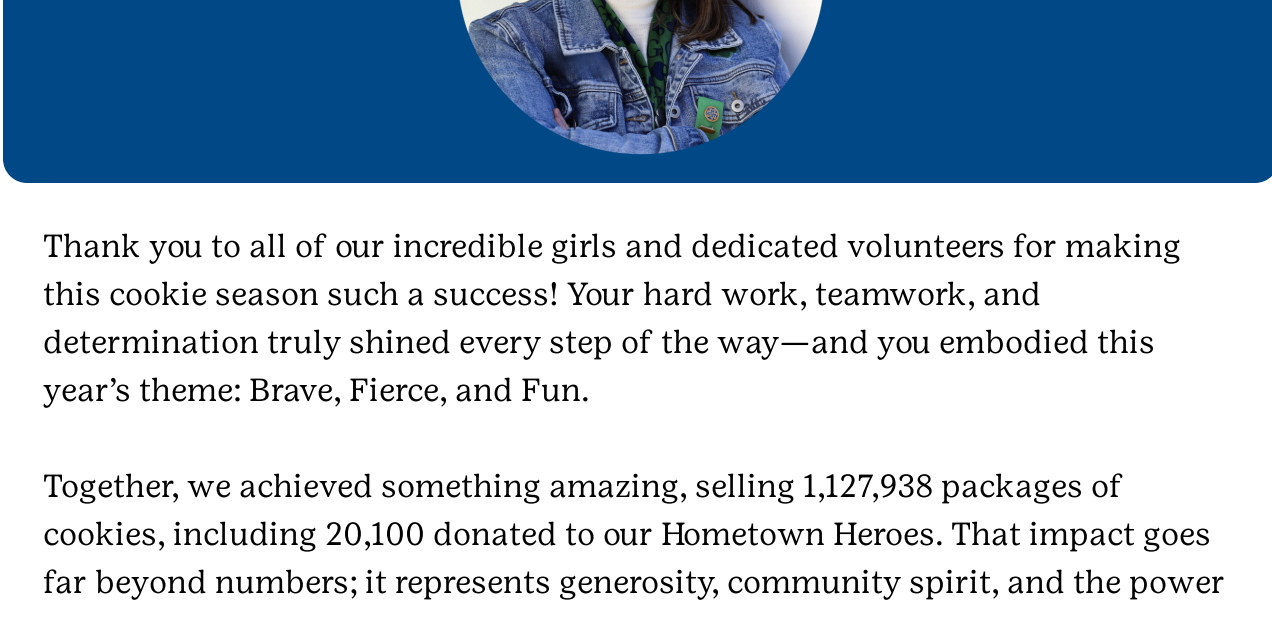


## It's About The Journey

### Brave, Fierce, and Fun: One Sweet Season to Remember



Thank you to all of our incredible girls and dedicated volunteers for making this cookie season such a success! Your hard work, teamwork, and determination truly shined every step of the way—and you embodied this year's theme: Brave, Fierce, and Fun.

