



Volunteer Appreciation Month gives us the opportunity to pause and reflect on the incredible impact volunteers make across Girl Scouts of South Carolina–Mountains to Midlands every single day. Across all 22 counties, volunteers are creating opportunities for girls to discover their strengths, try something new, and grow into confident leaders. From first meetings and badge work to field trips, camp experiences, and moments of quiet encouragement, the time and care you give shape experiences girls carry with them far beyond Girl Scouts.

From a membership perspective, volunteers are truly at the heart of everything we do. You welcome new girls, guide returning ones, and help families feel connected and supported. Those meaningful moments of connection are what transform a registration into a lasting Girl Scout experience. Membership growth, confidence-building experiences, and strong communities do not happen by accident. They happen because volunteers say yes, show up, and care deeply about creating spaces where girls can thrive.

Whether your role is behind the scenes or front and center, your leadership, patience, and commitment ripple through troops, service units, and communities across our council. As we celebrate Volunteer Appreciation Month, we want you to know how deeply your efforts matter. We are grateful for the care, creativity, and consistency you bring to Girl Scouts, and we are proud to serve alongside you.

With gratitude and appreciation,
GSSC-MM Membership Team

Turning Volunteer Feedback Into Action



Following the review of our Volunteer Feedback initiative, we are pleased to share the council is now entering the next phase of this work, focused on action and improvement.

To guide this process, we are partnering with a long-time Girl Scout staff member who has supported membership and volunteer systems across multiple councils. She is reviewing both the feedback we received and our current training structure, and she will provide a proposal on how we can better support volunteers at every stage of their journey.

Based on early themes in the feedback, several priority areas have already been identified, including:

- Creating a clear volunteer checklist that outlines what is needed and when, based on the season a leader joins Girl Scouts
- Developing a consolidated digital resource guide so leaders know where to find information quickly and easily
- Clarifying council and service unit touchpoints for leaders, including who communicates and at what stage
- Exploring a troop leader mentor program to strengthen peer-to-peer support

This work is an important step toward creating a more consistent, welcoming, and supportive experience for our volunteers. We are grateful to everyone who provided their feedback and look forward to sharing updates while we work to enhance how we support our volunteers.

Summertime Fun and a Discount for Camp WaBak Volunteers



If spending a week at Camp WaBak this summer sounds like your idea of a good time, we have an opportunity for you! Every week, we're looking for three adult volunteers: two kitchen aides and one health care superhero! Health care superheroes must be licensed (MD, RN, LPN) and 21 years of age or older.

Become a part of the camp community for a week and receive 50% camp tuition for one camper as a kitchen aide, and 100% tuition for one camper as a health care superhero. These positions fill on a first come, first served basis.

Please reach out to Camp WaBak Director Anna "Cougar" Ruggiero at aruggiero@gssc-mm.org for information and availability.

Hike, Play & Explore—Community Day Is Almost Here!



Get ready for a day of fun at Camp WaBak Community Day on April 25! Enjoy a lively lineup of vendors and partners including a food truck, DJ, bounce house, face painter, boba tea, and special guests like the Greenville Swamp Rabbits and the Greenville County Library, plus even more to explore. Whether you come to hike the newly re-opened Observation Deck Trail, canoe, create art, play, or just soak in the camp vibes, it's a perfect day for the whole family. Sign up now if you haven't yet and join us for a day of community, adventure, and fun!

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Midlands Gives is here!



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Early giving is now open for Midlands Gives ahead of the main event on May 5, and we'd love your support.

We are incredibly thankful for the time, passion, and dedication you give as volunteers and caregivers, it makes a lasting difference in the lives of your girls. Financial support is another powerful way to invest in the mission we share. While we actively pursue grants and other funding opportunities, we offer that Midlands Gives help extend our reach, strengthen what we donate, and allow us to say “yes” to more opportunities that benefit our programs and community.

If you're able, please consider making a gift or helping spread the word. Your support—both time and resources—helps ensure we continue to grow, thrive, and make an even greater impact. Thank you for all that you do!

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Help Pick Camp WaBak's Cabin Unit Name!



Thank you to everyone who shared thoughtful name ideas as part of our effort to create welcoming and inclusive spaces for all campers. After careful review, a committee has selected finalist names that reflect the spirit of adventure, exploration, and travel found in our other cabin themes. Renaming this cabin unit is an important step in ensuring our camp environment reflects the respect and inclusiveness we value; and now, we invite you to help choose the final name.

Cast Your Vote! This is the final round; your vote will help determine the new name that will carry Camp WaBak's legacy forward for generations of campers. Voting is open now and will close April 30. The new cabin unit name will be announced in May. Click the button below to vote and help us choose our new name!

[VOTE](#)

End of Troop Year Shop Hours



In honor of the end of the troop year and bridging season, Girlz Gear Shops will be extending their hours from April 20 through May 22!

In addition to our regular hours (Tuesday through Thursday, 12:00–5:00 p.m.), we're excited to offer extra shopping time:

- Thursdays: Open one hour later (until 6:00 p.m.)
- Fridays: Open from 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
- And don't forget Girlz Gear Saturday! On Saturday, May 9, the Girlz Gear Shops will be open from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you as you prepare for bridging and celebrating the end of a fantastic troop year!

[Girlz Gear Shop](#)

Girlz Gear Hours
Girlz Gear Hours are changing! Learn more [here](#).

Orders for Camp Mary Elizabeth in Spartanburg are delivered once a week from the Greenville Service Center on an as-needed basis.

Complete an order request for CME delivery [here](#).
[Learn more here](#).

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



Have a question? Don't be shy!
[Contact us](#) for more information.

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