

Girl Talk Newsletter

A Message from James: Get Ready for an Incredible Girl Scout Year!



I am excited to share that our 2026 Fall Program Guide will be released this week, and I can't wait for everyone to see what's in store! Our council has been hard at work planning a variety of exciting opportunities, and events are already beginning to populate on the calendar with even more being added in the coming days.

Whether your Girl Scout loves outdoor adventures, STEM, entrepreneurship, the arts, leadership experiences, or trying something completely new, there will be plenty of opportunities to learn, grow, and make unforgettable memories throughout the year.

While you're planning for the year ahead, be sure to mark your calendars for two of our biggest celebrations next year:

- Annual Celebration: April 17, 2027
- Highest Awards Ceremony: May 2, 2027

Most importantly, keep a close eye on our social media channels and [Events Calendar](#). We'll be highlighting new programs, sharing registration information, and showcasing some of the exciting experiences ahead.

We are looking forward to an amazing year of Girl Scouting and can't wait to see girls discover new passions, build confidence, and create lasting friendships. Let the adventure begin!

-James Forde, Director of Programs & Partnerships

Celebrate Our 2026 Boots & Pearls Women of Distinction Honorees



Dr. Marjorie Boaf Appiah



Karen "KP" Parrott



Andrea Johnson



Mary Breeden

Join us on Thursday, October 8, 2026, at Wofford College's Harley Room as we celebrate the recipients of the 2026 Boots & Pearls Karen H. Mitchell Women of Distinction Awards.

This year's honorees are:

- **Dr. Marjorie Boaf Appiah**, Author, Management Consultant; MarjyMarj.com
- **Andrea Johnson**, Founder and Director; Bloom Upstate
- **Karen "KP" Parrott**, CEO and Co-Owner; The Ramsbottom Company
- **Mary Breeden**, Cause Drive Leader; YMCA of Greater Spartanburg (Young Professional Honoree)

Since 2013, Boots & Pearls has honored extraordinary women from Cherokee, Spartanburg, and Union counties whose leadership, service, and commitment to their communities embody the values of courage, confidence, and character that Girl Scouts strives to instill in every girl. Named in honor of longtime volunteer and visionary leader Karen H. Mitchell, the event celebrates women whose impact continues to inspire future generations of leaders.

We hope you'll join us for an evening of recognition, inspiration, and community as we honor these remarkable women and their contributions to the Spartanburg area. Tickets available now!

[TICKETS](#)

Leadership, Service, and Storytelling: Jaelyn Ellis Makes Her Mark in Film



From Daisy to Ambassador, Girl Scout alumna and lifetime member Jaelyn Ellis built a foundation of leadership, creativity, and service through Girl Scouts of South Carolina—Mountains to Midlands. Jaelyn earned her Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards, spent summers at Camp Wabak, and even incorporated filmmaking into her Gold Award project to help connect young people with local history. Today, she's bringing those Girl Scout-honed leadership and storytelling skills to the film industry as she directs her debut short film, *Spoils of Office*, made possible in part through support from the WAVE Grant for first-time women filmmakers of color. We're proud to see Girl Scout alums like Jaelyn turning their dreams into reality and making an impact through their work.

Learn more about *Spoils of Office* and support her project below.

[LEARN MORE](#)

When Women Lead, Communities Thrive: Mayor Elise Partin's TEDx Message



We are proud to celebrate former Girl Scout alum, Women of Distinction honoree, and Cayce Mayor Elise Partin on the TEDx stage!

In her recent TEDx Talk, Mayor Partin shares a powerful message: when more women serve in elected office, communities thrive. Drawing from her experience as one of the region's longest-serving mayors, she highlights the measurable impact women leaders have on public safety, infrastructure, economic development, and community resilience and encourages everyday women to see themselves as capable leaders.

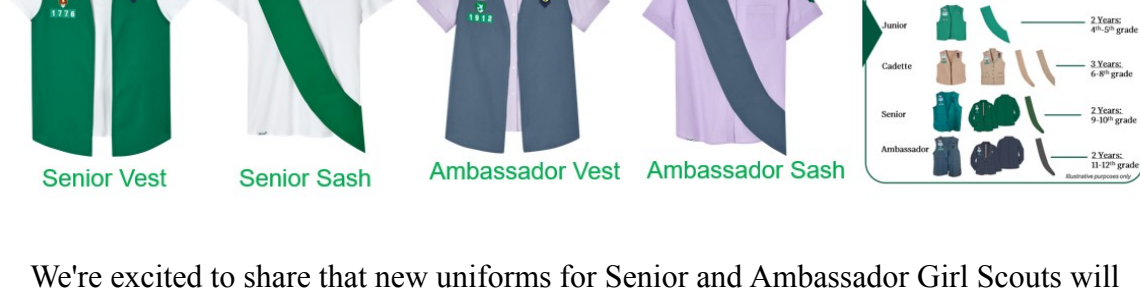
At Girl Scouts of South Carolina—Mountains to Midlands, we believe that when women share their stories and step into leadership, they inspire the next generation of changemakers.

Are you a Girl Scout alum or Women of Distinction Honoree making a difference in your community, profession, or beyond? We want to hear your story! Share your leadership journey with us and help inspire the girls who are following in your footsteps.

Watch Mayor Partin's TEDx Talk at the link below.

[WATCH NOW](#)

New Uniforms for Seniors and Ambassadors Coming Soon!



We're excited to share that new uniforms for Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts will be arriving in late September!

These new uniform options were created by direct requests from the National Girl Scout Advisory Board. Older girls want uniforms that reflect their age and experience and distinguish them from younger program levels. As one Girl Scout said "I don't want to be considered a younger group at first glance. I want to show off that I'm an older Girl Scout."

Senior uniforms are a dark green and are a call back to the iconic 1950 Girl Scout uniform. This uniform is intentionally darker green than the jade Junior uniform.

The Ambassador uniforms are a dark slate and are a transitional color to the adult navy blue. This transitional color represents the final stage in the Girl Scout leadership journey.

Vests and sashes will be arriving in late September. Vests will be \$30 (the same as Cadette vests). Sashes will be pocket sashes and will be \$17.50 (the same as Cadette pocket sashes).

In April 2027, a third uniform option will be arriving for Seniors and Ambassadors. Knit blazers will offer versatility for ceremonies and professional settings. Pricing will be announced when they become available.

These new uniforms are more than a wardrobe update. It's an investment in identity, engagement, and pride for our most experienced Girl Scouts. They are a recognition of Senior and Ambassador accomplishments and all they have gained from Girl Scouts.

Our retail team will have a table at Volunteer Kick-Off this Saturday and will be available to answer any questions about these new uniforms.

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