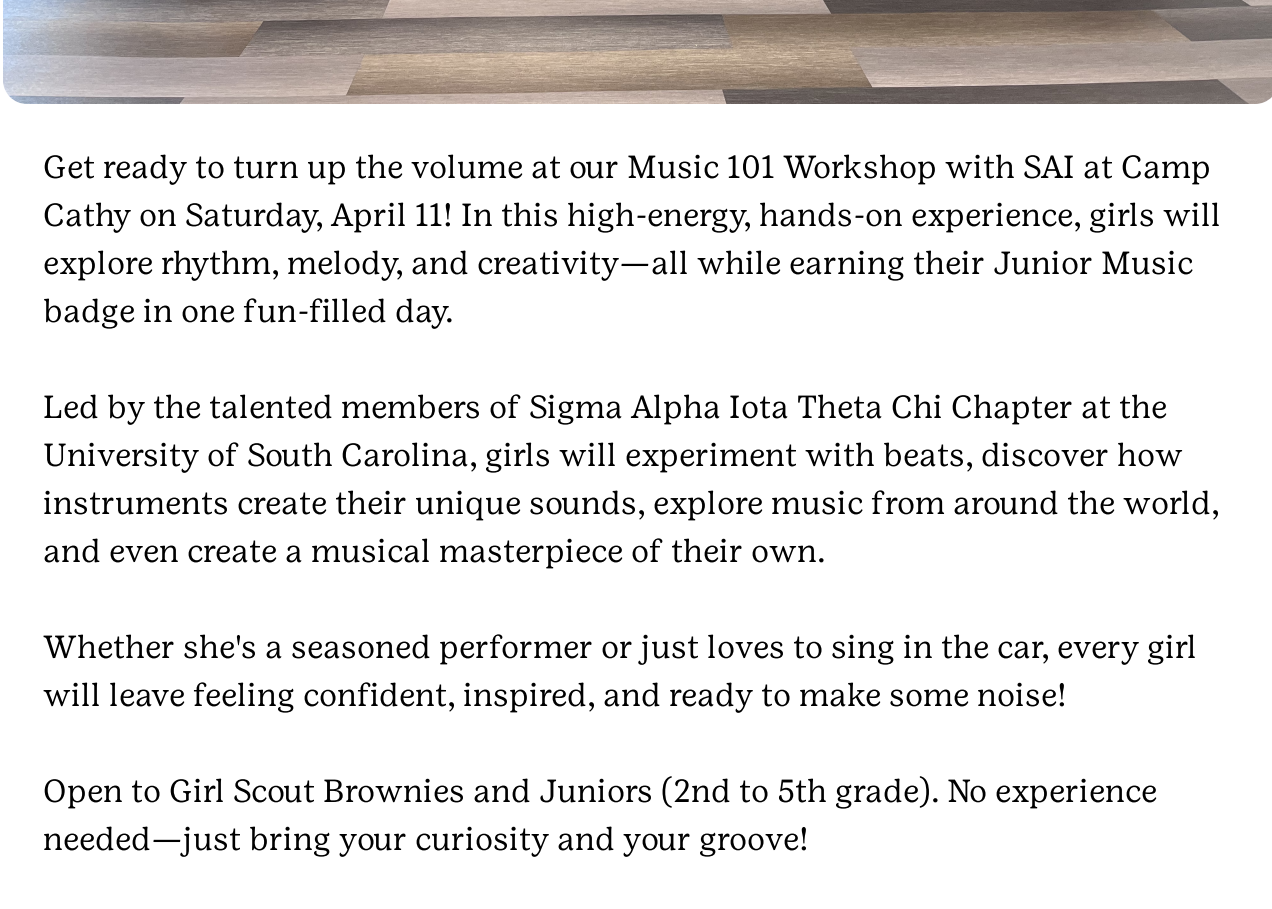
Together, we achieved something amazing, selling 1,127,938 packages of cookies, including 20,100 donated to our Hometown Heroes. That impact goes far beyond numbers; it represents generosity, community spirit, and the power of working together.

To our girls—you were truly brave in stepping out of your comfort zones, fierce in reaching your goals, and fun in every interaction along the way. You showed confidence, courage, and leadership.

To our volunteers—your time, energy, and support made all the difference. Your guidance helped create meaningful experiences and lasting memories while bringing this theme to life.

Together, you made this season unforgettable. Be proud of everything you accomplished; this is just the beginning of even greater things ahead!

### Music 101: Workshop with SAI!



Get ready to turn up the volume at our Music 101 Workshop with SAI at Camp Cathy on Saturday, April 11! In this high-energy, hands-on experience, girls will explore rhythm, melody, and creativity—all while earning their Junior Music badge in one fun-filled day.

