

Honoring your impact: A welcome from Christa Maier



Hello everyone! I'm Christa Maier, Director of Membership & Outreach, and it has been such a joy getting to know our volunteers during my first few months here. Every conversation—whether quick or in depth—has reminded me how much passion, creativity, and care each of you brings to the Girl Scout experience. I'm looking forward to continuing to meet more of you, learning from your stories, and working to ensure you always feel supported, valued, and inspired in your roles.

I'm also incredibly excited for our Annual Celebration on April 18 at The Hall at Dupre's in Columbia. It's a special moment each year for us to come together, reflect on the impact volunteers make across our council, and lift up those whose dedication has shined in big and small ways. Nominations for awards and years of service recognition are now open, and I hope you'll help us honor the amazing individuals who make Girl Scouts possible every day!

Save the Date: ODT Trail Reopening & Family Fun Day at Camp WaBak!



Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 25, as we celebrate the grand reopening of the ODT trail at Camp WaBak! Be among the very first to hike the revitalized trail and pick up a special commemorative patch just for joining the adventure. Festivities begin at 10:30 a.m. with a trail reopening ribbon cutting at 11:00 a.m., followed by family fun activities including archery, scavenger hunts, music, summer camp open house tours, and of course, plenty of outdoor magic. Visit our food vendor or pack a picnic lunch and spend your afternoon with us!

More exciting details are coming soon—stay tuned!

Annual Celebration April 18: Where Impact Meets Appreciation



Come celebrate with us at our Annual Celebration on April 18, now reimagined as one connected event! While we previously announced separate registrations for the Annual Business Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation, we've merged them into a single, streamlined celebration, making it easier for volunteers to register once, attend both, and enjoy a more compact program. Together, we'll reflect on a year of impact, share exciting plans for what's ahead, and honor the incredible volunteers who make it all possible.

Annual Celebration Events (all held at The Hall at Dupre's across from the leadership center)

- Check-In: 9:45-10:30 a.m.
- Brunch Buffet Opens: 10:30 a.m.
- Program & Celebration Begin: 11:00 a.m.
- Program Ends: 1:00 p.m.

Girlz Gear Shop (located at the Cathy Novinger Girl Scout Leadership Center) will be open 9:30-10:45 a.m. and 12:45-2:00 p.m.

Attire: Dress blue uniform encouraged, but not required.

Links for Volunteer Awards & Years of Service:

- Nominations are now open and due by March 16, 2026. [View list of awards.](#)
- [Nominate an outstanding volunteer](#)
- [Report years of service](#) to receive a pin.
- Let us know you'll be attending by clicking the button below.

REGISTER

Summer Camp Jobs are Open!



If you are—or know—a Girl Scout alum who would make an amazing summer camp role model, we want them on our team! Our camp jobs offer weekly pay, leadership training, unforgettable outdoor fun, and the chance to mentor girls in a truly meaningful way. Encourage them to apply today using the button below; and don't forget to share the link with someone who'd thrive in the magic of Girl Scout camp!

APPLY

Grow Her Confidence This Summer Through Our Camp Leadership Programs



If your girl is ready to strengthen her confidence, independence, and leadership skills, our PA and CIT programs at Camp Cathy and Camp WaBak offer an incredible pathway to grow.

At Camp Cathy, girls in grades 7-12 can begin their leadership journey through Program Aide (PA) and Counselor-in-Training (CIT) training weeks, mornings focused on leading activities and working with younger campers, afternoons full of classic camp fun, and a special PA/CIT hour each day that deepens friendships and builds leadership "superpowers." After completing their week of training, participants can step into real leadership internships, becoming an essential part of the camp community.

At Camp WaBak, the two-week Counselor-in-Training program gives girls the chance to learn, lead, and shine. During week one, CITs master strategies for mentoring younger campers; during week two, they step into meaningful leadership roles alongside our staff by helping run activities, cheering on campers, and truly becoming the heartbeat of camp.

Both camps give girls the chance not just to participate, but to lead, grow, and discover what they're capable of. Pick your camp location and training weeks by registering through the summer camp page.

LEARN MORE

STEM Expo 2026: Where Curiosity Comes to Life!



Join us on Saturday, May 16, for STEM Expo 2026, the biggest Girl Scout STEM celebration of the year! This immersive, hands-on event at The River Center at Saluda Shoals in Columbia invites Girl Scouts and our community of all ages to explore the world of science, technology, engineering, and math through interactive activities, workshops, and one-on-one connections with real STEM professionals.

Girls will rotate through classroom-style sessions led by our incredible community program partners—giving them the chance to build, code, experiment, create, and investigate through meaningful, guided activities. The fun continues in our lively Expo Hall, where girls can meet STEM organizations, explore demonstrations, try open-ended challenges, and discover all the exciting paths STEM can lead them toward.

The excitement continues in our vibrant Expo Hall, where girls can:

- Meet STEM organizations and local professionals
- Explore live demonstrations
- Try open-ended challenges
- Ask questions and imagine their future paths

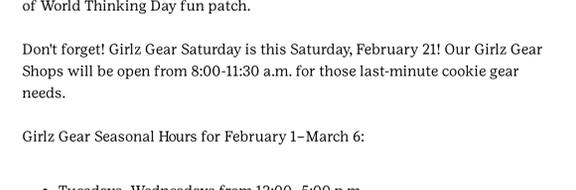
There's nothing more powerful than a girl meeting someone who says, "I work in this field, and you can too."

Families and troops can spend the rest of their day exploring Saluda Shoals—it's a whole day adventure! Troops are highly encouraged to attend together to make the most of the experience.

Get ready for a day filled with curiosity, creativity, and hands-on exploration—STEM has never been this fun!

REGISTER

100 Years of World Thinking Day



Global sisterhood widens your point of view, makes you more empathetic to the world around you, and builds your understanding when you realize how much of a bigger world there is and your role in it.

World Thinking Day is a Girl Scout day of international friendship celebrated every February 22. Each year, the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts selects an international theme for the year and Girl Scouts and Girl Guides all around the world learn about each other through the lens of that theme. This year's theme is "Celebrating 100 Years of World Thinking Day".

February 22 was chosen to celebrate the joint birthdays of Lord Robert Baden-Powell, founder of Boy Scouts, and Lady Olave Baden-Powell, the first Chief Guide for Britain. 100 years later we are continuing the celebration by learning about and honoring our sister Girl Scouts and Guides. [Learn more about this year's World Thinking Day here](#), and stop by your local Girlz Gear Shop or shop online to pick up your World Thinking Day badge and your 100th anniversary of World Thinking Day fun patch.

Don't forget! Girlz Gear Saturday is this Saturday, February 21! Our Girlz Gear Shops will be open from 8:00-11:30 a.m. for those last-minute cookie gear needs.

Girlz Gear Seasonal Hours for February 1-March 6:

- Tuesdays-Wednesdays from 12:00-5:00 p.m.
- Thursdays from 12:00-6:00 p.m.
- Fridays from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- and Girlz Gear Saturday on February 21 from 8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m

Girlz Gear Shop

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

For February 1-March 6, the Cathy Novinger Girl Scout Leadership Center and Greenville Service Center Girlz Gear Shops are open Tuesdays-Wednesdays from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Thursdays from 12:00-6:00 p.m.; and Fridays from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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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