

Volunteer Newsletter

July - August 2026



Girls in Action Form



Troop Spotlight

In June, Troop 719 completed their 9th month of their monthly local park clean-up! In that time, they've collected over 60 lbs of trash between Kershaw Park and Olan Thomas Park. They also installed a Little Free Library.

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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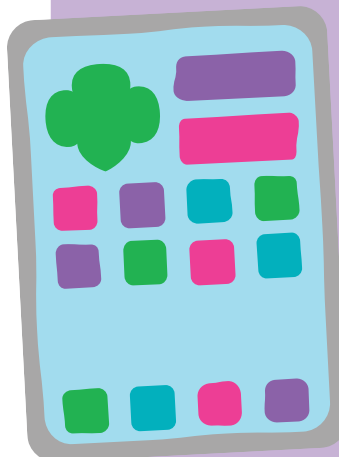
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Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake
Bay!

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Standard text messaging rates apply.

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(recommended
if you have a
camp property
reservation)?

Text **CAMPALERT**
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GSCB Events
Calendar

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Summer Camp Week 3						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Summer Camp Week 4						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
National Council Session and Girl Scout Unite in Washington D.C.						
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	Day Camp Week 1 - Country Center					

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2	3	4	5	6	7 + Beach Encampment Weekend	8
	Day Camp Week 2 - Todd					
9	10	11	12	13	14 + Highest Awards Showcase	15 + Archery Tournament
	Day Camp Week 3 - Country Center					
16	17	18 + Volunteer Gold Award Info Session	19	20	21 + Volunteer Leadership Summit Weekend	22
23 + Outdoor Skills Training	24	25	26	27	28 + Outdoor Chef Overnight	29 + Outdoor Chef Overnight

A Simple Ask to our Girl Scout Families

Girl Scouts grows through word of mouth. If your Girl Scout has enjoyed making friends, trying new things, going on adventures, and building confidence, please share your experience with others.

Talk to friends, neighbors, classmates, and coworkers about what Girl Scouts has meant to your family. Invite a friend to attend a meeting or event. Your personal recommendation is the most powerful way to help another girl discover all that Girl Scouts has to offer.

Together, we can help more girls find friendship, leadership opportunities, and a place where they belong. Thank you for being our biggest advocates and helping Girl Scouts grow in our community!

Early Bird Wrap Up

Like a field full of lightning bugs lighting up the night, our amazing Troops and Service Units have been shining bright! A huge CONGRATULATIONS to all of our Troops and Service Units who successfully met their Early Bird requirements! Your dedication, organization, and enthusiasm have helped your membership year get off to a glowing start.

Keep glowing, keep growing, and keep making a difference in your communities. We are so proud of everything you've accomplished!

You're Invited! GSCB Volunteer Leadership Summit

Join us for an inspiring Volunteer Leadership Summit designed just for you - because leadership doesn't just happen... it grows! We are excited to invite you to Volunteer Leadership Summit: Where Leadership Grows, a special experience filled with learning, connection, Girl Scout traditions, and fun alongside fellow volunteers.

Throughout the event, you'll choose from sessions designed to help you grow your skills, expand your network, and strengthen your impact! Whether you're a brand-new volunteer or a seasoned leader, there will be something for everyone.

Camp Todd - Denton, MD

- Day Only Option - Saturday, August 22nd, \$25
- Day with Weekend Add-On - Friday, August 21st - Sunday August 23rd, \$50

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This event is made possible through sponsorship by WSFS Bank and grant funding provided by MidShore Women and Girls Fund, Delaware Fund for Women, and The Women's Fund of the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.



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Service Unit and Troop Annual Finance Reports are now DUE by 7/31

July sure came upon us quickly! Service Unit and Troop Annual Finance Reports are now DUE. As a reminder, this is a requirement for ALL Service Units and Troops to complete between July 1st - July 31st, 2025. If you have any questions regarding this process, please be sure to complete the assigned gsLearn training titled “200: GSCB Finance and Reporting Learning Path” (access gsLearn via myGS), or email MemberCare@cbgsc.org.

Submitted records must reflect the time period between July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

Required submissions for this year include:

- Completion of the submission form
- Attachment of:
 - [Service Unit or Troop Financial Worksheet](#) (all detailed transactions listed)
 - [GSCB Service Unit Financial Worksheet](#)
 - [GSCB Troop Financial Worksheet](#)
 - 12 months bank statements

***All SU or Troops should maintain 2 years of receipts and detailed transaction documents at all times. Check out the [GSCB Finance Account Management Guidelines](#) for more information.**

Volunteer Facilitator Trainings

- 8/23/26 - [Outdoor Skills Training at Camp Todd](#)

Volunteer Facilitator Training has been updated as of October 1, 2025, including a credit-earning system for facilitations. [Learn more about the updates.](#) Check your credit balance and expiration anytime by contacting MemberCare@cbgsc.org.

