevention and Control Program Kitchen (1st floor), Columbia, SC 29208
Time: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	
Cost: \$17.50/girl; \$15.00/adult	Volunteer Opportunity: A volunteer is needed to serve as the on-site coordinator for this event.
Registration ends: February 15, 2016	


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Growing Up Healthy

E, T	<i>Grades 6th-10th</i>
Greenville Yoga presents...Calling All Yogis!	
Girl Scout Cadettes and Seniors will learn basic breathing techniques for stress reduction and will get to practice common yoga poses to build strength and flexibility. Tea and light snacks will be offered and yoga mats will be provided.	
Session Information:	Registration ends: March 21, 2016
Date: April 9, 2016	Minimum/Maximum Girl Attendance: 20/40
Time: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Location: Greenville Yoga, 10 W. Stone Avenue, Greenville, SC 29609
Cost: \$10/girl; \$10/adult	

E, T	<i>Grades K5-3rd</i>
Intro to Cooking in partnership with the Butterfly Foundation	
Girl Scout Brownies will learn about food safety and will be shown basic cooking techniques! Girls will also get to tour Monarch Café's kitchen and will make two healthy snacks. Girl Scout Brownies will earn 2 steps towards their <i>Snack</i> badge.	
Session Information:	
Date: April 16, 2016	
Time: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	
Cost: \$10/girl; \$10/adult	
Registration ends: March 28, 2016	
Minimum/Maximum Girl Attendance: 10/15	
Location: Monarch Café, 498 Howard Street, Spartanburg, SC 29303	

E, T	<i>Grades K5-3rd</i>
Dance to Your Own Beat in partnership with Carolina Dance Collaborative	
Girl Scout Brownies can earn their <i>Dancer</i> badge (included in program fee) in one afternoon of non-stop fun! Girls will learn some new dance moves and will be able to create their own dance to perform as a group! *Limit 2 adult chaperones per troop.	
Session Information:	Registration ends: March 31, 2016
Date: April 23, 2016	Minimum/Maximum Girl Attendance: 30/40
Time: 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Location: Camp Mary Elizabeth Lodge, 330 Scout Drive, Spartanburg, SC 29301
Cost: \$27.50/girl, \$3/non-participating adult	

E, T	<i>Grades 4th-5th</i>
Gardening Goddesses	
Girl Scout Juniors will learn gardening basics and will get the chance to tour Hatcher Garden! Girls will gain hands-on experience repotting plants, building their own terrariums and setting up a seed experiment that they will take home with them! The best part is that each Girl Scout will walk away with her <i>Gardener</i> badge (included in program fee).	
Session Information:	
Date: April 30, 2016	
Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	
Cost: \$12.50/girl; \$10/adult	
Registration ends: April 11, 2016	
Minimum/Maximum Girl Attendance: 15/25	
Location: Hatcher Garden and Woodland Preserve, 820 John B. White Sr. Blvd., Spartanburg, SC 29304	

Program Events/Workshops and Series

Growing Up Healthy

E, T	<i>Grades 2nd-8th</i>	
Intro to Mountain Biking		
Girl Scouts will have the chance to learn basic bike skills and will practice balancing, pedaling, braking and turning before they go for a ride at Camp Mary Elizabeth! Bikes will be provided.		
Session A: 6th-8th grade	Session B: 2nd-5th grade	
Date: April 30, 2016	Date: April 30, 2016	
Time: 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Time: 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	
Cost: \$5/girl; \$3/non-participating adult		
Registration ends: April 11, 2016		
Minimum/Maximum Girl Attendance: 5/10	Minimum/Maximum Girl Attendance: 8/10	
Location: Camp Mary Elizabeth Lodge, 330 Scout Drive, Spartanburg, SC 29301		
Volunteer Opportunity: A volunteer is needed to serve as the on-site coordinator for this event. (Session A only)		

E, T	<i>Grades 2nd-8th</i>	
Intermediate Mountain Biking		
Does your Girl Scout already know how to ride a bike? If so, this is the program for her! Girl Scouts will have the chance to learn bike safety, hand signals and basic bike maintenance before they take to the trails at Camp Mary Elizabeth! Bikes will be provided!		
Session A: 6th-8th grade	Session B: 2nd-5th grade	
Date: May 7, 2016	Date: May 7, 2016	
Time: 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Time: 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	
Cost: \$5/girl; \$3/non-participating adult		
Registration ends: April 18, 2016		
Minimum/Maximum Girl Attendance: 5/10	Minimum/Maximum Girl Attendance: 8/10	
Location: Camp Mary Elizabeth Lodge, 330 Scout Drive, Spartanburg, SC 29301		
Volunteer Opportunity: A volunteer is needed to serve as the on-site coordinator for this event. (Session A & B)		



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STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)

E, T	<i>Grades 2nd-5th</i>
Archaeology at the Mann-Simons	
Explore an actual archeological site and interact with artifacts discovered during digs. Pottery refit and archaeology dig boxes will help uncover how archaeologists determine what people ate, tools they used, and objects they owned.	
Session Information:	Registration ends: January 25, 2016
Date: February 6, 2016	Minimum/Maximum Girl Attendance: 10/30
Time: 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Location: Historic Columbia Mann-Simons Site, 1403 Richland Street, Columbia, SC 29201
Cost: \$12.50/girl; \$10/adult	

E, T	<i>Grades 6th-12th</i>
WISE Up	
A celebration at Clemson University National Engineering Week with the young women from the Women In Science and Engineering (W.I.S.E.) program means fun for you! Through hands-on activities, girls explore the wide variety of science and engineering fields. Lunch is included.	
Session Information:	
Date: February 20, 2016	
Time: 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM	
Cost: \$10/girl, \$7/adult	
Registration ends: February 1, 2016	
Minimum/Maximum Girl Attendance: 50/100	
Location: Clemson University, Clemson, SC	



E, T	<i>Grades 2nd-12th</i>
Engineering the International Space Station Planetarium Show	
How do you build a million-pound object that will stay in orbit and sustain human life? Learn how more than a dozen nations collaboratively designed and built the International Space Station (ISS) using advanced technology and strategic engineering practices.	
Session Information:	
Date: March 5, 2016	
Time: 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	
Cost: \$5/girl; \$6/adult	
Registration ends: February 15, 2016	
Minimum/Maximum Girl Attendance: 30/42	
Location: Ruth Patrick Science Center, 471 University Parkway, Aiken, SC 29801	


E, T	<i>Grades 4th-8th</i>
Sweetgrass STEAM	
Sweetgrass basket maker, Jennifaye Singleton, will guide girls as they create their own sweetgrass masterpiece to take home!	
Session Information:	
Date: March 19, 2016	
Time: 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM	
Cost: \$20/girl; \$3/non-participating adult	
Registration ends: February 29, 2016	
Minimum/Maximum Girl Attendance: 15/20	
Location: Columbia Service Center, 130 Pinnacle Point Court, Columbia, SC 29223	




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STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)

E, T	<i>Grades K5-1st</i>
Money Counts	
Find out the cost of fun through hands-on activities. Come have fun with other Girl Scouts while learning about money! Program fee includes admission to the museum for the day! *Limit 2 adult chaperones per troop.	
Session Information:	Registration ends: March 21, 2016
Date: April 9, 2016	Minimum/Maximum Girl Attendance: 10/20
Time: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Location: The Children's Museum of the Upstate, 300 College Street, Greenville, SC 29601
Cost: \$12.50/girl, \$10/adult	

E, T	<i>Grades 4th-5th</i>
Detectives	
Follow clues and discover facts like a real detective. Grab your magnifying glass and dive into the science of detecting! Program fee includes admission to the museum for the day! *Limit 2 adult chaperones per troop.	
Session Information:	
Date: April 9, 2016	
Time: 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	
Cost: \$12.50/girl; \$10/adult	
Registration ends: March 21, 2016	
Minimum/Maximum Girl Attendance: 10/20	
Location: The Children's Museum of the Upstate, 300 College Street, Greenville, SC 29601	

