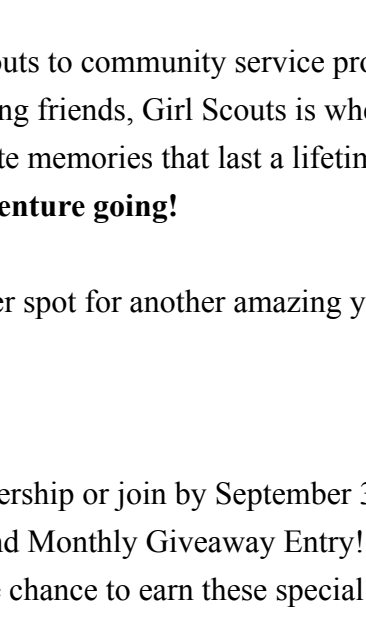


Girl Talk Newsletter

A Message from Christa, Director of Membership & Outreach



The countdown is on! There are only a few hours left to renew your Girl Scout's membership before September 30, and we don't want her to miss out on another year of fun, friendship, and unforgettable adventures!

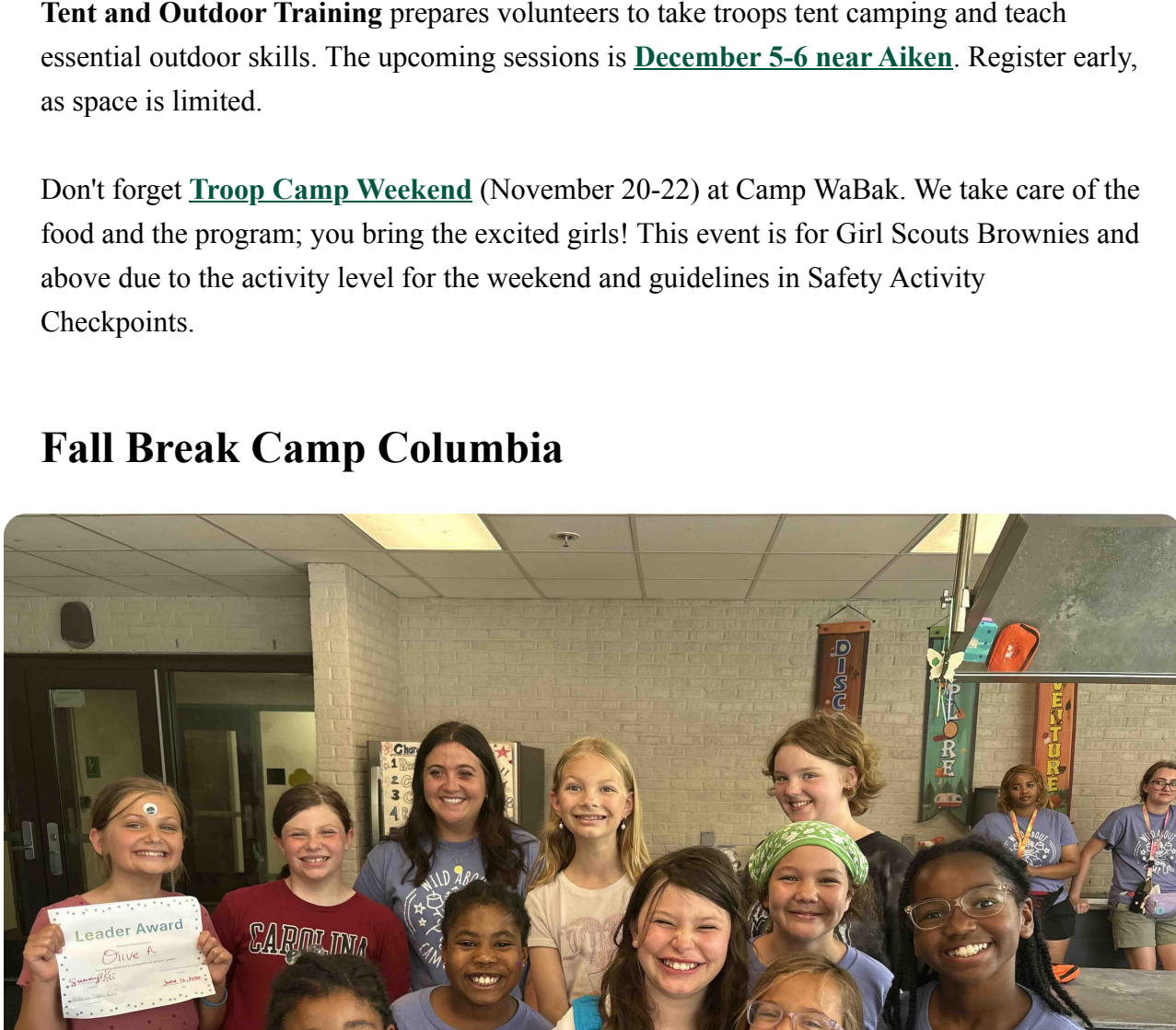
From troop meetings and campouts to community service projects, badge-earning opportunities, and making lifelong friends, Girl Scouts is where girls grow in confidence, discover new passions, and create memories that last a lifetime. **Renew by tonight, September 30, to keep the adventure going!**