Are you interested in becoming an Outdoor Skills Instructor? Outdoor Skills Instructors train facilitators and prepare volunteers for their time outdoors.

Instructor Skills Requirements:

- Complete Outdoor Skills course
- Complete Outdoor Skills Instructor in gsLearn
- Apprentice with current training team
- Demonstrate competency in teaching knife, knot, fire, and tent skills

Contact MemberCare@cbgsc.org for mre information on becoming an Outdoor Skills Instructor.

Mandated Reporter Training Reminder

The safety and well-being of every girl is our highest priority. The 200: Mandated Reporter and Abuse Prevention learning path helps volunteers recognize signs of abuse, understand reporting responsibilities, and respond appropriately to concerns involving youth. This annual training is an important part of creating safe, supportive environments where girls can thrive. As a reminder, all members serving in volunteer roles are required to complete this training by September 30, 2026.

If you have not yet completed the learning path, you can access it directly through gsLearn using the link below:

[200: Mandated Reporter and Abuse Prevention Learning Path](#)

CPR/AED/First Aid Certification Opportunity

Join DeJaVu Safety Solutions at Camp Country Center in Hockessin on September 5, 2026, from 11:00 AM–4:00 PM to earn or renew your CPR/AED/First Aid certification.

This training is open to both members and non-member adults. The discounted registration fee is \$44.95 per person.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Recently Updated Volunteer Resources

As you prepare for a new troop year, be sure to review these recently updated resources. These guides contain important information, safety requirements, and best practices to help you create safe, successful, and engaging Girl Scout experiences.

- [Safety Activity Checkpoints \(2026–2028\)](#)
Safety Activity Checkpoints provide activity-specific safety standards and guidance for troop meetings, events, travel, outdoor experiences, and more. Be sure to review the appropriate checkpoints as you plan activities throughout the year.
- [Volunteer Essentials \(2026-2028\)](#)
Volunteer Essentials is your go-to guide for Girl Scout policies, procedures, volunteer expectations, troop management, safety practices, and council resources. Whether you're a new or experienced volunteer, this handbook is a valuable reference throughout the year.

Planning a Troop Trip?

If your troop is traveling this summer or beginning to plan future adventures, be sure to visit our [Travel Support and Resources](#) webpage. You'll find guidance on trip planning, required approvals, safety considerations, and helpful resources to support your travel experience.

Save the Date! October Girl Scout Kick Off

Start the new Girl Scout year with an afternoon full of adventure, friendship, and fun! Join us at camp for a kickoff to the year including a patch-a-thon where you can earn up to four fun patches, check out the newest GSCB gear, and get excited for all the adventures ahead. Bring a friend and help us kick off the best Girl Scout year yet!

- Saturday, October 3rd, 2-4pm, Camp Country Center
- Sunday, October 4th, 2-4pm, Camp Todd

Summer Troops

This summer, the adventure doesn't have to stop! Our NEW Summer Troops are the perfect way for girls to keep the fun going, make new friends, and experience everything a Summer of YES has to offer. Every meeting is a chance to try something new. Girls can join a Summer Troop even if they're already in a traditional troop, grab a friend, say YES to new adventures, and make this your best Girl Scout summer yet!

Upcoming Programs and Events

Program Partners

Looking for something to do this summer? Getting a head start on next year's planning? Be sure to check out everything our Program Partners have to offer!

- [Program Partner List](#)
- [Girl Scout Days](#)

Have you had any Program Partner experiences recently? Tell us about it! Send us a comment at MemberCare@cbgsc.org or submit your troop's story using our [Girls in Action form](#).

Celebrate America's 250th

On July 4, 2026, the United States will commemorate 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Girl Scouts of the USA has partnered with America250.org to mark this milestone—and you can earn a special five-patch collection if you participate.

You can join an event, take part in a national project, or create your own project. Explore history, discover diverse stories, and give back through service!

- [America250 Girl Scouts Guide](#)
- [Delaware250 Events](#)
- [Maryland250 Events](#)
- [Virginia250 Events](#)



Highest Awards Showcase

[Friday, August 14, 2026 at Camp Todd and Camp Country Center](#)

Have you earned Bronze, Silver, or Gold this membership year? Are you in the process and want to share where you are in your journey to Highest Awards? Register as a presenter to showcase your completed or in progress work. Photos, presentation boards, handouts are encouraged. Presenters will have limited access to outlets, please plan accordingly.

Not old enough to earn Bronze, Silver, or Gold yet? Or maybe you just want to check out how Girl Scouts are making lasting changes in their communities? Register as an attendee!

