

Volunteer Newsletter

January- February 2025



Troop Spotlight

Troop 1384 at Elkton Nursing and Rehabilitation. The girls made cards and crafts and handed them out to the residents while caroling through the halls during winter break.

Want your troop or Service Unit to be spotlighted in a future newsletter or on social media? Submit your troop activities using the [Girls in Action](#) form!

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			GSCB Offices Closed	GSCB Offices Closed	GSCB Offices Closed	
5	6	7 Virutal Summer Camp Information Sessions	8	9	10	11
12	13 January Moon Mayhem	14 Dover Skating Center STEM Night	15 Virutal Summer Camp Information Sessions	16	17	18 Journey in a Day with Service Unit 30
19 Budgeting Basics with Bank of America	20 MLK, JR. Day GSCB Offices Closed	21	22 Outdoor Skills Training	23 Virutal Summer Camp Information Sessions	24 +Creator Weekend	25 + Creator Weekend + Gold Award Training + Gold Award Training
26 +Creator Weekend +American Red Cross Training	27	28	29	30	31	

January

February

						1 Black History Month
2	3	4	5	6	7 Cookie Direct Sales Begin (Booths)	8 Youth Mental Health First Aid Training
9	10	11	12 February Moon Mayhem	13	14	15
16 WTD - Wilmington	17 + Presidents' Day + Youth Mental Health First Aid Training + Outdoor Skills Training GSCB Offices Closed	18	19	20	21	22 American Red Cross Training
23 + American Red Cross Training + WTD - Lower Council	24	25	26	27	28 Ramadan Begins	

Updates and Happenings

Financial Tracking and Resource Reminder!

As we head into Cookie Season, it's a great time to be sure that your Troop's Financial Tracker is up to date! Here are some tips and reminders:

- The '24-'25 GSCB Troop Financial Worksheet should have your detailed finance recorded from 7/1/24 through today.
- Best practice is to enter Cookie payments from caregivers and deposits from booths on separate lines in case you need to reference them at a later date
- BE SURE TO WRITE RECEIPTS to caregivers when giving cookies or receiving payments.

If you haven't started tracking your troop finances using the GSCB Troop Financial Worksheet, it's not too late! Start now so that you are ready for end of year submission next July. If you have questions, start by completing the gsLearn training titled: 200 GSCB Finance and Reporting Learning Path.

Training Opportunities

Registration open! All in-person trainings are being held at Camp Todd - 25012 Beauchamp Branch Rd, Denton, MD 21629. Outdoor Skills, Archery Level 1, and Small Craft are open to Ambassador and adult members. Additional trainings, such as High Ropes and Zipline, are in the works and will be shared via newsletter and social media when they are added to the calendar.

Thank you to our volunteer instructors who make these trainings possible!

- [Outdoor Skills Training](#) 1/22/2025
- [Outdoor Skills Training](#) 2/17/2025
- [Outdoor Skills Training](#) 3/8/2025
- [Outdoor Skills Training](#) 5/31/2025
- [Virtual Youth Mental Health First Aid](#) 2/8/2025
- [Virtual Youth Mental Health First Aid](#) 2/17/2025
- [Virtual Youth Mental Health First Aid](#) 3/18 - 3/19/2025
- [Archery Level 1 Training AM](#) 4/5/2025
- [Archery Level 1 Training PM](#) 4/5/2025
- [Small Craft Facilitator Training](#) 4/13/2025
- [High Ropes and Zipline Facilitator Training](#) 3/22 - 3/23/2025
- [High Ropes and Zipline Facilitator Training](#) 4/5 - 4/6/2025

GSCB is looking for a Challenge Course Supervisor! To learn more, check out the [Volunteer Description](#). Those interested should contact Member Care at MemberCare@cbgsc.org.

Cookies

Digital Cookie & Digital Cookie App Updates

All Digital Cookie Users must set up their account on the [Digital Cookie website](#). The Digital Cookie app is meant for payments and users cannot set up their Digital Cookie account in the App. The Digital Cookie app is not accessible until February 1, 2025, when girls/troops have cookies in-hand/inventory.

Digital Cookie for volunteers with completed role requirements will be accessible to set up starting December 16, 2024.

Digital Cookie for caregivers with completed girl requirements will be accessible to set up starting December 18, 2024. The email will be sent to the primary email address on their membership account for all users.

Please make sure you check/update your email address on your membership account so that the correct email address is used for access.

Southern Staff-Led Cupboard

GSCB has identified a cupboard in the southern portion of our council. Bates Moving and Storage (27120 Ocean Gateway, Hebron, MD) has agreed to host it. Soon, all information pertaining to the cupboard will be located in eBudde.

Reminder about Troop Proceeds

Troop Proceeds, Simplified: We have restructured our troop proceeds to make things simpler and rewarding for the 2025 Cookie Program.

Troops will now earn a base proceed of \$.75 per package sold.

Troops that achieve a per girl average (PGA) of 325+ packages, per girl **selling**, will earn an additional \$.15 per package sold (eBudde calculates this automatically). This is referred to as a bonus proceed for high achievement.

Junior through Ambassador troops that choose to opt out of rewards will receive an additional \$.05 per package sold.