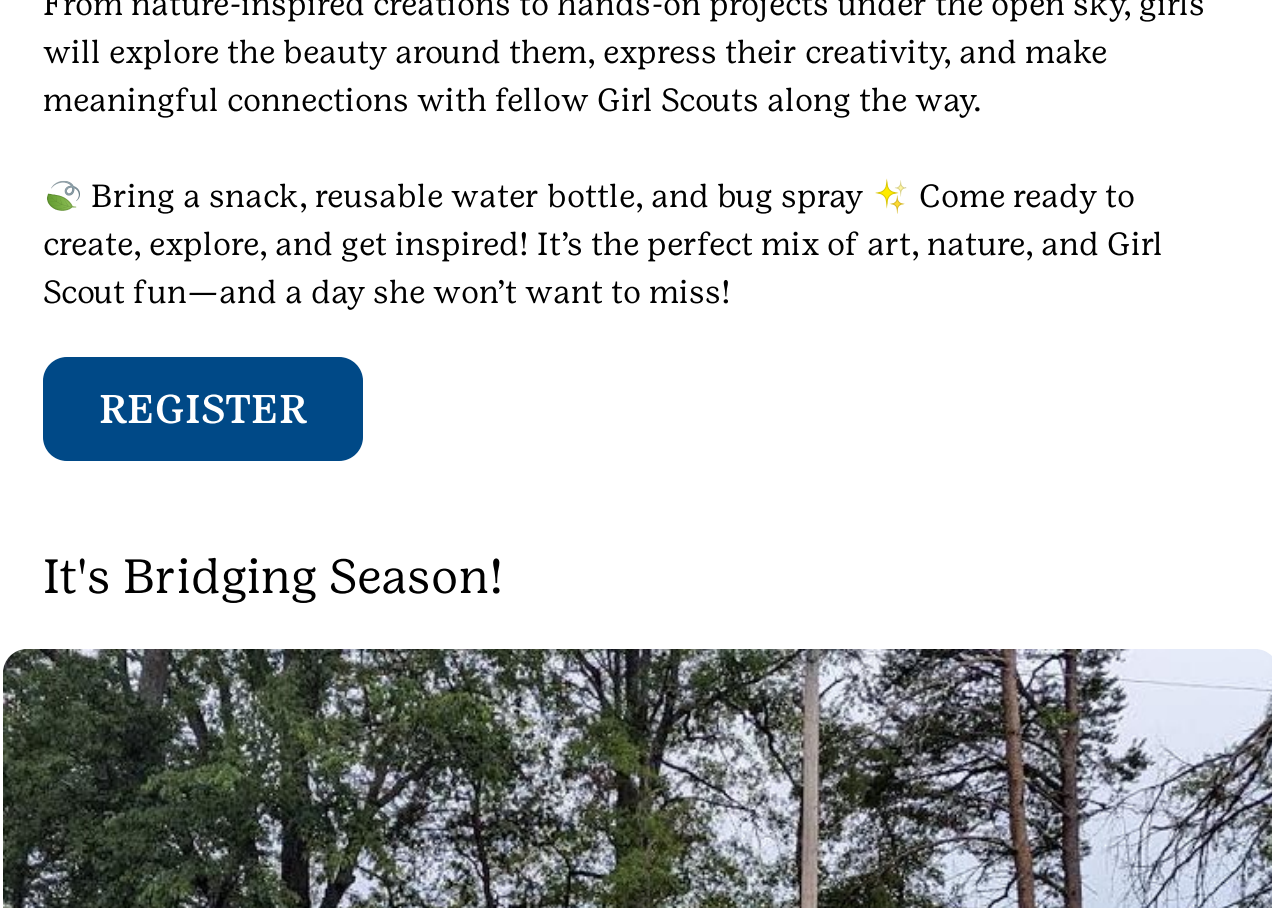
Led by the talented members of Sigma Alpha Iota Theta Chi Chapter at the University of South Carolina, girls will experiment with beats, discover how instruments create their unique sounds, explore music from around the world, and even create a musical masterpiece of their own.

Whether she's a seasoned performer or just loves to sing in the car, every girl will leave feeling confident, inspired, and ready to make some noise!

Open to Girl Scout Brownies and Juniors (2nd to 5th grade). No experience needed—just bring your curiosity and your groove!

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### Outdoor Art Celebration: Create, Explore, Inspire!



