Volunteer Newsletter March - April 2025



Troop Spotlight

Troop 1453 celebrated New York fashion week with a clothing exchange. They focused on the Girl Scout Law by using resources wisely and were sisters to every Girl Scout. The girls also made nosew hair bows from donated bandanas and designed their own new designs on coloring sheets.

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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6 +Gold Award Training +American Red Cross - First Aid/CPR	7	8	9 Youth Mental Health First Aid	10	11 Cadette Woodworker Overnight	12 +Passover +Peninsula Day of Service +Cadette Woodworker Overnight
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Updates and Happenings

Time to check your Troop Rosters before Early Bird!

he annual Early Bird renewal campaign kicks off April 1, 2025. We will announce this year's incentives and the much-awaited mascot soon! A variety of resources will be made available to service units, troops and families to help renewing memberships for girls and adults easy.

Troop Leaders – check your rosters now to be sure that all Girl Scouts that are current in your troop are showing so that they are eligible for renewal. Be sure to <u>email</u> your Volunteer Support Specialist with any discrepancies found or Girl Scouts who are no longer participating.

Years of Service Recognition

GSCB recognizes years of volunteer service in increments of 5 years with Years of Service Pins. Service Units, please submit your <u>GSCB Request for Years of Service Pins</u> by year, including names of recipients by March 15th in order to receive pins for your recognition ceremonies and to ensure that those with 15+ years are recognized at the Annual Meeting.

Graduating Senior Spotlight

We want to celebrate your graduating senior in a special way this year! Have your graduating senior share about their future plans and favorite Girl Scout memory by completing the <u>Graduating Seniors</u> Form. We'll spotlight these stars throughout the month of May.

Volunteer Appreciation Month is almost here!

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month and we can't wait to celebrate YOU! Be on the lookout for giveaways, volunteer socials, shout outs, and surprises all month long! Want to shout out and appreciate your favorite volunteer? Share your story with us here! Want to do some appreciating of your own? We've got a <u>certificate</u>, <u>card</u>, and <u>gift tag</u> you can use!

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 5/31/2025
- Virtual Youth Mental Health First Aid 3/18 3/19/2025 FULL
- <u>Virtual Youth Mental Health First Aid</u> 4/9-4/10/2025
- Virtual Youth Mental Health First Aid 5/20-5/21/2025
- <u>Virtual Youth Mental Health First Aid</u> 7/22-7/23/2025
- 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 FULL
- High Ropes and Zipline Facilitator Training 4/5 4/6/2025 FULL

GSCB is looking for a Challenge Course Supervisor! To learn more, check out the <u>Volunteer Description</u>. Those interested should contact Member Care at <u>MemberCare@cbgsc.org</u>.

Cookies

Thank you to all our Girl Scouts, volunteers and caregivers, oh what a PANDA-RIFIC cookie season!

We continue to be contacted that Girl Scouts have not delivered cookies to their customers. After the March 17th submit date, any orders that were not delivered, will result in the troop and the Girl Scout losing any rewards and or proceeds.

As we wrap up the 2025 Cookie Program please remember to:

eBudde Girl Order Distribution

Remember to distribute all cookies in troop inventory to girls by March 17th at 11:59 PM in eBudde's Girl Orders Tab.

Zeroing your troop's "Difference" row on the Girl Orders tab means allocating the available troop inventory to the girls in the troop that sold cookies to help them earn more rewards too!

If your troop's "Difference" row is negative, your troop has inventory to allocate (this could be left over booth cookies, girl delivery orders or other cookies not yet allocated to the girls who sold them).

If your troop's "Difference" row is positive, you have over-allocated cookie inventory that your troop received throughout the program.

All Digital Cookie Girl Delivery (and in-hand) cookies do not automatically transfer to eBudde from Digital Cookie after the troop submits their Initial Order for girl delivery and in-hand orders. This means that anything after January 21, 2025, needs to be distributed from the available troop inventory.

Most in-hand payments are taken at booths, so be sure to use the Booth recorder for easier distribution for booth sales.

The payments are credited to the girl (or the troop site) who sold them, but the packages must be added manually OR use the Booth Recorder if you've signed up for the booth in eBudde.

You can pull a "All DOC Orders" Report from the Reports tab in eBudde to find all your troop's digital cookie sales. This report includes booth info if you used the booth selector drop down at the booth in Digital Cookie!

If you need assistance with distributing Troop Link Cookies to Girls to give them credit for those sales and zero out your troop link account, please review video about Digital Cookie Troop Site Digital Cookie Payments Video here – also be sure to check out the Troop Link & Shipped payments distribution video.

Important Upcoming Dates

- March 9, 2025 Program Ends (online and in-person)
- March 14, 2025 ACH balance email sent to first TCC volunteer in eBudde Contacts tab
- March 17, 2025, 11:59 PM Troop Final Rewards & Girl Order allocation deadline
- March 17, 2025 Troop Bank Deposit Deadline (to clear FED in time for debits)
- March 18, 2025, 11:59 PM SU Final Rewards & Girl Order allocation deadline
- March 21, 2025 Final ACH Sweep

What do I do with leftover cookies?