This is an opportunity for us to showcase the incredible work our Girl Scouts do and to elevate Girl Scout Highest Awards in our community. This event is open to Girl Scouts and community members. Please note - this is not a ceremony and no pins will be awarded.

Save the Date: Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend

[September 12th - 13th AND September 19th - 20th](#)

It's time to lead the way at your favorite state parks and help create a better planet for all! How? By heading out to explore your local state parks during this year's Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend! Every year, on the second or third weekend of September, you can participate in self-guided tours, family hikes, watersports, stargazing, and more, all while fostering a clean environment for everyone to enjoy with Pick Up America.

Product Programs

As we wrap up an incredible Brave. Fierce. Fun! Product Program season, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make this year such a success. Your dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work made a lasting impact, and we couldn't have done it without you!

Now, it's time to look ahead and get Ready to Explore!

We're thrilled to announce that Ready to Explore is the theme for the upcoming Product Program year. And what better way to embark on this exciting adventure than alongside our two adorable mascots - a curious kangaroo for the Fall Product Program, and Sally, our lovable lop-eared rabbit, for the Cookie Program!



Together, we'll discover their unique habitats, uncover fascinating facts, and explore new opportunities for growth, learning, and achievement throughout the year.

So, let's hop, bound, and leap into an exciting new season - Ready to Explore and prepare for success with all requirements completed and adventures ahead!



Make sure you have completed the following action items for your MY27 Volunteer Role(s) before the program season starts:

- Adult background check, if needed
- [MY27 Membership](#)
- [GSCB Product Program Champion Agreement](#) (Volunteers at the Service Unit and Troop Level)
- [GSCB Family Product Program Agreement](#) (Covers both programs)
- [GSCB Juliette Product Program Agreement](#)
- [GSCB Service Unit Cookie Booth Champion Agreement](#)
- [GSCB Cookie Cupboard Champion Agreement](#)

READY TO explore

Other

Philanthropy Updates

Thank You to everyone who joined us for Legacy at the Lakefront at Camp Todd!

Thanks to the generosity of our attendees, donors, and sponsors, we raised enough funds to purchase 30 new mattresses for our camp properties, directly benefiting Girl Scouts this summer and beyond.



Special thank you to our sponsors:

- Founders Circle Sponsor: **Temeka Easter Rice**, GSCB Board Chair
- Campfire Champion Sponsor: Mainline Consultants, on behalf of GSCB Board Secretary **Tavanya Lockett**
- Friends of Camp Sponsors: **Choptank Electric Cooperative** and **Theresa Young**, CEO, Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay, in memory of Lillian Carsley.

Another special thank you goes to the **GSCB Archives Committee** for their incredible contributions to our Legacy at the Lakefront celebration at Camp Todd. Their thoughtfully curated Camp Todd history display brought decades of Girl Scout memories to life and gave guests a meaningful opportunity to connect with the camp's rich legacy. We are also grateful for their generous donations to our silent auction, which helped support the event's fundraising success. Thank you for preserving our history and helping ensure a strong future for Girl Scouts across the Chesapeake Bay.

Join us for Legacy at the Lodge!

Thursday, September 17, 2026 | 4:00–8:00 PM

\$60.00 per person | All ages welcome



All attendees receive an exclusive Leading with Legacy Patch and Aluminum Camp Mug. Reconnect with friends, stroll down Memory Lane, enjoy Charcuterie, a Sweet S'mores Table and a fun and creative Legacy Sips Lemonade and Tea Creation Station, explore our silent auction and be part of the ribbon-cutting celebration for the camp's brand-new Deck. Whether you're a current member, alum, volunteer, parent, or supporter, this special evening is a chance to honor the past while investing in the future of Girl Scouts. We hope you'll join us as we celebrate 85 years of courage, confidence, character, and camp memories!

Special Member Offer: Save \$25 on your ticket purchase with discount code **GSCBLEGACY**.

To purchase tickets:

- Text GSCBCCC to 53-555
- [Purchase tickets online now](#)

2025 - 2026 Membership Goals and Update

MY26 Girl Membership Goal – 4,500

Current MY26 Girl Membership* - 3,584

MY26 Adult Membership Goal – 2,000

Current MY26 Adult Membership* - 1,822

Lifetime Membership* – 1,098

*Membership data is as of 6/23/26

Staff Comings and Goings

- **New Staff**

GSCB was excited to welcome our new CEO, Theresa Young on June 8th. For more information about Theresa, please reference our [announcement post](#). Opportunities to meet Theresa will be shared in the coming weeks.

Employment Opportunities

Visit www.gscb.org/careers for more information and to apply.

- **Camp Ranger/Maintenance Technician**

We are bringing a live on-site ranger back to Camp Country Center and are seeking someone who is ready to ensure a safe, welcoming, and well-maintained environment for visitors.