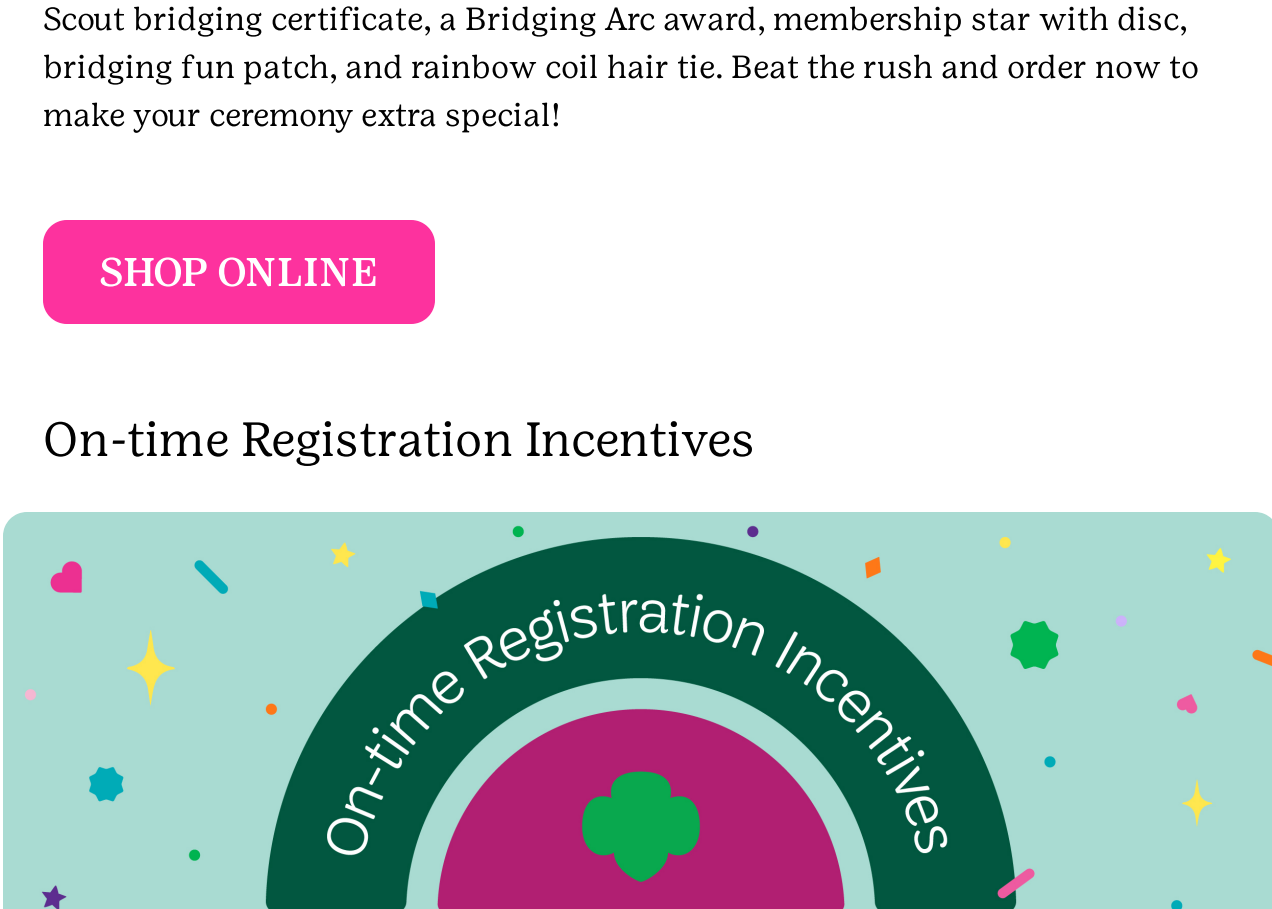
Celebrate Earth Day the Girl Scout way with creativity, fresh air, and a little outdoor magic! Girl Scout Daisies through Juniors, join us on Saturday, April 18, at Historic Columbia for an Outdoor Art Celebration where girls will connect with nature while earning their Outdoor Art badges.

From nature-inspired creations to hands-on projects under the open sky, girls will explore the beauty around them, express their creativity, and make meaningful connections with fellow Girl Scouts along the way.

Bring a snack, reusable water bottle, and bug spray. Come ready to create, explore, and get inspired! It's the perfect mix of art, nature, and Girl Scout fun—and a day she won't want to miss!

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### It's Bridging Season!