Troops can choose a charitable cause to donate cookies to if they wish but will still be held financially responsible for the balance due to council.

Girls can continue to sell to friends and family after March 9th, 2025. Additional cookie booths may continue to be held after March 9th, but must follow all rules, regulations and booth etiquette set during the regular cookie season and cookie prices must ALWAYS remain the same – discounting cookies is unacceptable.

Additionally, any booths that take place after March 9, 2025 must be submitted and approved

Things to Do

Girl Scout Week

<u>Girl Scout Week</u> is coming! Starting Sunday, March 9th through Saturday, March 15th, we're spending each day embracing all the many reasons to love our Girl Scout sisterhood! Plus, Girl Scouts Birthday (March 12th), falls on Wednesday - the perfect mid-week celebration.

We have a robust list of ways to embrace Girl Scout Week - <u>including Faith Based and Non-</u> <u>Denominational opportunities</u> - on our Girl Scout Week page. We encourage you to visit and make your plans for the. best. week. EVER.



Join us for Peninsula Day of Service 2025

Saturday, April 12th, 2025 | 9AM - 2PM | Camp Todd and Camp Country Center and various State Park sites across our footprint. Last day to register is April 2nd.

*Patch Opportunity - If you are unable to participate on April 12th, you can still complete an outdoor service project during the month of April and receive a free Peninsula Day of Service patch! Submit your project starting April 1st. You can also add a "Cookie Cleanip" t-shirt to your registration. All proceeds from t-shirt sales will go towards the rebuilding/updating of the low ropes course at Camp Todd. Visit <u>Peninsula Day of Service</u> to learn more.

*Delaware Seashore State Park is still looking for Girl Scouts to help at their location. Sign up here.





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 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

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

Program on the Move

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! Register now.

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

Summer Camp Registration

Registration for summer 2025 is open.

Already registered and need something changed? Please contact MemberCare@cbgsc.org to make any changes or cancellations to your registration. Please do not contact CampDoc Support.

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



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 <u>events calendar</u>.

Gold Award Trainings

In-person Gold Award trainings are available:

- Sunday, March 9, 10am-12pm Denton, MD
- Sunday, April 6, 12:00-2:00pm Rising Sun, 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

Join us at the 63rd GSCB Annual Meeting

Each spring, Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay holds its Annual Meeting. At the meeting, delegates and council members are invited to listen to a "state-of-the-council" address by our board chair and CEO, as well as vote on incoming board members, and more.

For this year's Annual Meeting, attendees will have the option to join us either in-person or virtually through Microsoft Teams. Attendees joining us in-person can select to join us for dinner or join us simply for the business portion.

Please join us on Wednesday, April 16th at Delaware Technical & Community College - Terry Campus, Dover, DE from 5:00pm - 8:00pm.

Register Today: GSCB Annual Meeting



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* - 3405 MY25 Adult Membership Goal – 2000 Current MY25 Adult Membership* - 1776

Lifetime Membership* - 1,046

*Membership data is as of March 5, 2025.

Staff Comings and Goings Staff Comings

- We are thrilled to welcome two new Volunteer Support Specialists to the GSCB team! Carla Owens and Meg Buonpane joined us in February and are looking forward to working with volunteers and members in Region 2. Welcome Carla and Meg!
- A big welcome to Tiffany Drouillard who is our new Finance Associate. Welcome, Tiffany.

Join Us for Do More 24 and Make a Difference

Mark your calendars! Do More 24 is coming up, and we need your help to make an even greater impact. This annual giving day is your chance to support Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay and ensure that every girl has the opportunity to learn, lead, and thrive. As a dedicated volunteer, you've already seen firsthand the power of Girl Scouts—now, you can take it a step further by making a gift of any size to support the programs and experiences that change girls' lives.

Day of: Donate starting at now until 6:00 PM this evening (March 7th), through our <u>Do More 24 giving page</u>.

Donate Early: Via our website and make sure to add "Do More 24" into the comments of your gift.

Every donation counts, and together, we can do more for the next generation of leaders. Thank you for your dedication, generosity, and for everything you do to support Girl Scouts!



Job Openings

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. <u>Apply now.</u>

Associate Director of Fund Development

The Associate Director of Fund Development will work closely with the Director of Fund Development to co-lead the department, driving strategic initiatives to meet the fundraising and development goals of the Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Council. <u>Apply now</u>.

QR Codes

General & Programs



Girls in Action Form



GSCB Events



GSCB Website



Employment Opportunities Meeting



Annual

Product Program





Digital Cookie Link & Shipped Payments Video Video

Volunteer Support and Resources



Request for Years of Service Pins



Graduating Seniors Form



Volunteer Certificate



Volunteer Card



Volunteer Gfit Tag

Volunteer Programs and Trainings



Youth Mental Health Trainings



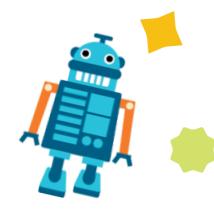
Small Craft Trainings



Archery Level 1 **Trainings**



Outdoor Skills Trainings



Programs



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Program on the Move



