

Volunteer Newsletter

July - August 2025



Troop Spotlight

Service Unit 45 celebrated Bronze & Silver awardees, 10 year & 13 year Girl Scouts, and the class of 2025 graduating seniors.

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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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Fourth of July | 5 |
| Summer Camp - Camp Todd | | | | | GSCB Closed | |
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| Summer Camp - Camp Todd | | | | | | |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| Summer Camp - Camp Todd | | | | | | |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
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July

Updates & Happenings

Things to Do

August

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| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Adventurer Weekend | 9 +Adventurer Weekend +Outdoor Skills Training |
| 10 Adventurer Weekend | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 Volunteer LeadHERship Summit | 23 Volunteer LeadHERship Summit |
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Governance

Other

Updates and Happenings

Early Bird Update

Way to slither into success, troops and Service Units! We had a fang-tastic Early Bird renewal season thanks to you! Here's a shoutout to everyone who achieved their Early Bird status:

Troops and Service Units that met their Early Bird Goal

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|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Troop 1029 | Troop 226 | Troop 107 | Troop 516 | Troop 1290 | Troop 214 |
| Troop 1070 | Troop 286 | Troop 109 | Troop 86 | Troop 211 | Troop 249 |
| Troop 1155 | Troop 333 | Troop 1250 | Troop 91 | Troop 937 | Troop 360 |
| Troop 1167 | Troop 78 | Troop 1498 | Troop 364 | Troop 1212 | Troop 365 |
| Troop 1384 | Troop 317 | Troop 220 | Troop 590 | Troop 170 | Troop 499 |
| Troop 1416 | Troop 47 | Troop 307 | Troop 7 | Troop 384 | Troop 585 |
| Troop 193 | Troop 74 | Troop 321 | Troop 90 | Troop 70 | Troop 66 |
| Troop 207 | Troop 80 | Troop 363 | Troop 1201 | Troop 933 | Troop 778 |
| Troop 500 | Troop 1150 | Troop 446 | Troop 100 | Troop 1098 | Troop 906 |
| Troop 934 | Troop 1326 | Troop 45 | Troop 122 | Troop 1122 | Troop 97 |
| Troop 511 | Troop 1391 | Troop 454 | Troop 1222 | Troop 1411 | Troop 129 |
| Troop 889 | Troop 19 | Troop 482 | Troop 1356 | Troop 168 | Troop 537 |
| Troop 1093 | Troop 268 | Troop 512 | Troop 17 | Troop 204 | |
| Troop 1408 | Troop 280 | Troop 593 | Troop 186 | | |
| Troop 203 | Troop 374 | Troop 799 | Troop 284 | | |
| Troop 213 | Troop 379 | Troop 919 | Troop 43 | | |
| Troop 313 | Troop 401 | Troop 953 | Troop 440 | | |
| Troop 340 | Troop 418 | Troop 956 | Troop 463 | | |
| Troop 719 | Troop 574 | Troop 420 | Troop 491 | | |
| Troop 837 | Troop 699 | Troop 312 | Troop 526 | | |
| Troop 968 | Troop 2 | Troop 1078 | Troop 73 | | |
| Troop 106 | Troop 869 | Troop 200 | Troop 899 | | |
| Troop 1124 | Troop 101 | Troop 367 | Troop 1232 | | |
| Troop 144 | Troop 1042 | Troop 513 | Troop 124 | | |

Service Unit 31
Service Unit 13
Service Unit 1
Service Unit 2
Service Unit 19

Don't stop now – if your Troop achieved your Early Bird Status, we've got a BONUS prize if you complete just a few more steps **by 7/31/25 IF:**

- Your Troop achieved Early Bird Status AND
- All registered Troop Co-Leaders have completed the gsLearn course 200: Mandated Reporter and Abuse Prevention* AND
- Your Troop has completed the GSCB Troop Annual Finance Report Submission Process in the Volunteer Toolkit.
- Your troop will receive a \$25 gift card to the Girl Scout Shop!**

***All additional returning Troop Volunteers (Troop Support Volunteers, Product Program Champions, etc...) must complete this training by 9/30 to remain in their roles.**

****Only one gift card will be awarded per troop.**

Volunteer Support & Resources

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.