E, T	<i>Grades 2nd-3rd</i>
Home Scientist	
You're a scientist every time you do an experiment! Learn where science has been hiding in your own home and see that science is all around you and me. Program fee includes admission to the museum for the day! *Limit 2 adult chaperones per troop.	
Session Information:	Registration ends: March 21, 2016
Date: April 9, 2016	Minimum/Maximum Girl Attendance: 10/20
Time: 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Location: The Children's Museum of the Upstate, 300 College Street, Greenville, SC 29601
Cost: \$12.50/girl; \$10/adult	

E, T	<i>Grades 4th-12th</i>
Coding and Cookies	
100 Girls of Code hosts a Beginning to Code workshop for mothers and daughters. Learn the basics of web development together! Bring your own laptops.	
Session Information:	
Date: April 23, 2016	
Time: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	
Cost: \$7.50/girl; \$7.50/adult	
Registration ends: April 4, 2016	
Minimum/Maximum Girl Attendance: 12/20	
Location: Columbia Service Center, 130 Pinnacle Point Court, Columbia, SC 29223	



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STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)



E, T	Grades 4th-8th
Snap Circuits	
It's electric! Learn the basic components of a circuit and make light, sound, and motion!	
Session Information:	Registration ends: April 25, 2016
Date: May 14, 2016	Minimum/Maximum Girl Attendance: 12/25
Time: 10:15 AM - 11:15 AM	Location: Spartanburg Service Center, 349 East Blackstock Road, Spartanburg, SC 29301
Cost: \$7.50/girl, \$5/adult	

E, T	Grades 4th-12th
Capturing DNA	
Isolate DNA from fruit and get more in touch with DNA!	
Session Information:	
Date: May 14, 2016	
Time: 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM	
Cost: \$7.50/girl; \$5/adult	
Registration ends: April 25, 2016	
Minimum/Maximum Girl Attendance: 12/25	
Location: Spartanburg Service Center, 349 East Blackstock Road, Spartanburg, SC 29301	



Some Service Unit Events Qualify for Use of Cookie Dough

Service units throughout our 22 county area continue to be encouraged to plan and host events locally, too. Girls can use their earned Cookie Dough to pay all or part of the registration fees for STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), cookie rally, and/or healthy living events put on by their Service Unit. The council provides event planning guides and the criteria for what's needed to qualify for being able to collect and redeem cookie dough. Service units can qualify to host any two of the three options: a cookie rally, a healthy living event, or a STEM event.

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Adventures in the Outdoors

T, PA	<i>Grades K5-3rd</i>
CME Outdoor Adventure Day	
<p>Girl Scout Daisies and Brownies can spend the day with their troop at Camp Mary Elizabeth while experiencing a variety of outdoor activities: letterboxing, nature hike, outdoor games, camping skills, and a project that cares for the outdoors at CME. Every Girl Scout Brownie who attends will earn the new <i>Outdoor Adventure Badge</i>, and Girl Scout Daisies will also receive an outdoor patch for participating (badge and patch are included in program fee). Pack your lunch for a picnic on-site, and come enjoy a day in the outdoors at CME!</p>	
Session Information:	Registration ends: February 15, 2016
Date: March 5, 2016	Minimum/Maximum Girl Attendance: 30/60
Time: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Location: Camp Mary Elizabeth, 330 Scout Drive, Spartanburg, SC 29301
Cost: \$10/girl; \$3/adult	
Volunteer Needs: Letterboxing instructor; outdoor games leader; camping skills instructor; PAs to assist activities	



E, PA, T	<i>Grades 4th-8th</i>
WaBak Outdoor Skills Day	
<p>Looking to improve your outdoor skills? This day program for Girl Scout Juniors and Cadettes will offer four exciting areas where you can improve your skills: archery, outdoor cooking, boating, and navigation. Girls will sign up by grade level so activities will meet certain badge requirements. Pack your lunch and picnic on-site during this skill building event.</p>	
<p>Junior Track: Girl Scout Juniors will learn the basics of archery and range safety while shooting at the range, learn to build a fire and cook a meal on a stick (steps 2 & 3 of <i>Camper</i> badge), go on a geocaching adventure (steps 2 & 4 of <i>Geocacher</i> badge), and learn the basics of canoeing in Camp WaBak's lake.</p>	<p>Cadette Track: Girl Scout Cadettes may complete up to 4 steps in the new <i>Archery</i> badge focusing on form and technique at WaBak's archery range, get creative at outdoor cooking by learning about substitutes for special diets and allergies (step 4 of <i>New Cuisine</i> badge), gain some trailblazing know-how learning to use a compass on our orienteering courses (step 4 of <i>Trailblazing</i> badge), and enjoy some paddling time on Camp WaBak's lake.</p>
Date: March 12, 2016	Registration ends: February 22, 2016
Time: 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM	Min/Max Girl Attendance: 20/40 per track
Cost: \$15/girl; \$5/adult	Location: Camp WaBak, 36 Camp WaBak Rd, Marietta, SC 29661
Volunteer Needs: Outdoor cooking & fire building instructor; archery instructor; Orienteering & Geocaching instructor; Red Cross certified Lifeguard or ARC Small Craft Safety; four adult leaders (1 per track). PAs to assist activities.	

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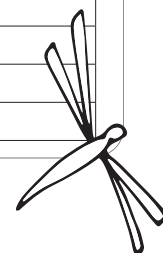
Adventures in the Outdoors

E, T	Grades 4th-12th
High Adventure in the Upstate	
Reach new heights by overcoming physical and mental challenges at this high adventure program in the Upstate. With a track for each appropriate grade level, girls will learn about teamwork and facing obstacles while taking healthy risks.	
<p>Junior Track: Spend time with other Girl Scout Juniors in a teambuilding session on a low-challenge course- a series of problem-solving experiences that physically engage teams to develop and execute a plan. After learning to work as a group, encourage one another at the swing-by-choice giant swing!</p>	<p>Cadette, Senior and Ambassador Track: Spend time with other girls your age in a teambuilding session on a low-challenge course- a series of problem-solving experiences that physically engage teams to develop and execute a plan. Girls will also have the opportunity to take on the TreeTop Adventure High Challenge Course: a high ropes course with seven elements that offer a variety of group and individual challenges, including an exit from the course via zipline!</p>
Session Information:	
Date: April 2, 2016	
Time: Junior Track: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM; Cadette, Senior & Ambassador Track: 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	
Cost: \$35/girl; \$3/non-participating adult	
Registration ends: March 14, 2016	
Minimum/Maximum Girl Attendance: Junior Track: 10/26; Cadette, Senior & Ambassador Track: 20/30	
Location: Glendale Outdoor Leadership School, 270 Wheeling Circle, Glendale, SC 29346	
Volunteer needs: On-site coordinator- an adult volunteer who can run check-in, coordinate groups to be sure people are in the right location, and be the contact person at the program who is able to fully represent the council and liaison between vendor and Camping & Outdoor Leadership Manager. 1 adult member per track as group leaders.	



E, T	Grades K5-8th
Spring Break Camp!	
Camp Mary Elizabeth is springing into action! Girls are invited to check out our new and exciting camp program featuring healthy living, adventure in the outdoors, STEM, the arts, and more! If you think you know Camp Mary Elizabeth, think again! Spring Break Camp will run from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, April 4th-8th, check-in beginning at 7:30 AM and extended care will be offered from 5:00-6:00 PM every day. If your girls don't have plans for Spring Break yet, make sure to register them TODAY! Lunch and snacks will be provided daily!	
Session Information:	Date: April 4-8, 2016
Early Bird Special: \$110 per Girl Scout; \$125 for non-Girl Scout. To receive the early bird special, please register by March 15, 2016.	
Regular Cost: \$135 per Girl Scout; \$150 for non-Girl Scout	Extended Care Cost: \$25 for the week
Location: Camp Mary Elizabeth, 330 Scout Drive, Spartanburg, SC 29301	
NEW! If your camper brings a non-Girl Scout buddy to Spring Break Camp, the Girl Scout will receive a \$25 off coupon to use for any 2016 Council Summer Camp Program.	