Girl Incentives

All girls who renew their membership or join by September 30, 2026, will receive a: Membership Year 2027 Patch and Monthly Giveaway Entry! Be sure to renew before the deadline, so she doesn't miss the chance to earn these special rewards.

Let's make this year the best one yet! Thank you for being part of the Girl Scout family. We can't wait to see all the incredible things your Girl Scout will accomplish this year. **Renew today** by using this link to log in to your myGS account. If you have any questions or need assistance with renewing, please reach out to customercare@gssc-mm.org.

Adult Outdoor Opportunities around our Council



Whether you watch the leaves change into red and gold or spend your Saturday watching different fields of garnet or orange, there's something for everyone, especially if you want to get outside with other Girl Scout adults!

Registration is now open for [Mountain Magic](#) (November 6-8 at Camp WaBak), our annual volunteer-led retreat. This year's theme, *Camp Strong: Raising Strong Girls*, features sessions on outdoor skills, self-defense, crafts, troop leadership, highest awards updates, and more. Optional certifications include CPR/First Aid, USA Archery Level 1 and 2, and our new Campfire Training. The \$65 fee includes food and lodging. Contact Anna at aruggiero@gssc-mm.org with questions.

We're also introducing two outdoor training opportunities:

[Campfire Training](#) (December 5) teaches volunteers how to safely build, manage, and extinguish campfires, including outdoor cooking and fire safety. Until the end of 2026, this course will also count for our previous cabin camping training, which will be available on-demand in 2027.

Tent and Outdoor Training prepares volunteers to take troops tent camping and teach essential outdoor skills. The upcoming sessions is [December 5-6 near Aiken](#). Register early, as space is limited.

Don't forget [Troop Camp Weekend](#) (November 20-22) at Camp WaBak. We take care of the food and the program; you bring the excited girls! This event is for Girl Scouts Brownies and above due to the activity level for the weekend and guidelines in Safety Activity Checkpoints.

Fall Break Camp Columbia



Looking for a fun way to spend fall break? Join us at Camp Cathy for three days of camp adventures, creativity, and friendship during **Fall Break Camp**, November 23-25.

Open to Girl Scout Daisies through Juniors and their friends, this daytime camp features games, art, STEM activities, cooking, and other classic camp experiences. With support from our trained Program Aides (PAs) and Counselors-in-Training (CITs), girls will build confidence, learn new skills, and make lasting memories before Thanksgiving festivities begin.