You will be unable to submit the reports in Volunteer Toolkit (for Troops) or via the Wufoo form (for Service Units) until the submission period begins on July 1st, as your records must reflect the time period between July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

Required submissions for this year include:

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

***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.

Mandated Reporter Training for ALL Volunteer Roles

There are very strict protocols for all Youth Serving Organizations regarding Child Abuse and Neglect, and as the safety of our Girl Scouts youth members is our top priority, GSUSA has placed the requirement that all Volunteers are expected to receive and abide by the mandatory abuse prevention training course provided by councils. To be able to provide consistent training across councils, GSUSA has provided a Girl Scout Abuse Prevention Training course for councils to utilize in [gsLearn](#).

For Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay, this training is now included in our learning path titled [200: Mandated Reporter and Abuse Prevention](#), which also includes our GSCB specific policy and procedure.

ACTION:

1. Complete the training by 7/31 to count towards Early Bird Bonus goals or 9/30/25 latest to remain in your active volunteer roles in MY26:
 - a. This Learning Path has been assigned to all volunteers and has been added to the Content Library for ease of access.
 - b. To fulfil the training requirement for councils, this is now an annual requirement for these roles which must be completed in order to be placed / renewed into a volunteer role.

2. Review resources:

- a. [GSUSA's Child Abuse Prevention Policies and Procedures](#)
- b. [GSCB.org / Volunteer Essentials / Keeping Girls Safe](#)
- c. [GSCB Volunteer Mandated Reporter Policy and Procedures](#)

We appreciate your dedication to leading Girl Scout Programming and to keeping our Girl Scouts safe!

Things To Do

Volunteer LeadHERship Summit – Charting the Course to Success

Join us on Saturday, August 23rd at the LeadHERship Summit-a full-day event celebrating and empowering leaders from all walks of life. Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or emerging leader, join us to connect, learn, and have fun while building girls of courage, character, and confidence.

Space is limited, so don't wait-secure your seat and get ready to lead, learn, and laugh at LeadHERship Summit! Register [here](#).

Looking to extend the experience? You have the option to turn this powerful day into a full weekend getaway-perfect for deeper connection, reflection, and a bit of well-deserved fun and relaxation.

Day Only Option - Saturday, August 23rd

\$20 (\$25 after 7/12)

Day with Weekend add-on – Friday, August 22nd – Sunday, August 24th

\$45 (\$50 after 7/12)

Registering a group of volunteers from your Service Unit? Complete this [Volunteer LeadHERship Group Registration form](#) and Member Care will connect to complete the group registration details and process payment.

Volunteer Fall School

Join GSCB Volunteers at Camp Todd October 3-5 for our annual Volunteer led Fall School! For more than 60yrs Girl Scout leaders and adult volunteers have been gathering to share their favorite crafts, games and skills to share with your troops or just to have fun with friends! Cost is only \$65 per person and includes meals, lodging, classes, activities and a patch! Learn more and signup [here](#).

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 gsLearn
- Apprentice with current training team
- Demonstrate competency in teaching knife, knot, fire, and tent skills

Interested in learning more? Contact MemberCare@cbgsc.org.

Upcoming Programs & Events

2025-2026 Calendar

Themed overnights, encampments, new Program on the Move topics, and more (chosen by you!) Listings and Save the Dates are live at www.gsrb.org/events!

*Registration opens September 1, 2025.

Visit Altalune, the GSCB Moon Tree!

Planning a trip to Camp Todd? Make sure to visit the Moon Tree while you are there. The tote located on the porch of Choptank contains programs for all levels to learn more about the history and significance of Moon Trees. Don't forget to order your "I saw the GSCB Moon Tree" patch! Link to purchase coming soon. Learn more about the Moon Tree and review FAQs [here](#).



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. View our list of overnight and weekend programming on our [calendar](#).