E, T	Grades 6th-10th
Stream Girls	
Do you love water activities and playing in streams? Try this exciting new overnight program for Girl Scout Cadettes and Seniors through the conservation non-profit Trout Unlimited, where you will discover water ecology through hands-on activities while also learning new skills in the sport of fly-fishing. You will take part in a streamwalk to make a stream bracelet and get your feet wet to collect data on stream health with macroinvertebrate sampling. Develop skills for a lifetime sport as you learn about fly-casting, fly-tying, and Leave No Trace principles. Finish the weekend with a fly-fishing trip to the Saluda River; transportation will be provided. Meals are included through Sunday lunch. Girls who complete this program will earn a Trout Unlimited patch. *Adults will not be provided fishing equipment. Prereq: Participants 16 years old or older must have a South Carolina fishing license.	
Session Information:	Volunteer needs: Adults needed to supervise girls during all activities and overnight stay.
Date: April 9-10, 2016	Registration ends: March 21, 2016
Time: 10:00 AM Saturday, April 9 - 4:00 PM Sunday, April 10	Minimum/Maximum Girl Attendance: 8/16
Cost: \$45/girl; \$20/adult	
Location: Camp WaBak, 36 Camp WaBak Road, Marietta, SC 29661	

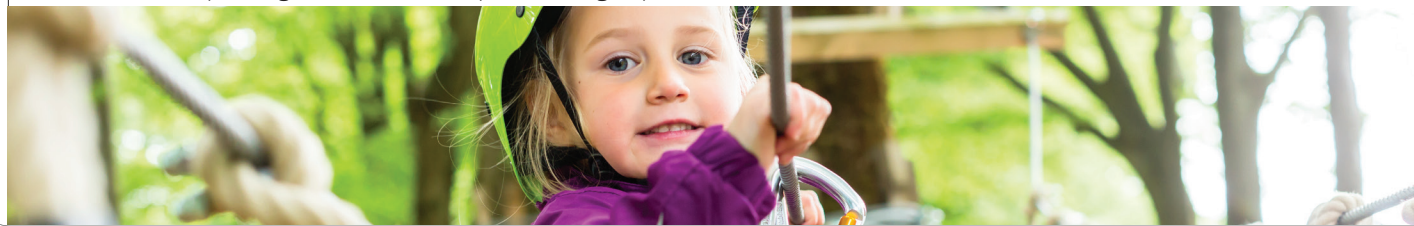


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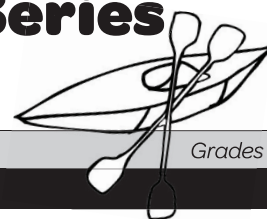
T, PA		<i>Grades K5-8th</i>
Core Troop Camp		
<p>At Core Troop Camp, awesome Camp Staff and Volunteers will provide instruction and safety for a core of activities including boating, archery, arts & crafts, hiking, and much more! There will also be a wide variety of ready-to-go self-led activities to help your troop work toward badges while at Camp WaBak, including: Bugs, Hiker, Letterboxer (Brownies); Camper, Geocacher, Animal Habitats (Juniors); Archery, Woodworker (Cadettes). Meals are included as well! This is a great opportunity to meet other Girl Scout troops and go camping without having all the worries of planning the full trip on your own!</p>		
Session A:	Session B:	
Date: April 15-17, 2016	Date: April 29 - May 1, 2016	
Time: 7:00 PM, Friday - 10:00 AM, Sunday	Time: 7:00 PM, Friday - 10:00 AM, Sunday	
Cost: \$50/girl ; \$30/adult	Cost: \$50/girl ; \$30/adult	
Registration ends: March 28, 2016	Registration ends: April 11, 2016	
Minimum/Maximum Girl Attendance: 50/80		
Location: Camp WaBak, 36 Camp WaBak Road, Marietta, SC 29661		
Volunteer & Instructor Needs: Outdoor cooking; arts & crafts; camping skills; hiking; archery; lifeguards or small craft certified; nurse; kitchen assistance; PAs to assist activities		

E, T		<i>Grades 4th-12th</i>
High Adventure in the Midlands		
<p>Reach new heights by overcoming physical and mental challenges at this high adventure program in the Midlands. With a track for each appropriate grade level, girls will learn about teamwork and facing obstacles while taking healthy risks.</p>		
<p>Junior Track (Session A & B): Spend time with other Girl Scout Juniors working through ground initiatives that help develop trust, communication, and problem solving. Then encourage and support one another as each girl has the opportunity to participate in a 35' swing-by-choice giant swing!</p>		
<p>Cadette Track (Session A & B): Spend time with other Girl Scout Cadettes working through ground initiative that help develop trust, communication, and problem solving. After working together as a group, encourage one another as each girl has the opportunity to climb a 50' Alpine Tower, specifically designed for personal challenge and adventure!</p>		
<p>Senior & Ambassador Track (Session A & B): Do you want to learn a new adventure-based skill and love the thrill of heights? This track, specifically for older girls, will teach you how to belay other climbers on the 50' Alpine Tower using high adventure equipment. Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors will also be able to participate on The Odyssey: a high adventure ropes course that presents small group physical challenges. Work your way through the course, and return to the ground by way of a 60' zipline!</p>		
Session A:	Session B:	
Date: April 23, 2016	Date: April 23, 2016	
Time: Junior Track: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM; Cadette, Senior & Ambassador Track: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Time: Junior Track: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM; Cadette, Senior & Ambassador Track: 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	
Cost: Junior Track: \$25/girl ; \$3/non-participating adult; Cadette, Senior & Ambassador Track: \$35/girl; \$3/non-participating adult	Cost: Junior Track: \$25/girl ; \$3/non-participating adult; Cadette, Senior & Ambassador Track: \$35/girl; \$3/non-participating adult	
Registration ends: April 4, 2016		
Minimum/Maximum Girl Attendance: 12/18 per track		
Location: Heathwood Hall, 3000 S Beltline Blvd, Columbia, SC 29201		
Volunteer needs: On-site coordinator- an adult volunteer who can run check-in, coordinate groups to be sure people are in the right location, and be the contact person at the program who is able to fully represent the council and liaison between vendor and Camping & Outdoor Leadership Manager. 1 adult member per track as group leaders.		



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Adventures in the Outdoors



E	<i>Grades 6th-12th</i>
Kayaking the Saluda	
<p>Looking for an introduction to some paddling action? The Midlands offers some great flat water as well as Class I & II rapids-perfect for first-timers. Join us on this trip that will introduce you to kayaking on open, moving water, down the Saluda. Get ready to get wet and have a wildly fun time! All equipment will be provided including boats, paddles, and personal floatation devices. All participants must be comfortable in and around the water. As a prerequisite each participant is required to know how to swim and tread in deep water without assistance. *Because this is a limited guided trip, adults will not participate. Pick-up location for participants will be different than drop-off location. Maps will be provided.</p>	
<p>Cadette Track: Paddle a four-mile stretch of the upper Saluda that has mostly flat-water with some mild, unrated rapids.</p>	
<p>Senior & Ambassador Track: Seeking out more paddling adventure? Kick off this stretch of the Congaree/Saluda river with an optional Class II rapid, then continue the four-mile paddle with several other Class I rapids.</p>	
Session Information:	
Date: May 7, 2016	
Time: Cadette Track: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM; Senior/Ambassador Track: 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM	
Cost: \$50/girl	
Registration ends: April 18, 2016	
Minimum/Maximum Attendance: 8/11 per track	
Location: Heathwood Hall, 3000 S Beltline Blvd, Columbia, SC 29201 * Specific drop-off & pick-up locations will be provided as program date approaches.	



