



Girl Talk Newsletter

More Than a Cookie: A Sweet Journey Across Borders



As Senior Director, Product Program and Retail, I had the privilege of taking the top cookie sellers from our cruise on a truly unforgettable experience connecting with fellow Girl Guides in Nassau. And while the setting was beautiful, what stood out most was the reminder that this program is about so much more than cookies.

Through shared conversations, laughter, and even a few songs, the girls quickly discovered how much they had in common despite living in different countries. They exchanged stories about their lives, their traditions, and yes, their cookie programs too (which sparked plenty of curiosity and surprise!). It was a powerful moment of realizing that leadership, confidence, and friendship speak a universal language. Watching them teach each other songs, share camp traditions, and recite their promises and laws side by side was incredibly meaningful. The similarities—and the differences—only deepened their understanding of one another and the world around them.

Experiences like this are a perfect example of what cookies make possible. They open doors. They build bridges. They create opportunities for girls to grow, lead, and see beyond their own communities. It's never just about selling cookies, it's about the confidence, connection, and global perspective they gain along the way.

Beyond the cookie, these are the moments that last a lifetime.

-Nikki Iagnemma

Kick Off the New Girl Scout Year in Style!



Ready to start the Girl Scout year energized, inspired, and connected? Join us for Volunteer Kick-Off 2026, a fun-filled day created just for current and prospective Girl Scout volunteers!

Spend the day connecting with fellow volunteers, discovering helpful resources, meeting community partners, and exploring hands-on breakout sessions packed with fresh ideas for your troop. You'll leave with practical tools, new connections, and plenty of inspiration to make this your best Girl Scout year yet. Plus, enjoy an engaging keynote focused on youth development and leadership.

- Date: Saturday, August 8, 2026
- Time: Check-in begins at 9:00 a.m.; programming runs from 10:00 a.m. to approximately 5:00 p.m.
- Location: Piedmont Technical College – Laurens County Campus, 663 Medical Ridge Road, Clinton, SC
- Cost: Free, thanks to support from Publix Super Markets Charities
- Lunch: A catered box lunch will be provided; dietary restrictions can be noted during registration.

Who should attend? Everyone! Whether you're a seasoned troop leader, a brand-new volunteer, or simply curious about getting involved, this event is for you—no previous experience required.

Don't miss this opportunity to kick off the new Girl Scout year feeling confident, connected, and ready to make a difference.

REGISTER

Your feedback needed for Vision 2030



As we plan for the future, we'd like to know your aspirations for our council and for our girls. We appreciate the helpful feedback we've already received from those of you who participated in the volunteer survey and focus groups. That information is shaping our work now, helping us design [Volunteer Kick-Off](#), and is providing a road map for how to best support you. The survey linked below focuses on what you see as the needs of the girls, families, and communities we work in. We encourage you to share your bold ideas for the future of our council.

[Please take some time to complete this survey before July 31.](#) I look forward to sharing the results of the survey with you at Town Halls in the fall. Your input will shape the direction of the council and will inform our 2027-2030 strategic plan, set to be presented to the GSSC-MM Board at their November board meeting.

There is so much to celebrate about where we are as a council. I am proud of the progress we've made, the girls we've reached, and am excited about the future. I hope you are as well.

-Melanie Huggins, CEO

COMPLETE SURVEY

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 Scouts go to a week of camp at Camp Cathy, Camp Mary Elizabeth, or Camp WaBak? We want to know! Share a pic of your Girl Scout, troop, or service unit, and let us know what's going on.

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