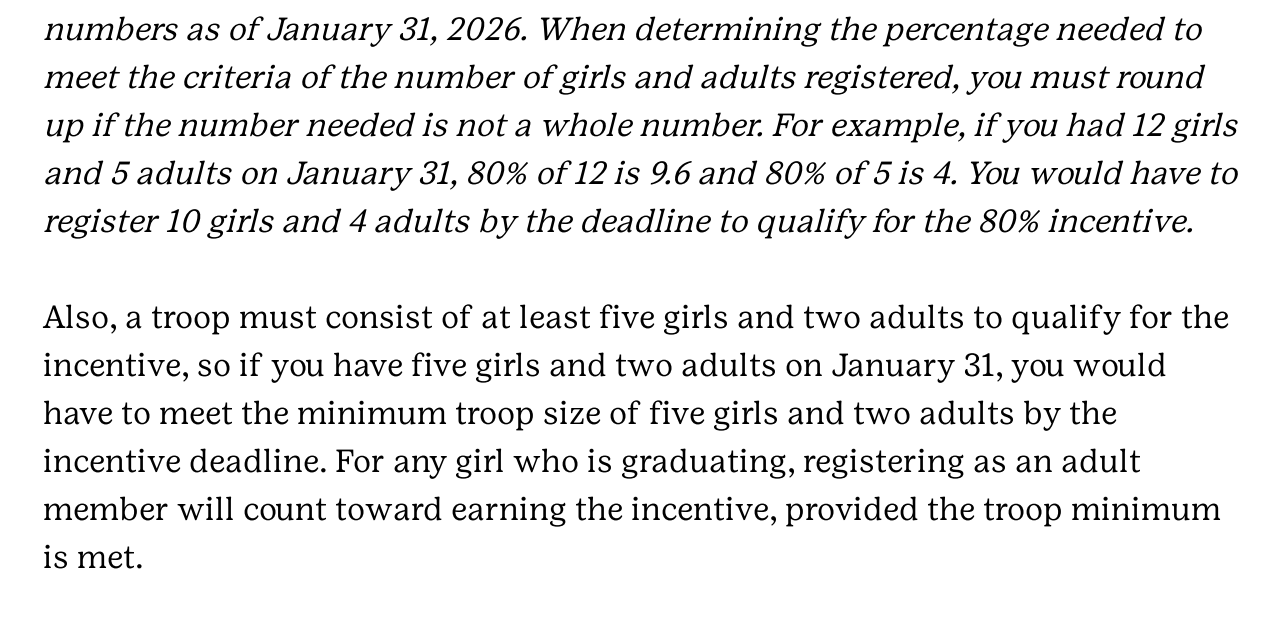


Girls Scouts love a meaningful ceremony, and bridging is one of our favorites! Bridging is a beloved ceremony that celebrates achievements and honors the transition or "crossing the bridge" from one level to the next. It is generally held at the end of each troop year in late April or May.

Need help planning your bridging ceremony? Check out the this handy [Girl Scout Bridging Guide](#). To make things easier for you, Girlz Gear Shop and the online shop now offer convenient bridging kits for \$9. Each kit includes a Girl Scout bridging certificate, a Bridging Arc award, membership star with disc, bridging fun patch, and rainbow coil hair tie. Beat the rush and order now to make your ceremony extra special!

[SHOP ONLINE](#)

### On-time Registration Incentives



Based on feedback we received about the membership fee increase, many troops preferred to wait to register until they were confident girls would be returning for the new year. As a result, we are adjusting our renewal focus this year.

#### Girl Scout Incentives

- All girls who renew their membership or join by September 30, 2026, will receive a special Membership Year 2027 patch.
- Each month (April through September), one girl will be drawn from all the girls registered at the end of the month to receive a \$25 Girlz Gear Shop gift certificate. Those who do not win that month will automatically be entered for the following month.