PGA is ALWAYS based on Girl Selling. Girls who do not have sales added to their girl orders in eBudde do not count towards troop PGA.

Troop Packages (pkgs) Sold	Troop Proceed	Older Girl Troop Opt-Out Tier
Base proceed for each pkg sold	\$0.75	\$0.80
325+ final troop PGA pkgs sold	\$0.90	\$0.95

Rewards Opt-Out

Junior, Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador troops can elect to opt-out of rewards and earn an additional \$.05 proceed on top of the base proceed tier earned by the troop. Multi-level troops that have girls younger than Juniors are not eligible to opt out.

Opting Out of rewards should be completed by the Troop Cookie Champion in eBudde. Please remember that GSCB will not refund a troop if they did not opt out before the submission or lockout deadlines. Troops that opt-out of rewards still receive Initial Order rewards, patches, and the higher-level, non-LBB rewards (such as Cookie Dough). Non-LBB rewards start at the 1250+ level during the 2025 program. Charms do not qualify as part of the opt-out rewards earned unless they are part of those listed above.

GSCB suggests that the troop collectively makes this choice before **February 7, 2025**, and completes the Opt Out in eBudde so that you do not miss out on any proceeds during an ACH.

GSCB will NOT credit any troops that do not opt out before the provided deadline so be sure to hold this conversation with your troop as early as possible if they qualify and make the adjustment in your troop's Settings tab.

Using eBudde to Pickup Your Cookie Cupboard Order

A registered cookie pick-up person must pickup cookies from a Cupboard after a pending order is placed in eBudde by the Troop Cookie Champion (TCC). You can have more than one pickup person in your troop.

The TCC is automatically made a registered pickup person. You can identify other trusted troop volunteers as "Cookie Pick-Up Only Users" by completing the [Troop Pickup Only User Request form](#) online with the volunteer's name, their actively used email address and your troop number. Following the volunteer's submission of a troop pickup volunteer, next steps will be emailed to the volunteer to setup their eBudde account. Their account must be setup prior to their scheduled pickup at all council cupboards.

Upcoming Cookie Dates:

- January 21, 2025, at Noon (12 pm) - Digital Cookie Orders Paused for eBudde Troop IO & Rewards Reconciliation
- January 21, 2025, by 11:59 PM - Troop Initial Order & Rewards Entry Due
 - ▶ Remember to allow eBudde up to 20 minutes to update troop rewards after submitting the troop's IO cookie order before updating the troop's rewards!
- January 22, 2025, by 11:59 PM - SU Initial Order & Rewards Entry Due
- January 24, 2025 – SU Booth Spreadsheets due to ProductPrograms@cbgsc.org
- January 31 2025, at 8 pm – eBudde opens for additional Booth Selections
 - ▶ See emails, eBudde messages, or troop training for details on booth selection.
- February 1 – 7, 2025 - SU Initial Order and SU Cupboard Deliveries occur
- February 1, 2025 – Digital Cookie app begins for orders and payments
 - Note: DC App doesn't function the same as the website, it's meant mostly for payments/orders.
- February 7, 2025 – Troop Rewards Opt Out Deadline (for eligible troops only)
- February 7, 2025 - Booth Sales/Direct Sales Begin
- February 21, 2025 – Digital Cookie Troop Link Sites go Live on Find Cookie pages
- February 21 – 23, 2025 - National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend
- February 21, 2025 - Initial ACH Occurs (a balance due email is sent 2/14/2025)

Things to Do

Summer Camp Registration Opens January 15th!

Registration for summer 2025 opens Wednesday, January 15 at 7AM at www.gsrb.org/summercamp.

Learn more about CampDoc Registration System [HERE](#), and watch a registration tutorial [HERE](#).

Are you or someone you know looking for exciting summer camp employment opportunities? Check out our available summer camp positions and [apply now](#).

Program on the Move

[Program on the Move](#) is back for winter and spring bookings! Check out the events calendar to reserve your slot. Registration is simple – no need to register each troop member!

Plenty of spots remain for General and Outdoor Program on the Move from now through September 2025. Program on the Move makes a great addition to property visits!

Already have Program on the Move scheduled? Consider inviting Juliettes in your Service Unit to join!

NEW gsLearn training available – search Program on the Move in the library to walkthrough how to reserve your visit!



American Red Cross CPR-First Aid-Babysitting Options Available

We are thrilled to offer our Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts opportunities around the footprint. In-person and blended options available. Cost is \$65. For more details and dates, visit the [events calendar](#).



Babysitting and First Aid Courses



In person Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR & AED

Cadette, Senior & Ambassador

February 22
9AM - 3PM
Camp Todd,
Denton, MD

In person Babysitter and First Aid

Cadette, Senior & Ambassador

March 8
9AM - 5PM
Salisbury Community Foundation
of the Eastern Shore
Salisbury, MD

April 5
9AM - 5PM
Camp Country Center
Hockessin, DE

Skills Session First Aid/CPR

Senior & Ambassador

January 26
1PM - 4PM
Camp Todd
Denton, MD

February 23
12PM - 3PM
St. Polycarp Church
Smyrna, DE

March 9
10AM - 2PM
Island Community House
Chincoteague, VA

April 6
10AM - 2PM
Salisbury Community Foundation
of the Eastern Shore
Salisbury, MD

May 18th
5PM - 8PM
Camp Country Center
Hockessin, DE

Overnight and Weekend Programming

Have you heard? – overnight and weekend events are drop off! Adult spots for these programs are limited. If you are an adult registering for the program, please be prepared to play an active role in facilitating. Additional information about roles will be included in the email sent the Monday before the program. See available programming via our [events calendar](#).