E, T	<i>Grades 6th-12th</i>
What SUP on Lake Cooley	
<p>Get on board with one of the fastest growing outdoor recreational activities in the country: Stand Up Paddleboarding (commonly referred to as SUP)! You will have the opportunity to take part in an introductory kayaking class on Lake Cooley, as well as an intro to Stand Up Paddleboarding class. Practice the balance of surfing with the paddling skill of kayaking as you take a leisurely float around the lake on your board. *All participants must be comfortable in and around the water. As a prerequisite each participant is required to know how to swim and tread in deep water without assistance. Limit 2 adults per track.</p>	
Session Information:	Registration ends: April 25, 2016
Date: May 14, 2016	Minimum/Maximum Girl Attendance: 9/18 per track
Time: Cadette Track: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM; Senior/Ambassador Track: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Location: Lake Cooley, 100 Cooley Dock Road, Inman, SC 29349
Cost: \$30/girl; \$30/adult	

E, T	<i>Grades 6th-10th</i>
Llama Trek	
<p>Explore the mountains of North Carolina in Pisgah National Forest on this unique guided, overnight experience of backpacking with llamas. You will hike on Saturday, tent camp off the trail overnight, and complete the hike on Sunday. Learn about llama care and how to pack a llama to carry your things while you enjoy the views the Blue Ridge has to offer. Saturday lunch through Sunday lunch is included in the event fee. *Because this is a guided trip, we will only be accepting two adults.</p>	
Session Information:	Registration ends: April 25, 2016
Date: May 14-15, 2016	Minimum/Maximum Attendance: 8/14
Time: 10:00 AM, Saturday - 3:00 PM, Sunday	Location: Pisgah National Forest, NC - specific meeting location will be provided as program date approaches
Cost: \$85/girl; \$85/adult	
<p>Volunteer needs: On-site coordinator- an adult volunteer attending who can check participants in, review paperwork, and be the contact person at the program who is able to fully represent the council and liaison between vendor and Camping & Outdoor Leadership Manager.</p>	

Program Events/Workshops and Series

Teen Leadership & Responsibility

E, T	<i>Grades 6th-8th</i>
Program Aide (PA) Leadership Course	
Are you interested in learning what it takes to be a leader and work with younger Girl Scouts? Spend half a day discovering what it takes to be a leader, better communicator, and all-around role model in both the troop and camp setting. You'll find out how awesome it is to be a PA while gaining the skills needed to lead a group of Girl Scout Daisies or Brownies. Note: Prior to attending this leadership course, you must complete one Leader in Action (LiA) Award and submit the Leader in Action Award Form.	
Session Information:	Registration ends: 3 weeks prior to session
Date: February 6, 2016 (Columbia); February 27, 2016 (Greenville)	Minimum/Maximum Girl Attendance: 10/25
Time: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Location: Columbia Service Center (February 6); Greenville Service Center (February 27)
Cost: \$5/girl	

E, T	<i>Grades 9th-12th</i>
Volunteer-in-Training (VIT) Leadership Course	
The VIT leadership opportunity is designed to help Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors discover their talents in mentoring Girl Scout Daisy, Brownie, Junior or Cadette groups outside of the camp experience. Both of these leadership trainings allow girls to gain the confidence, knowledge, and expertise needed to guide younger girls; and to prepare themselves for holding future leadership positions within and outside of Girl Scouting.	
Session Information:	Registration ends: 3 weeks prior to session
Date: February 6, 2016 (Columbia); February 27, 2016 (Greenville)	Minimum/Maximum Girl Attendance: 10/25
Time: 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Location: Columbia Service Center (February 6); Greenville Service Center (February 27)
Cost: \$5/girl	

E, T	<i>Grades 6th-10th</i>
Babysitter's Training Certification Course	
The American Red Cross Babysitter's Training Certification Course is designed around four major themes: leadership, basic care, safety and safe play, and first aid. Learn these invaluable skills that will put you at the top of every parent's sitter list! This course provides youth with information and skills necessary to provide safe, responsible care for children in the absence of parents/guardians. The session also includes decision-making skills and information about finding and interviewing for babysitting jobs. Courses are set up on an as-needed basis. Please contact Kayla Mallett at kmallett@gssc-mm.org to request a session.	
Session Information:	Registration ends: 3 weeks prior to session
Date: March 19, 2016 (Columbia); April 2, 2016 (CME); Available upon request	Minimum/Maximum Girl Attendance: 8/10
Time: 9:00 AM (8 hours)	Location: Columbia Service Center (March 19); Camp Mary Elizabeth (April 2); Cooperatively determined by participants and trainer (upon request)
Cost: \$35/girl	



Program Events/Workshops and Series

Family Event

E, T	Grades K5-12th
Girl Scout Day at the Greenville Drive	
Celebrating Girl Scout Day at Fluor Field with Girl Scout Troops and families will have a twist this year! We will be honoring mothers on this special day; mothers attending with their Girl Scout will receive a complimentary ticket and flower! Our Girl Scouts will be featured in pregame and between inning activities and entertainment. Watch for details for the contest for the special commemorative patch that will be given to each Girl Scout. Bring the family and help cheer on the Greenville Drive! See you at the ball game!	
Session Information:	Registration ends: April 18, 2016
Date: May 8, 2016	Minimum/Maximum Girl Attendance: NA
Time: 4:00 PM	Location: Fluor Field at the West End, 947 South Main Street, Greenville SC
Cost: \$7/girl; \$7/adult	

Susu FUNd Travel

This bi-annual council-sponsored international travel opportunity is designed for Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors who meet eligibility requirements. The next trip is to London, England during the summer of 2017. The application deadline is **April 1, 2016**. Thanks to the generosity and vision of Susan Phifer Johnson, a significant portion of the program expenses are provided through the SUSU FUNd. This travel adventure will involve girls in the planning, budgeting and money-earning, as well as preparations to experience the culture of the country. When they return they will share highlights of their experience with other Girl Scouts and encourage them to travel to enhance their understanding of other parts of the world.



Girl Scouts between the ages of 12 and 18 who are adventurous and want to expand their horizons are encouraged to check out this year's list of destinations on the GSUSA website. They need to fill out the application and submit it to our council for processing. Once selected, details about how to apply for the travel scholarships will be provided.

It's not too late to apply for some destinations! Checkout <http://forgirls.girlscouts.org/travel> on the destinations page, details about all destinations are available including the status of available destinations.

Opportunities for Travelship for destinations

destinations Fund Thanks to the fall product sale program, we have a travel scholarship fund available for any older girl that is accepted and attends a destination or Girl Scout Leadership Institute as identified by GSUSA. The council will provide up to \$500 to be paid toward the destination's program fee. This travelship will be paid directly to the destination's sponsoring council. Each girl must notify Kayla Mallett, kmallett@gssc-mm.org, that she has accepted the invitation to attend by sending a copy of the event acceptance letter.

D-Pass Grant from GSUSA If selected to receive the D-Pass Grant, our council may be able to assist girls with up to 90% of their travel cost to the destinations program. The amount each girl is awarded is based on predetermined criteria posted on our website.

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11	JAN	All Round 1 applicants are notified of their status.
29	JAN	Round 1 accepted participants must pay a deposit to hold her place on the trip.
29	JAN	Round 2 applications are due.
19	FEB	GSSC-MM ensures sponsors have received all Round 2 applications.
4	MAR	All Round 2 applicants are notified of their status.
20	MAR	Round 2 accepted participants must pay a deposit to hold her place on the trip.
SPRING		Some event sponsors MAY continue to receive applications until trips are full.



"Going on a destination was a marvelous experience, getting to go somewhere with a group of people who, for however long, they are your best friends. You get to experience another culture with them and see how everyone reacts to it. It really was a once in a life time experience!" - Megan Drake, 15 years old, traveled to Germany and a day trip to Austria



Adult Learning Opportunities

The Volunteer Experience Department plans and provides opportunities for Girl Scout adults to gain the knowledge and skills to perform their volunteer roles with competence and satisfaction. Ongoing and flexible adult learning opportunities are offered to ensure that new and continuing volunteers have the support you need as a volunteer in Girl Scouting. These opportunities will not only help you work more effectively with girls, but also introduce new skills and behaviors into your work life, relationships, and personal development.

Our courses and formats continue to evolve as we endeavor to accommodate a variety of learning styles and time constraints. Enthusiastic Girl Scout staff, volunteer adult learning facilitators, and other content experts will provide the guidance you need to help you learn what you need to be successful in your role.

Recognizing the importance of having troop leader volunteers who are comfortable facilitating girl-led, developmentally-appropriate, interactive activities, the following standards have been established to ensure high quality and safe program delivery to girls:

Standard: Each troop must have one qualified leader present at all troop functions.

