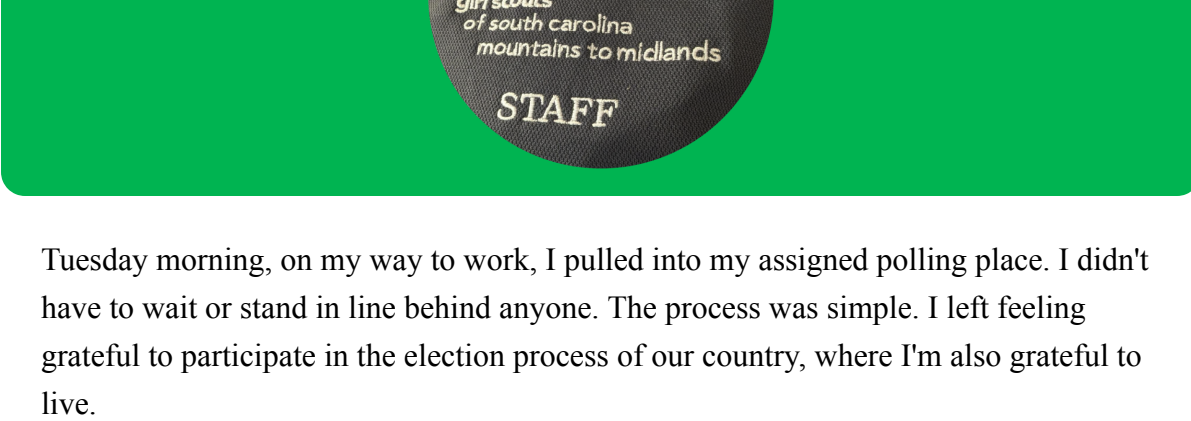


## Girl Talk Newsletter

### From our Chief Program Officer, Chris Bullard



Tuesday morning, on my way to work, I pulled into my assigned polling place. I didn't have to wait or stand in line behind anyone. The process was simple. I left feeling grateful to participate in the election process of our country, where I'm also grateful to live.

Sitting in my car after voting, I also felt disappointed. Why? I didn't see any young adults. Or kids. Where were the young people on such an important day? Primary elections are when voters decide a party's candidate for the upcoming general election. I'm a numbers guy and got curious about South Carolina voting data, which can be found on the [South Carolina Election Commission website](#). Here are some highlights:

- There are approximately 2 million voting age women in South Carolina, and (as of 2024) 1.87M of them are registered to vote.
- Only 138K of women registered to vote are age 18-24. That's 7.4% of total registered female voters.
- Census data is gathered in different age brackets, and there are approximately 162K women age 20-24 in SC. That's at least 25K women who could be eligible but aren't registered.
- In 2022 only 12.5K women in SC under the age of 25 voted in the Primary Election: **9% of registered voters in that age bracket**. Fifty percent of registered voters in that age bracket participated in the 2022 general election.

*Nine percent.* The rest of my drive to work I could only think about how we get more young people engaged in such an important part of the democratic process, and for young women, the Girl Scout program offers ample opportunity for civic education and engagement that can help raise that number.

- Check out the [Civics](#) and [Democracy](#) badges for Daisies through Ambassadors.
- [Partner with your local League of Women Voters to Promote the Vote](#).
- Turn a girl's passion into action with [Community Advocacy awards](#) (for Girl Scout Juniors and up).
- [Discuss Civic Education](#).

So, what can you do? Whether you're a troop leader or a caregiver of a Girl Scout, ask girls about issues that are important to them. As a parent, talk with your girl about issues that are important to your family. Anyone can use [Vote411.org](#), powered by the League of Women Voters, as a one-stop-shop for tools and information to make your voice heard. Finally, Girl Scouts love taking action, so be an example of engaged citizenship by taking your kids with you to vote. Minor children (under the age of 18) of any voter may accompany the voter in the voting booth (other SC Voting FAQs available at [SCVotes.gov](#)). Election years are the time to make these programs hands on, and you can use these great tools to bring civics to life.

### Election Guidance from GSUSA



As we approach election season, we want to ensure all Girl Scout volunteers feel confident navigating this time. We're attaching helpful guidance from Girl Scouts of the USA to clarify what's allowed for us as a nonpartisan 501(c)(3) organization. In short, we can support civic engagement in nonpartisan ways—like voter education, "get out the vote" efforts, and teaching girls about the importance of participating in elections. At the same time, we cannot endorse candidates, participate in campaigns, or use Girl Scout resources for any political activity when representing ourselves as a Girl Scout. This guidance helps us stay true to our mission while modeling respectful, informed civic participation for girls. Thank you for helping us keep Girl Scouts a welcoming, nonpartisan space for all.

You can view the GSUSA quick reference guide below!

[LEARN MORE](#)

### Help Us Recognize Remarkable Women in the Upstate



Do you know a woman in Spartanburg, Cherokee, or Union County who leads with courage, inspires others through her actions, and makes a lasting difference in her community? We invite you to submit a nomination for our 2026 Boots & Pearls ceremony before nominations close on June 15.

Each year, our Boots & Pearls ceremony honors outstanding leaders whose commitment, service, and influence are shaping the future of the Upstate. As a volunteer, your perspective is invaluable! We encourage you to nominate someone directly or share this opportunity within your personal or professional network. Together, we can ensure these amazing women receive the recognition they deserve.

- [Community Honoree Nomination](#): A woman making a meaningful impact through leadership and service in the Upstate.
- [Young Professional Honoree Nomination](#): A former Girl Scout who is now excelling professionally and continuing to lead with purpose and confidence.