Camp Details

- November 23-25, 2026
- Open to Girl Scout Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, and friends
- PA and CIT opportunities available for previously trained participants
- Check-in: 8:00-8:45 a.m. | Check-out: 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- Day camp only (not overnight)

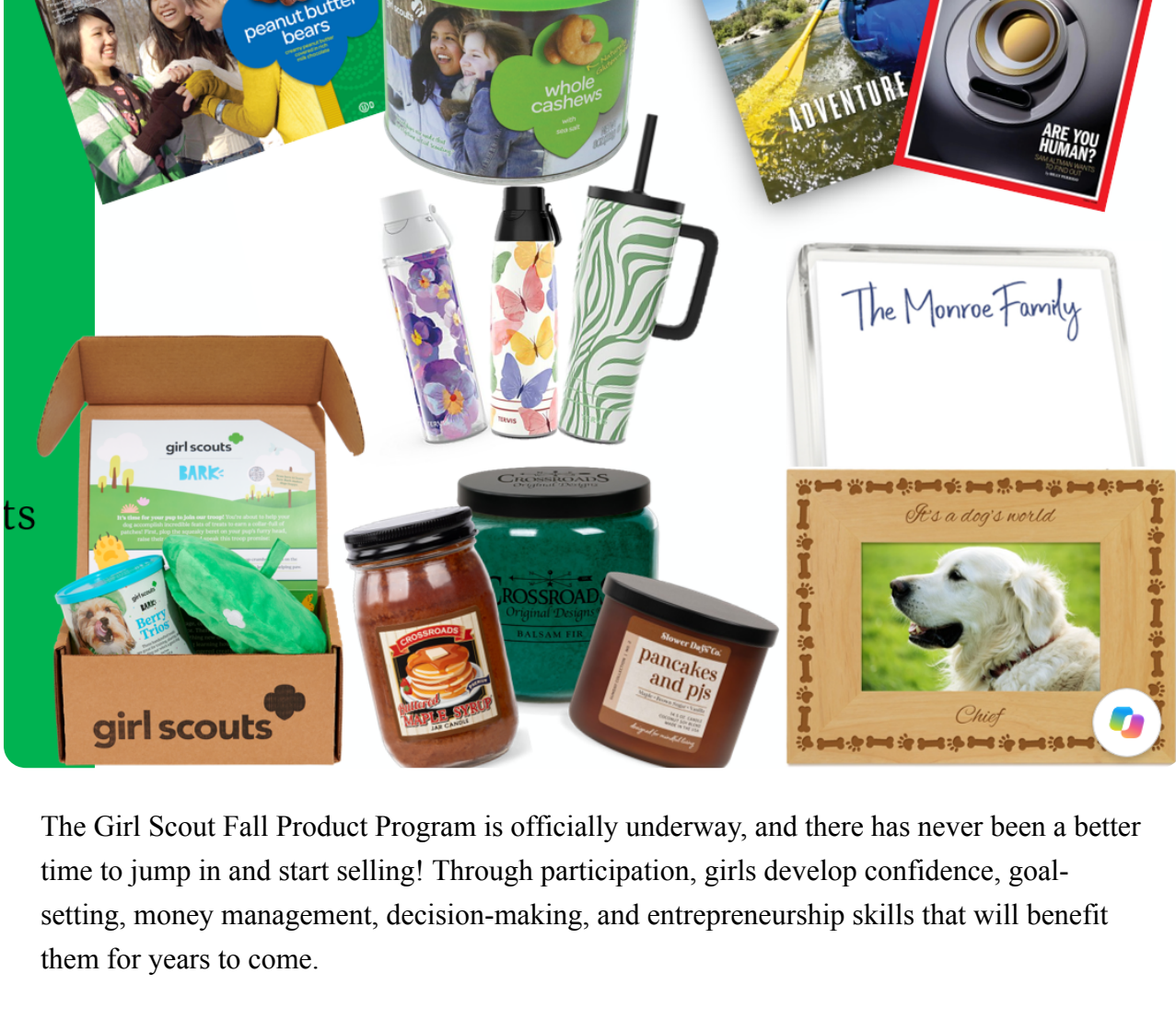
Parents, caregivers, and troop leaders are also welcome to volunteer and enjoy the camp experience alongside their Girl Scout.