The definition of a qualified Troop Leader (position code 01) in GSSC-MM is one who:

- Has submitted a GSSC-MM Volunteer Application
- Has submitted a complete volunteer application, that has been reviewed and approved;
- Is a registered Girl Scout; *This is an additional required form, different from the Volunteer Application Form and includes a \$15 Membership Fee.
- Has a cleared background check on file
- Has completed these two initial volunteer learning courses:
 - **Girl Scouting 101** prepares volunteers to guide effectively the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, the engine for everything girls do in Girl Scouting. This course is offered online, or can be done in person, as needed.
 - **Mountains to Midlands 101** is the introductory course covering procedures, policies, and processes used in Girl Scouting and in Mountains to Midlands. This course is offered in person.

Standard: Any additional adult needed to meet the girl/adult ratio should meet the following minimum qualifications:

The definition of a qualified Assistant Troop Leader (position code 02) in GSSC-MM is one who:

- Has submitted a GSSC-MM Volunteer Application
- Has submitted a complete volunteer application, that has been reviewed and approved;
- Is a registered Girl Scout; *This is an additional required form, different from the Volunteer Application Form and includes a \$15 Membership Fee.
- Has a cleared background check on file
- Has completed the initial volunteer learning course: **Girl Scouting 101**

Girl/Adult Ratios Girl Scouts has established girl/adult ratios for supervision based on grade level, and they are found in the Quick Start Guide and Safety-Wise chapter of *Volunteer Essentials 2015-16* on Page 60.

CPR and First Aid: Each troop is encouraged to have an adult certified in CPR/FA to serve as the troop first aider. Girl Scouts of South Carolina – Mountains to Midlands provides training for one troop adult to be certified in CPR/FA annually. The Fall Product Sales Program makes this opportunity possible. See the CPR/FA course description and session schedule for details. CPR/FA is required before participating in specified activities as defined in Safety Activity Checkpoints and/or *Volunteer Essentials 2015-16*. Refer to *Volunteer Essentials 2015-16* Page 71, and/or Safety Activity Checkpoints for activities requiring the presence of an adult certified in CPR and First Aid.

Volunteering for Girl Scout Series and Events

Volunteers leading a Girl Scout Series and/or volunteering for a Girl Scout event have specialized training for their volunteer role. To complete Volunteering for Girl Scout Series and Events, go to <http://training.girlscouts.org> and choose Volunteering for Girl Scout Series and Events. Select South Carolina - Mountains to Midlands when registering. Additional volunteer learning enrichment opportunities are available for adult volunteers. Please contact the Volunteer Experience Team for further information at 1.800.849.GIRL (4475).



Adult Learning FAQs

Q How do I register for adult learning courses?

A Review the calendar and select a session that fits into your schedule. Register online at www.gssc-mm.org or complete the Adult Learning Registration form found on our website. Send it by e-mail (registrar@gssc-mm.org) or fax, or deliver it to any Girl Scout Service Center.

Columbia Service Center
130 Pinnacle Point Court, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29223
Fax 803.782.0410

Greenville Service Center
Five Independence Pointe, Suite 120
Greenville, SC 29615
Fax 864.272.3394

Spartanburg Service Center
349 East Blackstock Road
Spartanburg, SC 29301
Fax 864.587.7367

Q May I attend sessions at any of the locations listed?

A Yes, you may choose the adult learning session that is most convenient for you.

Q Why do I need to register for a session?

A Registration is necessary for all adult learning sessions to allow the volunteer adult learning facilitator time to prepare for the class and to ensure that enough course materials will be available for participants. Non registered participants place an unreasonable burden on registered participants, the facilitator, and the host site. Please register at least seven (7) days before the sessions. For CPR/FA, and Sleep-Out, please register 14 days prior to the scheduled date. Sessions may be canceled due to low registration. If a session is cancelled, registered participants will be notified via phone, e-mail, or mail.

Q Is there a cost for adult learning courses?

A Most courses are offered at no cost. When a fee is charged, it covers the cost of equipment and materials. Fees must accompany your completed registration form or be paid online.

CPR/FA is offered free of charge to one adult per troop per year for the adult who will serve as the troop's first aider. Choose a session listed in the calendar. Register online at www.gssc-mm.org or by completing the Adult Learning Registration form, found on the council website. Include the fee with your registration form and indicate that it is the annual free session. After you have successfully completed the course, the fee will be returned. If this is your free course and you register online and complete the course, the fee will be refunded.

Q How will I get directions to the session location?

A Session confirmations will be mailed or e-mailed once the session has been confirmed. Directions to the session locations can be found at www.gssc-mm.org.

Q What do I bring to my session?

A You will find a list of items to bring in each course description and in your confirmation letter. Resources can be purchased at any of our three Girlz Gear council shops.

Q What should I do if I need to cancel my registration?

A To cancel, please notify a Volunteer Experience Team member or Registrar at any service center as soon as possible.

Q If I cancel my registration, will my payment be refunded?

A In most cases, refunds or a session transfer will be allowed when requested at least three business days prior to the session. This may not be possible if fees to outside consultants have been paid, or if food and other supplies have been purchased. Check with the Volunteer Experience Director for questions on a particular session. Individuals who do not show up for a session without giving prior notification may forfeit a refund or transfer.

Q What happens if I arrive late to a session?

A Arriving more than 20 minutes late or leaving 20 minutes early may result in not receiving credit for taking the course. Please be considerate of our volunteer adult learning facilitators and other participants in the session.

Q What happens if the minimum number of participants is not met?

A Sessions that do not meet the minimum number of registered participants will be cancelled. Only registered participants will be notified by telephone, mail, or e-mail. Unless otherwise noted, at least six (6) participants must be registered to conduct any adult learning session or workshop.

Adult Learning Session Calendar

Training sessions are often added to the calendar. For the most current information, please go to www.gssc-mm.org



Adult Learning FAQs

Q May I bring my child with me?

A In order to create a safe, comfortable, learning- friendly environment, children are not permitted at adult learning sessions. Please make arrangements for child care.

Q Will a record be kept of the Girl Scout adult learning sessions I attend?

A An attendance record is kept for each session. This information is transferred into your volunteer records in our membership system.

Q Do I have to complete courses in person?

A Some of the courses are available online and/or through self-study courses. *Girl Scouting 101* is available online. *Planning Trips with Girls* is available as a self-study course. *Planning Trips with Girls* is also offered as a webinar.

If you are interested in these options, you may download *Planning Trips with Girls* from our website, www.gssc-mm.org. *Girl Scouting 101* is available online through the GSUSA website, www.girlscouts.org at <http://training.girlscouts.org/aboutGS101>. Additional Online Volunteer Tips and Tools can be found at:

- <http://www.girlscouts.org/program/basics>
- <http://www.girlscouts.org/gsle>
- <http://forgirls.girlscouts.org>
- <http://www.girlscouts.org/program/journeys/maps.asp>

Q Is training from another Girl Scout council or another agency transferable?

A If the courses taken are equivalent, then credit can be transferred. You must provide documentation of the training taken. Contact the Volunteer Experience Director to discuss your situation.

Q How can I participate in additional adult learning opportunities?

A Attend your service unit meetings. Additional sessions may be announced or conducted at these meetings. Give suggestions for additional adult learning opportunities to the Volunteer Experience Director. Take advantage of adult learning opportunities in your community that might support your Girl Scout leadership role.

Q Who do I contact if I have questions about adult learning?

A For more information about adult learning, contact the Volunteer Experience Director through the council's toll free number, **800.849.GIRL (4475)**.

Q Who facilitates the course?

A In many cases, our facilitators are volunteers just like you! They receive no compensation and are giving their time to make Girl Scouts an enjoyable and worthwhile experience for the girls and for you. If you are interested in becoming a council facilitator, please contact Sara McCutcheon at 803.944.3146.