Thank you for helping us celebrate leadership, service, and impact in our community.

### Bring Your Skills to Camp WaBak and Be Part of the Adventure!



Are you a medical professional looking for a meaningful and fun summer camp experience? Consider volunteering as an onsite medical professional at Camp WaBak! This opportunity is open to those connected to a camper as well as community members and volunteers who simply want to make a difference.

In appreciation of your time and expertise, you'll receive a free week of camp for your girl, if applicable. We currently have availability across multiple sessions this summer.

If you're interested in supporting an incredible camp experience while giving back, please reach out to [customercare@gssc-mm.org](mailto:customercare@gssc-mm.org). We'd love to connect with you and share more details!

### Save the Date: Volunteer Kick-Off



Make sure you mark your calendars for Volunteer Kick-Off on Saturday, August 8, at Piedmont Technical College (663 Medical Ridge Road, Clinton, SC)! All volunteers and prospective volunteers are invited!

### End of Year Troop Financials



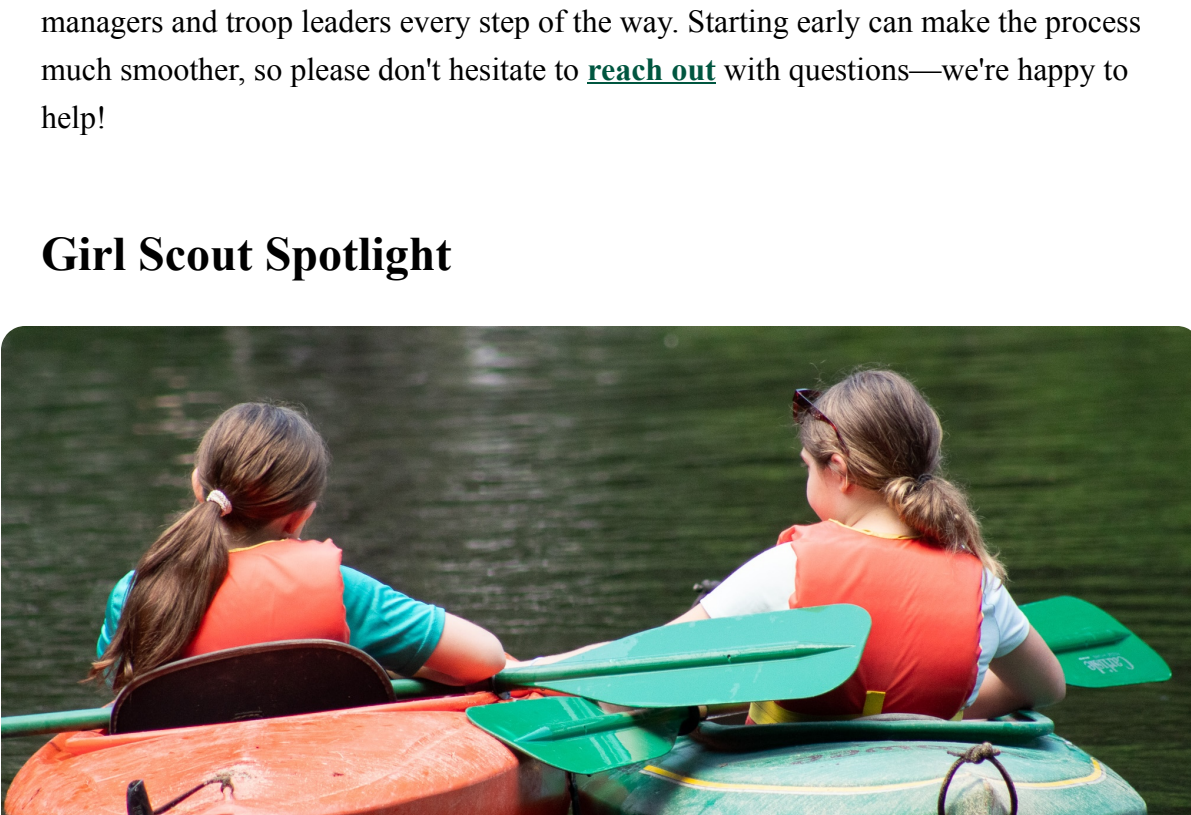
Each membership year, all Girl Scout troops are required to submit a Troop Finance Report, which is a snapshot summary of the money received and spent over the last year.

Completing this report helps ensure transparency, good stewardship of troop funds, and keeps troops in compliance with council and Girl Scout requirements. It also makes planning for next year much easier!

We encourage troops to begin working on their financial reports now. All submissions are due by June 30, 2026.

Your community development managers are here to help and can support service unit managers and troop leaders every step of the way. Starting early can make the process much smoother, so please don't hesitate to [reach out](#) with questions—we're happy to help!

### Girl Scout Spotlight



What's your Girl Scout up to this summer? Is your troop going on a trip to Savannah or somewhere else? Did any of your Girl Scout Ambassadors graduate high school? We want to know! Share a pic of your Girl Scout, troop, or service unit, and let us know what's going on.

[SHARE WITH US!](#)

[Girlz Gear Shop](#)

Complete an order request [here](#).

[Learn more about our Girlz Gear Shops here.](#)

Our [Girlz Gear shops](#) are open 24/7 online.

[%&#x2013;ContentBlockbyID\('913094'\)=%&#x2013;](#)

Have a question or need assistance?  
[Contact us](#) for more information.

[%&#x2013;ContentBlockbyID\('1208106'\)=%&#x2013;](#)