Gold Award

Do you support Cadette, Senior, or Ambassador Girl Scouts? Review the process, deadlines, rubrics, resources available, and more on our [website](#).

Gold Award training is strongly recommended for any CSA volunteers and caregivers and is required for all Girl Scouts going for Gold. gsLearn option is available at your convenience. Contact MemberCare@cbgsc.org to learn more.

***Interested in bringing an in-person training to your Service Unit?

Please contact

MemberCare@cbgsc.org.



Community Service and Service to Girl Scouting

Did you know Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts are eligible to earn their Community Service and Service to Girl Scouting Bars? Summer is a great time for Girl Scouts to work on these Service Awards. For more information and to review requirements, check out the [packets](#) and [submission form](#).

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! View our list of partners [here](#) and our upcoming [Girl Scout Days](#).

Have you used a Program Partner recently? Tell us about it! Send us a comment at MemberCare@cbgsc.org or share your troop's story via the [Girls in Action form](#).



Girl Scouts Love The Outdoors

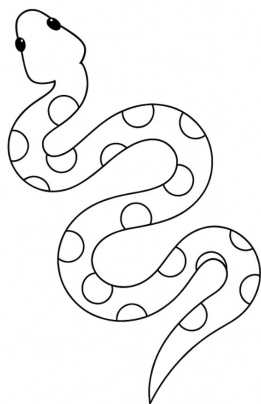
You don't need access to a national park or the woods to enjoy the outdoors! So put yourself out there with us and participate in our [Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge](#).

Spending at least 120 minutes a week in nature is associated with improved mood, focus, and confidence—whether you spend that time becoming a rockstar at rock climbing, making a splash in the puddles around your neighborhood, or watching wandering wildlife at a park.

[Download our free activity sheet](#) with 50+ fun activities to see what's possible right outside your own front door today!

Save the Date - Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend

By heading out to explore your local state parks during this year's Girls Scouts Love State Parks Weekend! Join us on September 14th and 15th where 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. More details [here](#).



Kalpana the Snake Activity Sheet

Meet Kalpana, our Early Bird mascot and an Eastern Hognose Snake you might spot at Camp Todd! Take her along when you visit a state or national park, just color her in and bring her on your adventure. Don't forget to snap a photo and share it with us using the [Girls in Action form](#). And here's a fun bonus: you can even earn the [GSCB State Park Expert](#) patch during your visit! Print yours [here](#) and order your patch at our [Girl Scout store](#).

Fall Product & Cookies

Brave. Fierce. Fun! Exciting news from Product Program

Do you know what *ursus arctos horribilis* is? It's the Fall Product mascot: the Grizzly Bear, and they love to play!

The Fall Product Program is going online-only (for those who need an order card, you can print one online) and the program will run from October 1 – October 31, 2025. New products have been added, including candles and more options for the BarkBox. In-person delivery products and rewards will be shipped directly to the Troop Fall Product Champion the week of November 15th. Training for the Service Unit, Troop and Caregivers will be available in mid-August.



Get ahead of your roles in Product Program by:

- Registering for the upcoming membership year through your MYGS for the 25-26 membership year
- Completing your agreements for the volunteer role(s) you will fill for Product Programs
- And taking your gsLearn modules once they are live (check back in mid-August for Fall Product and the beginning of December for cookies)

2026 Cookie Program Update

What lives in prairie dog dens, playful, nocturnal and endangered? Why it's the 2026 Cookie mascot Shirley, the Black-footed ferret!

The 2026 Cookie Program kicks off on January 3, 2026 (digital and in-person) and ends on March 8, 2026. More information about the program will be coming out in early fall. Stay tuned for the new cookie announcement too!



Council and Other Updates

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* - 3568
MY25 Adult Membership Goal – 2000 Current MY25 Adult Membership* - 1902

Lifetime Membership* – 1,047

*Membership data is as of July 1, 2025.

Staff Comings and Goings

Staff Goings

Thank you to Claudia Peña Porretti! We're grateful for Claudia's incredible leadership as C.E.O. of Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay. Her impact on our girls and community will be felt for years to come. Wishing her all the best in her next chapter!



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