

# Volunteer Newsletter

## July - August 2024

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### **Troop Spotlight**

Troop 22 visited the Fairwinds Farm & Stables, Inc. and earned their Horseback Riding badge. The girls learned about caring for the horses, including feeding, grooming, and preparing them for a ride.

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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# Updates and Happenings

## Renew or Register TODAY!

Early Bird Renewal may have ended on June 30th, but it's not too late to renew your membership or register new girls and adults to your troop! Now through July 31st, new girls and adults can join with an extended year membership and get the rest of this year and all of next year for a reduced price. Here's a few reminders and tips:



- Troop leaders, if you haven't already, submit your [Troop Participation Form](#) for the upcoming year so that new members have all of the up-to-date information.
- Find renewal resources for caregivers, troops, and service units on our [renewal page](#).

## Volunteer Getaway Weekend

Our Volunteer Getaway Weekend in June was another success! We kayaked, we painted, we made crafts, and most importantly we laughed and spent time together. We are looking forward to planning our getaway which will be held November 8th -10th at Camp Country Center. Save the date - registration information will be coming soon!

## Volunteer Summit Save the Date!

We are so excited to host the 2nd Annual GSCB Volunteer Summit this year on Saturday, October 5th, 2024, from 9am – 4:30pm. This event serves as an opportunity for GSCB Volunteers on all levels to come together to learn about important updates, engage in peer-to-peer learning and discussions, network with other volunteers, and more! Location and registration information coming soon!

Would you like to help with the planning of this event? We need volunteers to assist in the logistical planning process and to assist on the day of the event. Complete this GSCB Volunteer Summit Committee Interest [form](#) to join the planning committee!

## Volunteer Essentials

Summer is the perfect time to start reviewing the Volunteer Essentials [page](#) of our website! From Girl Scout Program resources to all of your guidelines to running your Troop or Service Unit, find all that you need here!

## Uniform Pre-Order

We have been so excited to see our members positive response to our retail items over the last several months. We've also heard your feedback that you would like to see more GSUSA official merchandise like uniforms and badges available, to lessen the burden of shipping costs. While we won't be stocking those items at our retail tables in the future, we are hosting a Uniform pre-order opportunity from July 1st – September 30th.

Uniforms can be pre-ordered using this [LINK](#). GSCB will organize the orders by Service Unit, and Volunteer Support Specialists will deliver them to September or October Service Unit Leader Meetings.

It will be the responsibility of the people who order to coordinate picking up their uniforms by attending the Leader Meeting themselves or asking a Troop Leader or other volunteer to pickup on 3

their behalf. SUMs can set the expectation for how they would like to manage uniforms that are not picked up at your upcoming September/October Leader Meetings. We are hopeful this pickup opportunity will be an added bonus of driving increased attendance to Leader Meetings this fall.

If the uniform pre-order is well-received, we will be seriously considering hosting a spring pre-order for badges, pins, or other earned items you may need to support bridging ceremonies and end-of-year celebrations.

For questions regarding the Uniform Pre-Order, please contact [MemberCare@cbgsc.org](mailto:MemberCare@cbgsc.org).

## Product Programs

### Fall Product

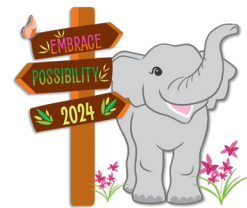
As we prepare for the upcoming Product Programs, please start collecting [Caregiver Agreements](#). This caregiver agreement is required for girls to participate in the 2024 Fall Product Program (and the 2025 Cookie Program).

If you have not already done so, you can complete the [agreement](#) for your Volunteer role in the upcoming program if you hold one.

Dates for Fall Product:

- August 2024 – Fall Product Training available for all levels; Service Unit Fall Product Champion, Troop Fall Product Champion, and Caregivers; Register Girl Scouts by August 21st to get a mailed paper order card.
- September 20, 2024 – GSCB early access to the platform for Service Unit Fall Product Champions, Troop Fall Product Champion and Girl Scouts who have met the criteria (Registered for MY25, Position Agreement and Background Check).
- September 27, 2024 – Fall Product Program Begins (Online and Order Card).
- October 30, 2024 – Last Day to enter Order Card orders by participants.
- November 1, 2024 – Last Day to enter Order Card orders by Troop Fall Product Champions.
- November 3, 2024 – Last Day to enter Order Card orders by Service Unit Fall Product Champions.
- November 4, 2024 – Last Day for Girls/Troops to Make Reward Choices.
- December 2, 2024 – Product and Rewards start shipping to Troop Fall Product Champions.
- December 13, 2024 – Last Day for Girl Delivery to Customers.
- December 13, 2024 – GSCB Product Program Communication to Troops with ACH Information.
- December 20, 2024 – Troop ACH Occurs (Credit/Debit).

Meet our Fall Product Mascot



## Cookies

As we start to plan for the upcoming cookie season, there are a few important details we would like to share with you.