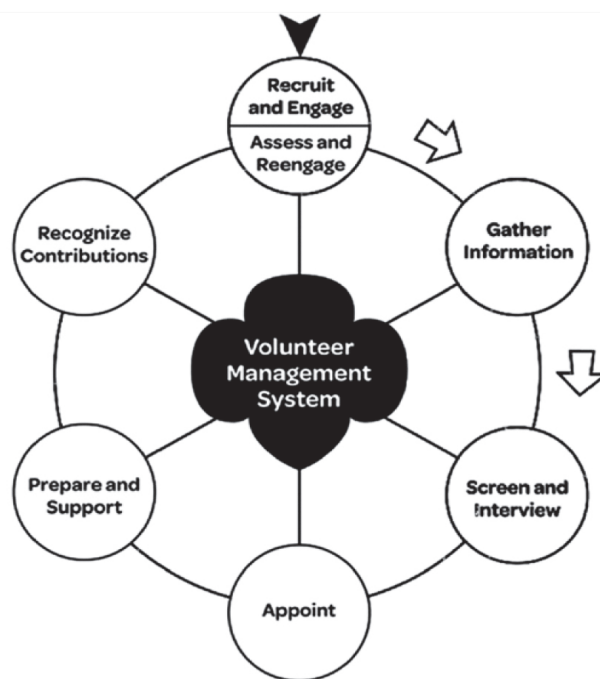
Q Is there a cost for adult learning courses?

A All recommended core learning sessions are free, except for CPR/FA, Sleep In, and Sleep Out. A minimal fee is charged for some sessions which must accompany your registration.

- CPR/First Aid \$35
- Sleep In \$5
- Sleep Out \$20

Q How can I pay for a course?

A Registration secured online, can only be paid by debit or credit card. Registration using paper forms, can be paid by cash, check, money orders, debit or credit cards. (Do not send cash in the mail.)



Staff Contact
Sara McCutcheon, Volunteer Experience Director
803.944.3146 | smccutcheon@gssc-mm.org



Mountain Magic 2016



Mountain Magic

April 22 - April 24, 2016

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE	
Friday, April 22, 2016	
6:00 PM - 6:45 PM: Check-in	
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM: Guest Speaker- <i>Enjoy light snacks, make new friends, and learn something new!</i>	
Saturday, April 23, 2016	Sunday, April 24, 2016
8:00 AM: Breakfast/Check-in	8:30 AM: Breakfast
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Session A	9:30 AM: Scout's Own
12:30 PM: Lunch & What's New	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Session E
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM: Session B	12:15 PM: Lunch
3:00 PM: Break	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM: Session F
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM: Session C	3:15 PM: Check-out
5:00 PM: Break	Questions? Contact: Sara McCutcheon Volunteer Experience Director 1-803-944-3146 smccutcheon@gssc-mm.org
6:00 PM: Dinner	
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM: Session D	
9:00 PM - until: Campfire/S'mores	

LEARN. LAUGH. LEAD.

Join other Girl Scout volunteers at Camp WaBak, as you cultivate your creativity, learn tips and strategies for working with girls, connect with other leaders, explore the outdoors and enjoy fun and games!

This weekend is a time for adult volunteers to get together and make new friends, renew old acquaintances and learn new skills. The workshops offered will enrich your personal life and give you new ideas to take back to your Girl Scout Troop/Group. The training weekend is for any adult volunteer—new, experienced, or anywhere in-between. Options are available to spend the entire weekend or just a portion of it.

NEW THIS YEAR! Be the first to experience a unique, new program! **HINT:**



Register at www.gssc-mm.org!



Save the Date!

Upstate & Midlands

VOLUNTEER RESOURCE FAIR



Columbia Service Center

Saturday, August 27th
10am to 2pm (open house)

Spartanburg Service Center

Saturday, August 13th
10am to 2pm (open house)

Come, visit local exhibitors and gather ideas you can share! Leave with information that will help plant the seeds of success as your girls continue to grow!



Course Schedule (February – June)



REQUIRED COURSE - Girl Scouting 101 Online

Girl Scouting 101 is available online through the Girl Scouts of the USA website (Go to <http://training.girlscouts.org> choose Girl Scouting 101) This self-paced online orientation is available in English or Spanish. You'll be introduced to the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, utilizing Journeys and the Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting. Volunteers will also learn ways to make a difference in girls' lives.

How long will it last? 45 minutes

What to bring? *Volunteer Essentials 2015-2016.*

Cost? FREE

REQUIRED COURSE OPTION- Girl Scouting 101 LIVE! (This is an option for those who prefer face-to-face learning opportunities.

This session prepares volunteers to guide effectively the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, the engine for everything girls do in Girl Scouting. The experience identifies all the elements that need to be in place for Girl Scouting to achieve its mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. When these elements- Discover, Connect, and Take Action - are girl-led, learning-by-doing, cooperative activities, girls achieve the desired, expected short-term outcomes. The ultimate result is that Girl Scouting achieves its leadership goals for girls. This course includes time for more interactive learning than the online option.

How long will it last? 45 minutes

Minimum/Maximum: 5/15

What to bring? Resources will be available at the session

Cost? FREE

Wednesday, February 10, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Columbia Service Center

Thursday, April 14, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Columbia Service Center

Wednesday, March 9, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Greenville Service Center

Wednesday, April 20, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
First Baptist Church, 847 Cleveland Street, Greenville

Thursday, March 24, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Greenville Service Center

Thursday, May 5, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Spartanburg Service Center

Thursday, March 31, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Spartanburg Service Center

Wednesday, May 18, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Columbia Service Center

Tuesday, April 5, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Columbia Service Center





Course Schedule (February – June)

REQUIRED COURSE: MOUNTAINS TO MIDLANDS 101

Welcome to Girl Scouting! This course is an introduction to your council, Girl Scouts of South Carolina – Mountains to Midlands, and to the Girl Scout troop leader position. Topics include the role of the leader/leadership team, troop registration, working with parents, council structure and policies, safety, and getting started.

Additional Information: These classes may also be conducted one-on-one or in a small group led by a local staff, designated volunteer, Community Development Manager, or Volunteer Experience Director. Contact the Volunteer Experience Director for information on additional sessions. Additional sessions are posted on our council website as they are scheduled. **Cost?** FREE

How long will it last? 1½ hours and includes a self-study participant guide. Sessions with larger attendance may take longer to complete.

Prerequisite? The individual must have completed a volunteer application and be progressing through the volunteer screening process. **GS101** to be taken live or online.

What to bring? Resources will be provided at the session.

Minimum/Maximum: 5/15

Thursday, February 4 , 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM Camp Wistagoman, 1013 Manse Jolly Road, Anderson
Saturday, February 6 , 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM Spartanburg Service Center
Tuesday, February 9 , 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM First Baptist Church, 847 Cleveland Street, Greenville
Wednesday, February 10 , 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM Columbia Service Center
Tuesday, February 16 , 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM Clinton Hut, 502 Hickory Street, Clinton
Thursday, February 18 , 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM Spartanburg Service Center
Thursday, February 18 , 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM Columbia Service Center
Thursday, February 25 , 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Greenville Service Center
Saturday, March 5 , 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM Spartanburg Service Center
Wednesday, March 9 , 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Greenville Service Center
Thursday, March 10 , 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM Columbia Service Center
Monday, March 14 , 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM Camp Wistagoman, 1013 Manse Jolly Road, Anderson
Tuesday, March 15 , 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Spartanburg Service Center
Wednesday, March 23 , 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Columbia Service Center
Thursday, March 24 , 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM Greenville Service Center
Wednesday, March 30 , 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Greenville Service Center

Thursday, March 31 , 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Spartanburg Service Center
Tuesday, April 5 , 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Columbia Service Center
Tuesday, April 12 , 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Columbia Service Center
Wednesday, April 13 , 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM Clinton Hut, 502 Hickory Street, Clinton
Thursday, April 14 , 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Columbia Service Center
Wednesday, April 20 , 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM First Baptist Church, 847 Cleveland Street, Greenville
Monday, May 2 , 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM Camp Wistagoman, 1013 Manse Jolly Road, Anderson
Thursday, May 5 , 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Spartanburg Service Center
Tuesday, May 10 , 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM First Baptist Church, 847 Cleveland Street, Greenville
Wednesday, May 18 , 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Columbia Service Center
Thursday, May 19 , 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM Spartanburg Service Center
Tuesday, May 24 , 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Greenville Service Center
Thursday, May 26 , 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Spartanburg Service Center
Tuesday, May 31 , 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Columbia Service Center
Saturday, June 4 , 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Spartanburg Service Center

Course Schedule (February – June)



CPR AND FIRST AID TRAINING

The health and safety of girls is the top priority in Girl Scouting. Girl Scouts of South Carolina – Mountains to Midlands offers a variety of courses to meet the needs of the volunteer who will act as the troop first aider. Each troop is required to have an adult certified in CPR/FA to serve as the troop first aider.