Space is limited, so register early! Separate registration links are available for campers and PA/CIT participants.

[CAMP REGISTRATION](#)

[PA/CIT REGISTRATION](#)

Girlz Gear Hours Updates



Both Girlz Gear Shops will be open Saturday, October 24, from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Columbia UPDATE:

Starting October 5, the new store hours for Columbia are as follows:

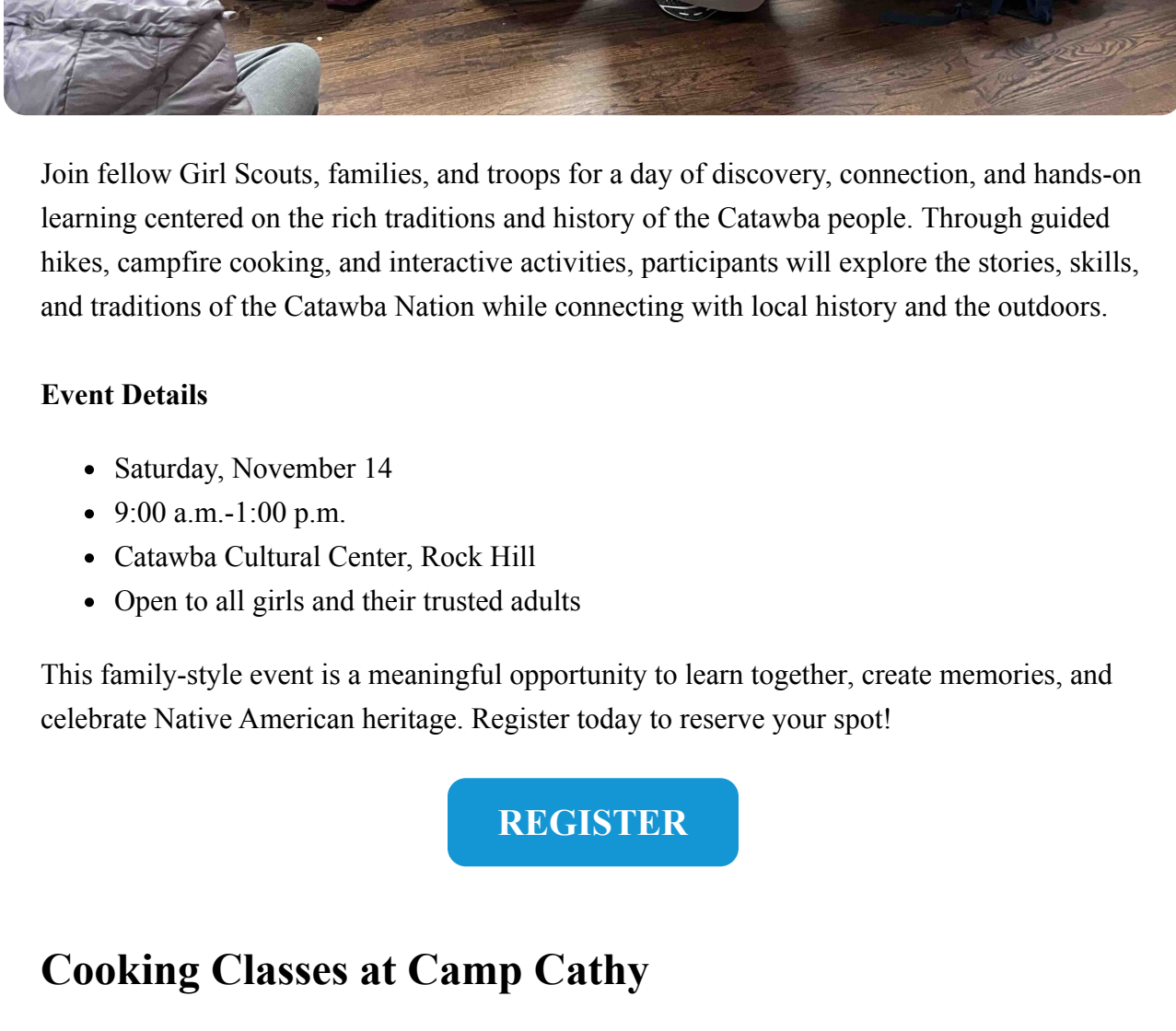
- Closed Monday and Tuesday
- Wednesday and Thursday 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- Friday 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Greenville UPDATE:

Although the store is still closed for regular shopping, you do not have make an appointment for your pre-purchased pick-up. The shop will be open for pick-ups ONLY on:

- Wednesday and Thursday 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- Friday 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Volunteer Call: Explore What's Next for Girl Scouts

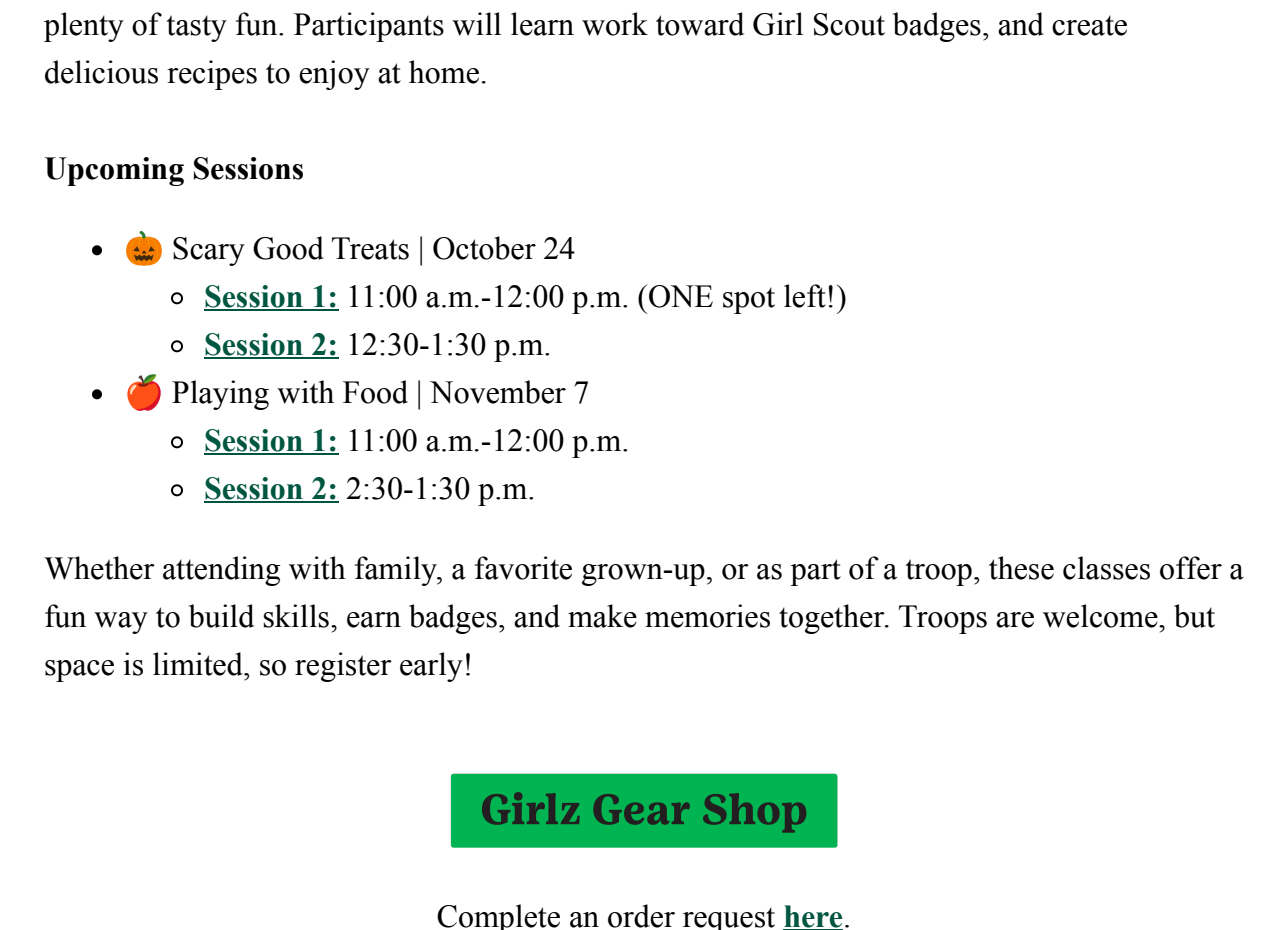


Join GSUSA for a special volunteer webinar to learn more about the future of the Girl Scout program experience. They'll share the why behind our program modernization efforts, how feedback from Girl Scouts, families, and volunteers is helping shape the next chapter of our Movement, and what volunteers can expect in the years ahead. They'll also provide a brief demonstration of the new Girl Scout Program Library, designed to make it easier than ever to discover badges, awards, patches, and activities for Girl Scouts of all ages. GSUSA shared this information with attendees at the 2026 Girl Scouts Unite National Convention and look forward to bringing the conversation to our amazing volunteers. This session will include updates on what's coming next and an opportunity to ask questions. We are offering two opportunities to participate in the webinar:

- [Tuesday, October 27, from 8:00-9:00 p.m. ET](#)
- [Saturday, November 7, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. ET](#)

To help accommodate as many participants as possible, please register for only one session. Space is limited. If you are unable to attend, the webinar will be recorded and made available for viewing at a later date.

Fall Product Season is here!



The Girl Scout Fall Product Program is officially underway, and there has never been a better time to jump in and start selling! Through participation, girls develop confidence, goal-setting, money management, decision-making, and entrepreneurship skills that will benefit them for years to come.

Sharing an online storefront makes it easy to reach family, friends, and supporters near and far. Customers can shop a variety of products, including nuts, chocolates, magazines, candles, personalized gifts, the extremely popular BarkBox items and more.

And let's not forget about the rewards! Girls can also earn exciting rewards, including patches, virtual achievements, and special incentives that connect to the Girl Scout Cookie program.

Every sale helps girls grow, reach their goals, and strengthen Girl Scouting in our council. Set your goals, share your storefront, and make this Fall Product season your best yet! Ready to get started? Sign up today and launch your online storefront!

[REGISTER](#)

Native American Heritage Day at the Catawba Cultural Center

Join fellow Girl Scouts, families, and troops for a day of discovery, connection, and hands-on learning centered on the rich traditions and history of the Catawba people. Through guided hikes, campfire cooking, and interactive activities, participants will explore the stories, skills, and traditions of the Catawba Nation while connecting with local history and the outdoors.