#### Troop Incentives

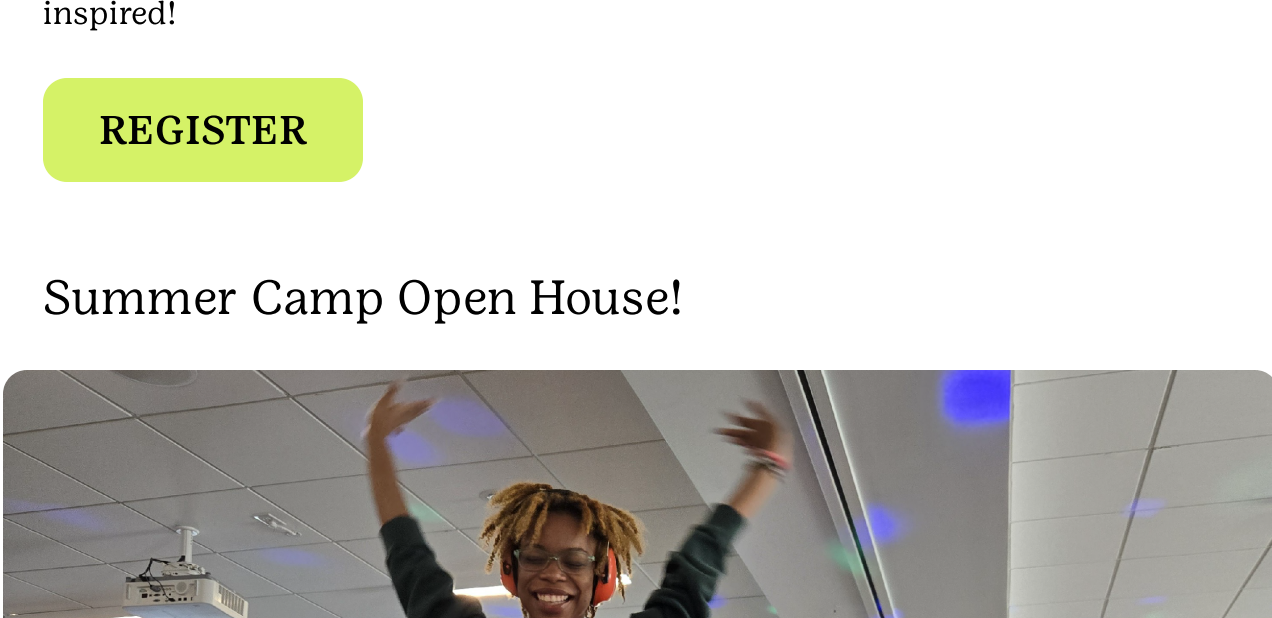
- Between April 1 and September 1, troops that renew 80% of their girl members and 80% of their adult members will be entered into a drawing to have dinner with Melanie Huggins, CEO. There will be three prizes awarded.
  - Troops will get one additional entry for each 10% increase in girl registration AND adult registration over 80%.
  - Those who meet the 80% mark by May 31 will receive one additional entry into the drawing.
- Between April 1 and September 1, troops that renew 80% of their girl members and 80% of their adult members will be entered into a drawing for a one-night stay at a council property. Housing options will be determined based on the troop size and the number of adults needed for supervision ratio. There will be three prizes awarded.
  - Troops will get one additional entry for each 10% increase in girl registration AND adult registration over 80%.
  - Those who meet the 80% mark by May 31 will receive one additional entry into the drawing.
- Each troop will receive free annual memberships for two co-leaders. To receive this item, please have one person from your troop [complete this form](#) to tell who in your troop will receive the adult membership and we will take care of the rest.

Questions? Reach out to Customer Care at [customercare@gssc-mm.org](mailto:customercare@gssc-mm.org) or call 1-800-849-GIRL.

*\*All troop incentive items calculations are based on your troop membership numbers as of January 31, 2026. When determining the percentage needed to meet the criteria of the number of girls and adults registered, you must round up if the number needed is not a whole number. For example, if you had 12 girls and 5 adults on January 31, 80% of 12 is 9.6 and 80% of 5 is 4. You would have to register 10 girls and 4 adults by the deadline to qualify for the 80% incentive.*

Also, a troop must consist of at least five girls and two adults to qualify for the incentive, so if you have five girls and two adults on January 31, you would have to meet the minimum troop size of five girls and two adults by the incentive deadline. For any girl who is graduating, registering as an adult member will count toward earning the incentive, provided the troop minimum is met.

### 2028 International Trip



From Big Ben to the famed Eiffel Tower, a trip to London and Paris will never disappoint. Girl Scouts are invited on a nine-day international trip in June 2028!

Girls will discover two of Europe's most popular cities. They can marvel at the Arc de Triomphe, experience the luxury of Versailles, and pose for a group photo in Trafalgar Square. There will also be a special visit to Pax Lodge, a WAGGS World Centre, in Hampstead.