A first aider is an adult 18 years or older who holds current certification in both First Aid and CPR. For adults working with girls under the age of 12, CPR-Child is required in addition to CPR-Adult.

CPR/FA certification is offered free of charge to one adult per troop per year for the adult who will serve as the troop's first aider. Troop volunteers are encouraged to register for sessions listed in this publication, but if situations prohibit participation in a council session, the option of participating through other course providers is available. Refer to the Safety-Wise chapter of Volunteer Essentials 2015-2016 or contact the Volunteer Experience Director for approved course providers.

To register for sessions listed here, register online at registrar@gssc-mm.org or submit the Adult Learning Registration form found on the council website. Indicate if the registration is for the troop's annual CPR/FA certification. The registration fee must be submitted to reserve a place in the session. Please submit a separate check for the registration fee if also purchasing the book. Once the participant has successfully completed the course, the registration fee, up to \$35.00 will be returned to the participant. The fee will be forfeited if the participant does not attend the session and has not cancelled prior to the session date.

To participate in a CPR/FA session outside of Girl Scouting, register with the local provider. Girl Scouts of South Carolina – Mountains to Midlands will reimburse one adult per troop per year for the registration fee up to \$35. A copy of the reimbursement form, found on the council website, must be submitted to the Volunteer Experience Director for reimbursement.



Course Schedule (February – June)

SAFETY ACTIVITY CHECKPOINTS

Refer to Safety Activity Checkpoints, found on the council website, and/or Volunteer Essentials 2015-2016 for activities that require the presence of a first aider. Safety Activity Checkpoints will state the level of first aid certification needed for specific program activities. Physicians, dentists, physician’s assistants, nurse practitioners, registered nurses (RN), licensed practical nurses (LPN), paramedics, military medics, and emergency medical technicians (EMT) may also serve as troop first aiders.

AMERICAN RED CROSS CPR, AED AND FIRST AID BLENDED LEARNING

Blended Learning gives the opportunity to complete CPR, AED and First Aid certification through a combination of online learning and a classroom skills session. Part One: Online learning includes the lecture segments of a regular classroom session and an online version of the test. Once you have successfully completed the online test, print the certificate to present to your instructor at the classroom skills session where you will demonstrate your CPR, AED and First Aid skills. Part Two: The classroom skills session includes video instruction and hands-on practice. This session generally takes two to three hours to complete.

To register, go to www.gssc-mm.org select Online Registration, Adult Learning Registration and select the date of the skills session you would like to attend. Or, you may complete the Adult Learning Registration form, found on the council website, include the course fee and send it to any service center. Include the date of the skills session you would like to attend. When registration and fee are received, you will receive the link and instructions to access the online portion of the course.

How long will it last? 2½ hours

Fee? \$35.00

Minimum/Maximum: 5/15

Saturday, February 6, 2016, 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Columbia Service Center

Thursday, March 3, 2016, 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Greenville Service Center

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Columbia Service Center

Thursday, April 7, 2016, 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Greenville Service Center



AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION HEARTSAVER CPR, AED AND FIRST AID

This class meets the requirements for CPR and First Aid required for troop leaders. The class is taught in either two (2.5 hour) sessions or one five hour session, by an instructor using the Heartsaver training videos. This course includes instruction and a classroom skills demonstration. Upon completion, certification is valid for two years. Child and infant CPR are also included. If you sign up for the two part series, you must attend Session 1 in order to attend Session 2.

To register, go to www.gssc-mm.org. Or, you may complete the Adult Learning Registration form, include the course fee and send it to any service center. Include the dates of the sessions you would like to attend. **If you choose to register online, please register and pay for the first session in your series and mark your calendar to attend both evenings.**

How long will it last? 4-5 hours or 2 sessions: 2.5 hours each

Fee? \$35.00

Minimum/Maximum: 5/15

Tuesdays, February 2 & 9, 2016 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM,
Camp Mary Elizabeth Program Center, Spartanburg

Saturday, April 23, 2016 TBA,
Mountain Magic, Camp WaBak, Marietta

Saturday, March 26, 2016 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM,
Camp Mary Elizabeth Program Center, Spartanburg

Course Schedule (February – June)



Venture Out!

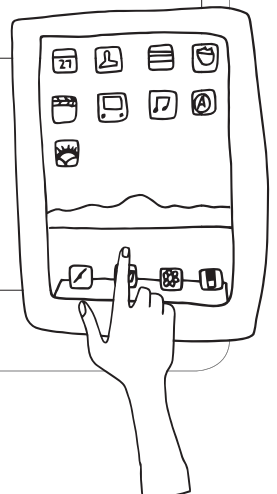
This is a new online adventure that lets volunteers explore different ways of taking girls outside in Girl Scouts. Here, they'll encounter the kind of challenges (and successes) that only the outdoors can bring: bad weather, distracted girls, new discoveries and life-changing events. Along the way, they'll find tips for getting girls outdoors, plus real-life stories and advice from other volunteers. It's interactive, filled with possibility, and learner-led, just like Girl Scouts! Venture Out! is available from Girl Scouts University, and made possible by Elliott Wildlife Values Project.

What will volunteers gain?

- Inspiration and confidence to take more girls outside through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience
- An opportunity to practice making decisions when leading outdoor activities
- Ideas for dealing with common outdoor challenges
- Tips for how to make the outdoor experience more girl-led
- Practical knowledge and real-life stories from other volunteers about getting girls outdoors
- An appreciation that outdoor experiences don't have to be perfect

Who is it for? Everyone! Volunteers working with troops who have little or no experience taking girls outside. Never hiked in their life? Have lots of outdoor skills, but don't know how to share them with girls? Venture Out! has ideas for both these groups... and everyone in between. Troop leaders of older girls may also find it useful.

When is it available? Available 24/7 : gsuniversity.girlscouts.org/resource/venture-out/





Course Schedule (February – June)

SLEEP-IN (INDOORS OVERNIGHT)

This course is required for a troop to spend the night in a self-contained facility (an indoor facility with kitchen and bathroom). Adults will gain skills for working with girls to plan and carry out an overnight, including program and meal planning. A snack is provided.

Minimum? 10 or based on facilitator's discretion

How long will it last? 3 hours

Tuesday, February 23, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Columbia Service Center | \$5.00

Saturday, April 16, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Camp Mary Elizabeth, Spartanburg | \$5.00

Tuesday, March 15, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Columbia Service Center | \$5.00

Saturday, April 23, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Camp WaBak (Mountain Magic), Marietta | \$TBA

Thursday, March 17, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Greenville Service Center | \$5.00

Saturday, May 14, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Camp Mary Elizabeth, Spartanburg | \$5.00

SLEEP-OUT (OUTDOORS OVERNIGHT)

This course teaches adults to work with girls to prepare for troop camping. Sleep-Out is required for troops planning to cook outdoors and/or camp at sites utilizing bunkhouses, platform tents or pitched tents. The course includes group preparation, minimal impact camping, safety, and cooking in the out-of-doors. **Prerequisite?** Sleep-In (Indoors)

Minimum? 10 or based on facilitator's discretion

How long will it last? This course includes an overnight stay

Saturday, Feb 27 – Sunday, Feb 28
9:00 AM Saturday – 11:00 AM Sunday, Camp WaBak
36 Camp WaBak Road, Marietta | \$20.00

Saturday, April 16 – Sunday, April 17
1:30 PM Saturday – 3:00 PM Sunday, Camp Mary Elizabeth,
330 Scout Drive, Spartanburg | \$20.00