Gold Award Trainings

In-person Gold Award trainings are available:

- [Saturday, January 25, 10am-12pm Hockessin, DE](#)
- [Sunday, March 9, 10am-12pm Denton, MD](#)

gsLearn option is available at your convenience. Contact MemberCare@cbgsc.org to learn more. In-person and gsLearn trainings are open to Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors, volunteers, and caregivers. ***Gold Award training is strongly recommended for any CSA volunteers and caregivers and is required for all Girl Scouts going for Gold.***

****Interested in bringing an in-person training to your Service Unit? Please contact MemberCare@cbgsc.org.**

Governance

National Delegate Applications are now being accepted through January 31st!

What does a National Delegate do?

National Council Delegates are elected to three-year terms and serve as your council's voting members on the National Council. Throughout their three-year term, they gather feedback from members of your council, learn about proposals, and act as your council's voice while attending the National Council Session. Delegates share insights and report on actions taken by the National Council with your membership at your council's Annual Meeting and other council events. Here is the [National Delegate Position Description](#) to learn more about the responsibilities.

What is the National Council Session?

This special gathering only happens once every three years where delegates from around the country and overseas gather to vote on and discuss issues important to our Movement, and elect leaders for the next triennium. After NCS, thousands more Girl Scouts (and alums, families, and non-members) stream into town for a multi-day event featuring interactive workshops, inspiring speakers, and once-in-a-lifetime adventures that spark forever friendships.

That sounds AMAZING! How do I apply to be a National Delegate?

- Applicants must meet the following criteria:
 - Must maintain membership with GSCB during the application process and throughout their 3 year term
- Must be a citizen of the United States and be 14 years of age or older
- Must successfully complete the volunteer screening process including background checks, and be in good standing with GSCB

If selected, virtual interviews will be scheduled for early February. The Board Development Committee will finalize the selection process in March 2025.

Those elected to this term will serve from 7/1/25 – 6/30/28 and will attend the National Council Session in July of 2026.

Deadline to apply: 5:00 PM Friday, January 31, 2025. Submit your application [here](#).

Association News

Welcoming our new Association Chairs

Our council is made up of five geographic subdivisions which we call Associations. Each Association is led by an Association Chair whose responsibility is to plan and execute Association Meetings, to communicate with Girl Scout members within their Association, and to manage proposals as they are submitted.

A warm welcome to our newest Association Chairs who will serve the following Associations:

Association Region	Association Chair	Service Units Served
Association I	Crystal Wheatley	606, 607, 610, 614, 615, 689, 697
Association II	Suzanne Rubino	604, 634, 636, 688
Association III	Tracie Bruno (2nd term)	611, 612, 613, 630, 631, 633
Association IV	Carrie Paquette-Straub	601, 602, 618, 619, 639, 645
Association V	Lesley Czochor	625, 679

Winter Association Meetings

The purpose an Association Meeting is to provide members (adults and girls 14 years and older) the opportunity to receive update and provide input into council policy and governance decisions, provide feedback, and participate in discussion and forums necessary to ensure consistent, quality service delivery of the Girl Scout program, and help set and support strategic goals of the council.

We hope you will join us in person or virtually at one of these four scheduled meetings:

- [Association II = Monday, February 3rd](#)
Camp Todd, Denton, MD
6:00pm – 8:00pm
- [Association III = Wednesday, February 5th](#)
Saint Polycarp Church, Smyrna, DE
6:00pm – 8:00pm
- [Association I = Monday, February 10th](#)
Gumboro Community Center, Millsboro, DE
6:00pm – 8:00pm
- [Associations IV & V = Wednesday, February 12th](#)
Asbury United Methodist Church, New Castle, DE
6:30pm – 8:30pm

Other

2024 - 2025 Membership Goals and Update

During the 2024-2025 membership year we focused on building a strong membership foundation rooted in retention of current members and engagement of new members.

MY25 Girl Membership Goal – 4575 Current Girl Membership* - 3216

MY25 Adult Membership Goal – 2000 Current MY25 Adult Membership* - 1612

Lifetime Membership* – 1,047

*Membership data is as of January 6, 2025.

Staff Comings and Goings

Staff Comings

- Jodi Brown, Girl Experience Specialist, has left GSCB as of January 10th. We wish her the best on her future endeavors.

New Role Opportunity

New Troop and Recruitment Specialists

The New Troop and Recruitment Specialists will support the Council's efforts in expanding opportunities for Girl Scouts to participate through the support of effective recruitment strategies and the establishment and support of new troops and troop leaders. [Apply now](#).

QR Codes

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