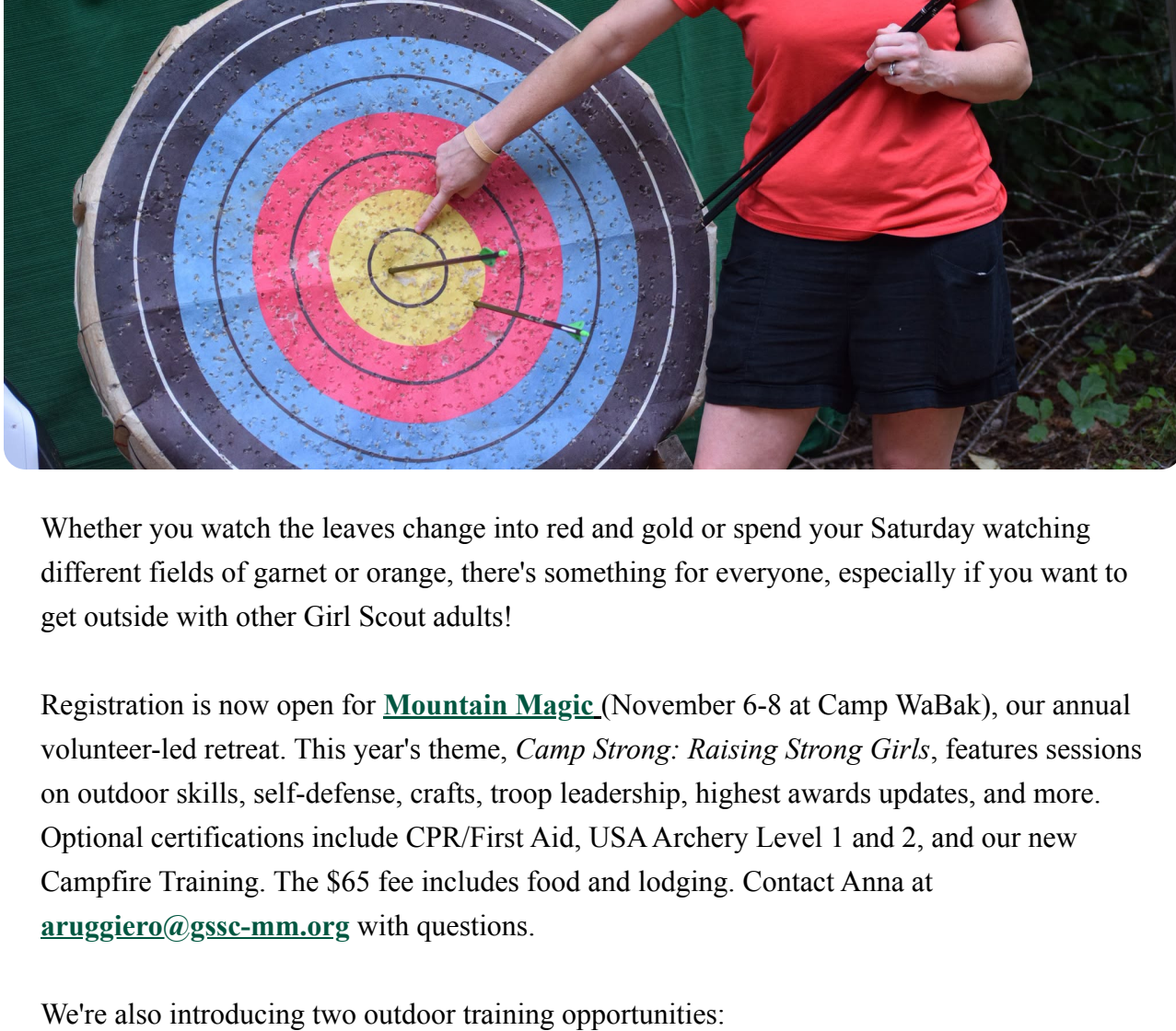
Event Details

- Saturday, November 14
- 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Catawba Cultural Center, Rock Hill
- Open to all girls and their trusted adults

This family-style event is a meaningful opportunity to learn together, create memories, and celebrate Native American heritage. Register today to reserve your spot!

[REGISTER](#)

Cooking Classes at Camp Cathy



Looking for a fun way to spend time together this fall? Join us at Camp Cathy in Columbia for hands-on cooking classes designed for girls in 2nd-5th grade and their trusted adult. From festive fall treats to creative food adventures, every class combines learning, teamwork, and plenty of tasty fun. Participants will learn work toward Girl Scout badges, and create delicious recipes to enjoy at home.

Upcoming Sessions

- 🍁 Scary Good Treats | October 24
 - [Session 1](#): 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (ONE spot left!)
 - [Session 2](#): 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- 🍎 Playing with Food | November 7
 - [Session 1](#): 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
 - [Session 2](#): 2:30-1:30 p.m.

Whether attending with family, a favorite grown-up, or as part of a troop, these classes offer a fun way to build skills, earn badges, and make memories together. Troops are welcome, but space is limited, so register early!

[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.

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