1. No price increase for the upcoming season. Core cookies will be \$5.00 per package and specialty cookies will be \$6.00 per package.
2. S'mores will be retiring after the 2025 cookie season. (You can use this "last chance" opportunity as a selling point!).

Snapshot of 2025 Important Cookie Dates (dates are subject to change):

- January 4, 2025 – DC and Order Card Begins.
- February 1 – 7, 2025 – Service Unit and Cupboard Deliveries.
- February 7, 2025 – Booth Period Begins.
- February 14, 2025 – Communication to Troops about ACH.
- February 21, 2025 – ACH.
- March 9, 2025 – End of Cookie Program (Booth Sales/Digital Cookie).
- March 21, 2025 - ACH.



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## Things to Do

### Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge

Summer is here and it's time to have some fun outside! Pick your favorite ways to enjoy the great outdoors— from a backyard, window, computer, playground, park, or campsite—and earn the [Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge](#) patch. This challenge starts on June 1 and ends with Girl Scouts Love State Parks weekend on September 14 and 15, 2024.

### Save the date - Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend is coming!

September 14th and 15th is Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend. GSUSA and GSCB will team up to have incredible ways for you to enjoy the State Parks in our area. More information to come.

## Patch Earning Opportunities

### Moon Mayhem Patch

July and August bring the Strawberry and Sturgeon Moons. Dive into activities to celebrate these celestial events! This patch is for all levels - just complete a number of activities (varies by program level) to learn about the Full Moon for each month.

Download a printable version of the Moon Mayhem patch [requirements](#) and order your patch [here](#).

## Discover Delmarva Patch

Explore our GSCB Camp Properties and beyond with this fun patch set that will have Girl Scouts thinking ahead, planning their next adventures, and taking action in the outdoors. This patch is available for all levels. Download the printable version of the Discover Delmarva Patch [requirements](#) and order your patch [here](#).

## State Park Expert Patch

Learn about a state park of your choosing - any state park across the country - and then participate in a fun Design Your Own State Park activity to earn this special GSCB State Park Expert patch. Download the printable version of the State Park Expert Patch [requirements](#) and please email [MARCOMM@cbgsc.org](mailto:MARCOMM@cbgsc.org) to purchase patches at this time.

## Go Ape Zipline & Adventure Park

Swing into Action for GSCB! Go Ape Zipline & Adventure Park in Delaware is holding an event from August 2 to September 2, 2024. Use code GSACB24 to save 10% on your adventure. Plus, for every ticket purchased with this code, Go Ape will donate an additional 10% to the Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay! Don't miss out on this exciting way to contribute to a great cause! Check out this [flyer](#) for more details. Don't forget to review Safety Activities Checkpoint for safety information and prior approval needed before your trip.

# Governance

Our Board will resume meeting back up in September. They hope you are enjoying your summer break, Girl Scouts.

# Volunteer Opportunities

## Outdoor Skills Training Experience

Grab a cooler, make your fire starters, and join us for Outdoor Skills Training! This training will help you hone the hands-on skills of fire building, cooking outdoors, and give you an opportunity to practice knots and knife skills with an Outdoor Skills Instructor.

You will be required to complete online coursework via gsLearn (approximately 2 hours) before attending the in-person experience portion.

Please bring a water bottle, sunscreen, bug spray, comfortable clothing, and closed toe shoes. You will also need pre-made fire starters (two or more are recommended) and your own food and equipment to prepare your meal over the fire.

- Saturday, August 24, 2024
- 10:00am-4:00pm
- Camp Todd

[Register Here](#)

# Other

## 2023 - 2024 Membership Goals and Update

The 2023-2024 membership year is in full bloom and we focused on building a strong membership foundation rooted in retention of current members and engagement of new members.

MY24 Girl Membership Goal – 4,500 Current Girl Membership\* - 3,896

MY24 Adult Membership Goal – 1,900 Current MY23 Adult Membership\* - 1,926

Lifetime Membership\* – 1,003

## Early Bird Renewal Update

Current Girl Renewal\* - 2210

Overall Adult Renewal\*- 1049

\*Membership data is as of July 1, 2024

## Events Group on Facebook

Join our new [Events Group](#) – Now available for caregivers to learn about upcoming GSCB, Service Unit, Troop and community events.

## Tessa Gaylord – Gold Award Scholarship

We are pleased to announce the 2024 Girl Scouts' Gold Award Scholarship Recipient, Tessa Gaylord. She recently graduated high school and her Gold Award project focused on sensory play at John S. Charlton School for children with special needs. Hats off to you, Tessa, for this incredible accomplishment. Read more about Tessa's accomplishments [here](#).



## Staff Comings and Goings

### Staff Goings

- Allyson Hawley former Program Specialist, left the GSCB team on May 28th. We wish her all the best!
- Jessica Kovitch former Associate Director of Mission Delivery, left the GSCB team on June 4th. We wish her all the best!

## GSCB Employment Opportunities

Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay is seeking passionate, driven and engaged individuals to join our team. Interested parties should email their resume and cover letter to [Careers@cbgsc.org](mailto:Careers@cbgsc.org) for further consideration.

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