

GIRL SCOUTS

NEWBERRY OPERA HOUSE • SATURDAY, APRIL 26

OPENING NIGHT!

2025 Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony

girlscouts 
of south carolina
mountains to midlands



AGENDA

WelcomeVida Jennings
GSUSA GuestDebbie Hassan
Keynote SpeakerMelanie Huggins
Presentation of Awards
 Years of Service Awards
 Recognition of Committees & Groups
 Recognition of Service Unit & Troop Product Managers
 Kindness Counts Awards
 Volunteer of Excellence
 Appreciation Pin
 Honor Pin
 Thanks Badge
Closing Remarks.....Melanie Huggins



Newberry Opera House cheers on our volunteers!
Show this program in the lobby after the ceremony and receive
ONE FREE BEER during Pork in the Park! (*Valid at the Newberry
Opera House lobby bar only, immediately following the event.*)



DEBBIE HASSAN

GSUSA Guest

Debbie Hassan is an experienced professional and CPA who recently served as both Board Chair of Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania and Chair of the Human Resources Committee. She was also one of two council board chairs to serve on the GSUSA CEO Search Committee in 2021–22. Debbie is a Lifetime Member of GSUSA who earned the First Class (or Gold Award) in the 1970s. Her experiences in Girl Scouting as a young girl and teen directly influenced and empowered her to pursue her academic and career goals.

Debbie spent more than 33 years at the international firm of Deloitte & Touche, LLP, where she specialized in delivering governance and risk services. She started her career in the Pittsburgh office of Deloitte, where she was admitted to the partnership. She and her family then relocated to Philadelphia in 1997, where she served as the Greater Philadelphia marketplace leader for the advisory and enterprise risk services practice of Deloitte & Touche, LLP, and as the local Women's Initiative leader.

Debbie serves or has served on several other nonprofit boards in the Philadelphia area. She was recently named as one of Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania's "2023 Take the Lead—Greater Philadelphia" honorees in recognition of her work in the community. Debbie earned a bachelor's degree in accounting and economics from Grove City College in 1981, graduating cum laude. She recently sold her home in Newtown Square and is splitting her time between Jenkintown and Hilton Head, SC.



MELANIE HUGGINS

Keynote Speaker

Melanie serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Girl Scouts of South Carolina—Mountains to Midlands. With a 30-year career in public libraries, including her previous role as Executive Director of Richland Library in Columbia, SC, Melanie is widely recognized as a transformational leader, having held national leadership roles within the library profession. Her work is driven by a commitment to equity, social justice, and creating inclusive, resilient communities.

A proud South Carolinian, Melanie's professional journey began in children's and youth services, where she developed a deep passion for empowering girls and young women. Her dedication to making a difference extends to Girl Scouts, where she has previously engaged as an adult volunteer for her daughter's troop and was honored as a 2018 Woman of Distinction in the Midlands.

She received the 2018 Stephen G. Morrison Visionary Award from One Columbia for Arts and History and has been included in the *Columbia Business Monthly's* 50 Most Influential People, Hall of Fame. Melanie is a Liberty Fellow, member of the Aspen Global Leadership Network; a member of the Spring 2018 class of Furman University's Riley Diversity Leaders Institute; past Chair of the Together SC Board; past President of the University of South Carolina's University Associates Board; and former City Center Partnership Board Member. She currently serves as a member of the South Carolina Community Loan Fund Board and the Midlands Regional Competitiveness Council.

Melanie has a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of South Carolina and a Bachelor of Fine Arts, Studio Arts, from Winthrop University. She lives in Columbia with her family. She is committed to building opportunities that inspire the next generation of confident, world-changing women in a state she cares about deeply.



YEARS OF SERVICE

5 Years

Tiffany Bobo
Ryan Boone
Sandia Dennis
Emily Durham
Valerie Byrd Fort
Mary Goodwin
Tammy Grey
Heather Hawfield
Nadine Jacobs
Nicole Jennings
Julie Leonard
Alexandra Lundahl

Monica Maxie
Karina McCollam
Toni McKinney
Rani Mullinax
Ellen Nelson
Elizabeth (Libby) Plyler
Uvette Pope-Rogers
Bonnie Schmidt
Sarah Smith
Amber Still
Lysett Thompson
Jessica Felker Wheeler

10 Years

Jen Aaron
Amy Carlile
Heather Colson
Rebecca Cvammen
Urica Floyd
Mary Ann Glenn
Tracey Graham
Dee Kivett
Nicole Miller-English
Jenny Tyler
Christian Wilson

20 Years

Jennie Choice
Tamar Paltrow

25 Years

Margaret Petty
Bridget Ward

30 Years

Paula Freeman

35 Years

Sandy Shaffer

15 Years

Amy Brown
Angelus Hill
Danice Meunier
Jennifer Sweeney
Alynda Williamson

40 Years

Yvette McKenzie

50 Years

Patricia Carter





Congratulations to our incredible Volunteers and Girl Scouts on another successful Girl Scout Cookie Season! You truly are the ensemble cast, stage performers, and behind-the-scenes crew that bring this organization to life.

For the second year in a row, Food Lion Feeds was honored to receive cookies to share within their community—an encore-worthy gesture made possible by your hard work and heart. Bravo!

Susan Schneider

*We know our place in the community.
Right by your side.*

When you support our Girl Scout Cookie Program, you are investing in developing young entrepreneurs, teaching money management skills, and funding Girl Scout experiences. Whether it's a trip she'll never forget, a service project that will change her community forever, or the opportunity to build a lifetime of memories at camp, Girl Scout Cookies help make it happen!

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Highest Awards Ceremony

Celebrate our Highest Awards Girl Scouts on Sunday, May 4, 2025, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Belk Auditorium (Presbyterian College) in Clinton, SC.



Adventure Awaits!

At Girl Scout Summer Camp, all girls have the freedom to explore, build friendships, and gain confidence—with caring counselors to guide them. Register today at gssc-mm.org.



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