Saturday, March 19 – Sunday, March 20
9:00 AM Saturday – 11:00 AM Sunday, Camp Kinard
6053 Two Notch Road, Batesburg-Leesville | \$20.00

Saturday, April 23 – Sunday, April 24
1:30 PM Saturday – 3:00 PM Sunday, Camp WaBak (Mountain
Magic), 36 Camp WaBak Road, Marietta | \$TBA

Saturday, April 9 – Sunday, April 10
9:00 AM Saturday – 11:00 AM Sunday, Camp Wistagoman,
1013 Manse Jolly Road, Anderson | \$20.00

Saturday, May 14 – Sunday, May 15
1:30 PM Saturday – 3:00 PM Sunday, Camp Mary Elizabeth,
330 Scout Drive, Spartanburg | \$20.00

PLANNING TRIPS WEBINAR

Travel whether local, national, or international, is one of the great experiences for girls in Girl Scouting. This webinar will outline the important aspects of planning a Girl Scout trip with your girls, including defining types of trips, safety, transportation, progression, girl-led planning, budgeting and forms. Along with an overview of this information, there will be an opportunity for questions and answers. Register Online, as usual, and you will receive a confirmation with details of how to attend using Go to Meeting and/or participate via conference call. **Prerequisite?** Mountains to Midlands 101 and Girl Scouting 101

How long will it last? 1½ hours

What to Bring? *Volunteer Essentials 2015 – 2016*

Dates & Times: Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2015, for inexperienced Girl Scout Daisy, Brownie and Junior leaders

Thursday, Feb.26, 2015, for semi-experienced Girl Scout Brownie and Junior leaders

Monday, March 23, 2015, for Girl Scout Junior, Cadette and Senior leaders who are ready to learn some new ways to involve girls in planning and taking trips. Will not include information about international travel.

PLANNING TRIPS SELF STUDY

You can also take this course as a self study course, and become acquainted with a number of great resources. This is available on our website, www.gssc-mm.org.

ENCAMPMENT/EVENT PLANNING

This course is designed for volunteers planning a Service Unit overnight encampment or large event. It includes program planning, age-appropriate programming, safety, use of facility's equipment and building space, budgeting, and planning large scale meals.

Cost? FREE

Tuesday, February, 23, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Greenville Service Center

Thursday, April 14, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Spartanburg Service Center

Thursday, March 10, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Columbia Service Center

Wednesday, May 11, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Mauldin Cultural Center, 101 E Butler Road, Mauldin

Course Schedule (February – June)



AGE LEVEL BASICS

Changing level leaders, as well as new leaders will enjoy participating in one of these Age Level Basic sessions. Content will include some orientation to the specific developmental abilities and needs of the grade level, a look at the specific grade-level resources, ceremonies and awards, and how they are designed to foster leadership development and skill building. There will also be a Q & A time to discuss troop decision-making and other questions from the group, as time permits.

Minimum/Maximum: Daisy and Brownie: 5/10; Junior: 3/10 **Cost?** FREE



AGE LEVEL DAISY

Saturday, February 6, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Spartanburg Service Center

Thursday, February 25, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
Greenville Service Center

Tuesday, March 8, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM, First Baptist Church, 847 Cleveland Street, Greenville

Wednesday, March 23, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
Columbia Service Center

Tuesday, May 24, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
Greenville Service Center



AGE LEVEL JUNIOR

Thursday, February 11, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Spartanburg Service Center

Tuesday, March 29, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM, Mauldin Cultural Center, 101 E Butler Road, Mauldin

Tuesday, April 12, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Greenville Service Center

Thursday, May 12, 12:00 PM - 1:30 AM
Columbia Service Center

Thursday, May 26, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
Spartanburg Service Center



AGE LEVEL BROWNIE

Tuesday, February 9, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM, Mauldin Cultural Center, 101 E Butler Road, Mauldin

Saturday, March 5, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Spartanburg Service Center

Thursday, March 24, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Greenville Service Center

Thursday, May 12, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Columbia Service Center

Tuesday, May 31, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
Columbia Service Center





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TROOP COOKIE MANAGER - *DIRECT SALES ONLY

To review the 2016 Girl Scout Cookie Program information prior to participating in the session, go to www.abcsmartcookies.com and www.gssccookies.org (under Resources). *Direct sales starts February 19th. Direct sales and booth sales are when girls have the cookies in-hand to sell directly to customers.

The face-to-face adult learning session is intended for NEW Troop Cookie Managers and Troop Leaders. It will help you be prepared for planning, implementing, and informing your girls and parents on the 2016 Girl Scout Cookie Program. This course will introduce you to the details, dates, benefits, product, recognitions (girl and troop), *Snap+*, the online computer system, paperwork, as well as options you have for your girls to participate in an abbreviated way. You will pick up the cookie materials from your Service Unit Cookie Manager after completion of the session (you must bring your stamped Volunteer Agreement Form to pick up paperwork). Volunteers must have completed their Background Check prior to attending the session. All participants must register to attend the adult learning session.

How long will it last? 2 hours

FOR THOSE WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN DIRECT SALES ONLY (Once the cookies arrive)

Tuesday, February 2, Check-in 5:45 pm
 Training 6:00 – 8:00 pm
 St. Giles Presbyterian Church, Greenville

Wednesday, February 3, Check-in 5:45 pm
 Training 6:00 – 8:00 pm
 Spartanburg Service Center, Spartanburg

Thursday, February 4, Check-in 5:45 pm
 Training 6:00 – 8:00 pm
 Columbia Service Center, Columbia



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ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS FOR CREATING THE GIRL SCOUT experience

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WELCOME FAMILIES TO GIRL SCOUTS OF THE USA	Girl Scouting helps girls become leaders in their daily lives and in the world. Let girls know about all the fun they'll have—and tell families what Girl Scouts does and why it matters.
SHOW GIRLS THEY BELONG TO A BIG SISTERHOOD	Help girls make the connection between their troop and the millions of girls around the country and the world who share a mission to make the world a better place.
GUIDE GIRLS TO DEVELOP AS LEADERS	Use the national leadership curriculum to help girls experience the three keys to leadership—Discovering Self, Connection with Others, and Taking Action—in the world.
EMPOWER GIRLS TO TAKE ACTION IN THEIR COMMUNITIES	Girls want to know they can make a difference in the world. Help girls identify a problem they want to solve, reach out to others who can help, and put together their Take Action project.
SUPPORT GIRLS TO BUILD SKILLS THROUGH PROFICIENCY BADGES	Girls feel proud and confident when they've learned a new skill through earning a badge. Show girls the badges available at their grade level and guide them as they earn the ones that interest them most.
EXPAND GIRLS' VIEWS OF THE WORLD	Give girls the opportunity to go to new places, meet new friends, and talk to experts in various fields. This expands their horizons and helps them imagine all kinds of new possibilities for their futures.
CELEBRATE WITH CEREMONIES AND TRADITIONS	Hold award ceremonies to celebrate what girls have learned; enjoy beloved Girl Scout traditions, such as flag ceremonies, sing-alongs, and campfires; or come together at bridging ceremonies to mark the moment when girls move to the next level in Girl Scouting.
USE A GIRL-FRIENDLY APPROACH	Girls have fun when they can shape their own experiences, do hands-on activities, and work together as teams. Help make this happen by using Girl Scouts' three processes: Girl Led, Learning by Doing, and Cooperative Learning.
ENCOURAGE GIRLS TO EARN AND LEARN THROUGH THE GIRL SCOUT COOKIE PROGRAM	Coach girls to develop five key skills—Goal Setting, Decision Making, Money Management, People Skills, and Business Ethics—by taking part in the largest girl-led business in the world.
INSPIRE GIRLS TO CONTINUE GROWING THROUGH GIRL SCOUTS	Share with girls the exciting opportunities they'll have—to learn new things, meet new friends, and make the world a better place—by staying involved in Girl Scouts.

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.



**We are here to help!
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- Memorial Day // May 28 and May 30
- Fourth of July // July 2 through July 4
- All Staff Development Day // August 1
- Labor Day // September 5