Deadline extended: get \$300 off the trip price when you enroll by this Sunday, April 5! Learn more and register by clicking the button below.

[REGISTER](#)

### Women of Asphalt - Behind the Build



Get ready for a one-of-a-kind STEM experience! On Saturday, April 25, 5-12th grade girls will go behind the scenes at LCI Lineberger Construction to see how roads are built—while meeting inspiring women who are leading the way in construction and engineering.

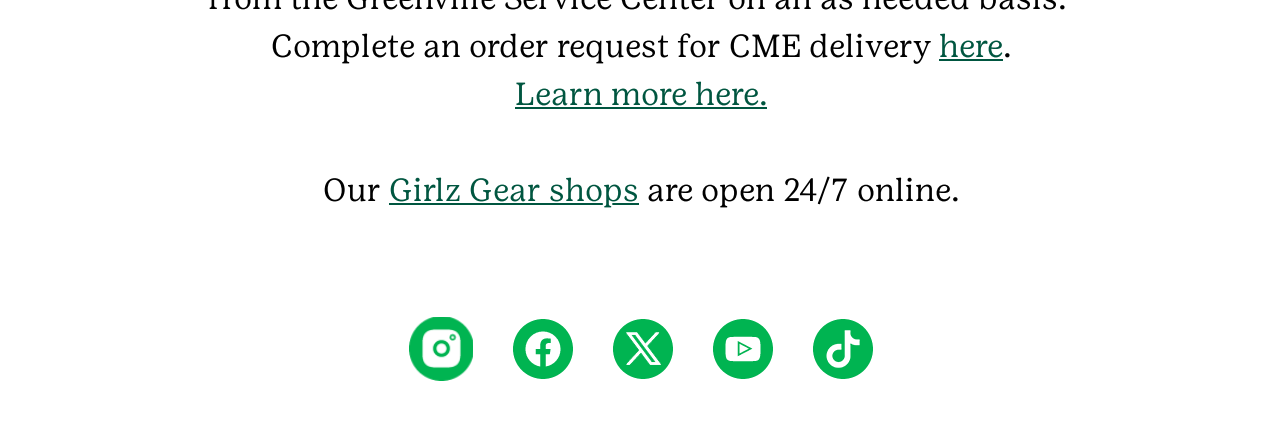
Through a hands-on tour, real conversations, and a fun (and tasty!) asphalt-making activity, girls will explore new career paths, build confidence, and discover how STEM shows up in the world around them.

This low-cost program is packed with impact, and each participant will receive an exclusive Women in Asphalt fun patch! ♥

Spots are limited—don't miss this exciting opportunity to learn, create, and be inspired!

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### Summer Camp Open House!



Join us for our Summer Camp Open House at Camp Cathy on Sunday, April 26, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. This is the perfect opportunity for new and returning families to explore, connect, and get excited for summer. Tour the camp property, meet your amazing camp staff, and get a feel for where your girl will laugh, learn, and grow.

Girls will get a taste of camp fun with hands-on activities like making SWAPS, singing camp songs, playing games, and gathering around for classic s'mores. Whether it's your first time at camp or you're coming back for another unforgettable summer, we can't wait to welcome you!

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### We want to hear from you!



You spoke. We listened.

Last year, over 60,000 Girl Scouts completed GSUSA's annual Girl Scout Voices Count national survey. Feedback is used to make national programs more engaging, inclusive, and hands-on.

Your voice matters and makes Girl Scouting better for everyone—so we want to hear from you!

In April, GSUSA will be conducting the Girl Scout Voices Count national survey of Girl Scouts. The feedback you provide is so important as it helps improve Girl Scout programs and services.

The survey launches on Monday, April 6! Watch your email for an invitation, plus reminders by email—and by text if you've opted in. As a thank you, everyone who completes the survey will have a chance to win 1 of 20 \$50 gift cards from GSUSA, and as an added BONUS this year, anyone who submits the survey from our council will have a chance to win 1 of 5 membership renewals for their girl (or equivalent gift card). We're looking forward to hearing from you!

#### Girlz Gear Shop

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

For March 9–April 17, the Cathy Novinger Girl Scout Leadership Center and Greenville Service Center Girlz Gear Shops are open Tuesday through Thursday from 12:00–5:00 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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