

Volunteer Newsletter

May - June 2026



Girls in Action Form



Troop Spotlight

Troop 599 spent an amazing day at Fairwinds Farm! They enjoyed a tea party and horseback riding. Plus, they got to do a book signing with author, actress and entrepreneur JoAnn Dawson.

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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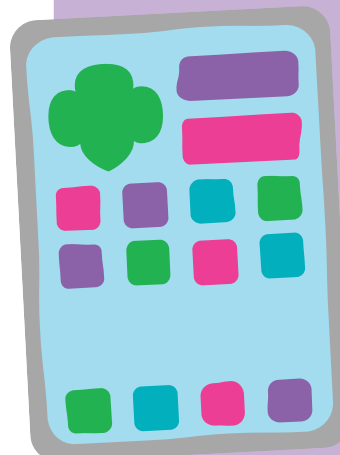
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Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake
Bay!

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Standard text messaging rates apply.

Interested in getting alerts about
camp properties
(recommended
if you have a
camp property
reservation)?

Text **CAMPALERT**
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GSCB Events Calendar

MAY

					1 + Jr Facilitator Weekend	2 + GSCB Annual Meeting + Water You Waiting For Overnight
3 +Camp Todd Drop in Hours	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Happy Mother's Day!	11	12 +National Council Session Proposal Education Webinar	13	14 + National Council Session Proposal Education Webinar	15 +Troop Camping Overnight	16 + Small Craft Facilitator Training +Cadette Comic Artist Workshop + Craft and Tinker Workshop +Troop Camping Overnight
17 + Outdoor Skills Training +Volunteer Gold Award Info Session + Council Wide Bridging	18	19	20 + New Leader Support Call	21	22	23
24	25 GSCB Offices Closed	26	27	28	29	30 + Gold Award Training + Archery Facilitator Training

JUNE

31 + Archery Facilitator Training	1	2	3	4	5	6 + High Ropes and Zipline Facilitator Training
7	8	9 + Small Craft Facilitator Training	10	11	12 + Waterfront Lifeguarding Training	13 +Legacy at the Lodge Event
14 + Camp Todd Drop In Hours	15	16	17	18	19 GSCB Offices Closed	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Summer Camp Week 1						
28	29	30				
Summer Camp Week 2						

Legacy at the Lakefront: Celebrating 75 Years of Camp Todd

As volunteers, you are often at the center of creating magical camp experiences that endure for decades. This June, we invite you to celebrate 75 years of Camp Todd with us at our Legacy at the Lodge event. This adults only (21+) event will

give you all of those nostalgic camp vibes with a grown up feel. Enjoy a shrimp boil, live music, camp-themed activities, silent auction, and more. Plus, all proceeds benefit improvements at camp, ensuring those camp experiences are available for generations of Girl Scouts to come. Plus, our new CEO Theresa Young will be in attendance and is looking forward to meeting you!



GSCB members are encouraged to use the code GSCBLEGACY at checkout to receive a \$25 discount on their ticket. Tickets are required for attendance.

[BUY TICKETS](#)

Volunteer Facilitator Trainings

- 5/16/26 - [Small Craft - Camp Todd](#)
- 5/17/26 - [Outdoor Skills - Camp Todd](#)
- 5/30/26 - [Archery Level 1 - Country Center](#)
- 5/31/26 - [Archery Level 1 - Camp Todd](#)
- 6/6 - 6/7 - [High Ropes and Zipline - Camp Todd](#)
- 6/9/26 - [Small Craft - Camp Todd](#)
- 6/12 - 6/14/26 - [Waterfront Lifeguard - 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.

National Council Session Proposal Education Webinars

The Girl Scout Convention week begins with the 58th National Council Session (NCS), which is the national business meeting where delegates from every council across the nation and USA Girl Scouts Overseas meet to discuss, debate, and vote on issues important to the Girl Scout Movement, and elect national leaders for the next triennium. The business portion of the week is followed by Girl Scouts Unite, where Girl Scouts from all over can participate in the Hall of Experiences, a National Bridging Ceremony, and so much more! Find out more here.

During this year's Triennial business meeting National Delegates from these regions will vote on three proposals and discussion topics that are on the 58th National Council Session agenda. These proposals will impact all Girl Scout members. Our council's four National Council Delegates want to hear your thoughts on these proposals that they will be voting on so that they can represent the voice of Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay.

Please register to attend one of two National Council Session Proposal Education webinars where our National Delegates will review each of the three proposals:

[Tuesday, May 12th, 7:00pm – 8:30pm](#)

[Thursday, May 14th, 7:00pm – 8:30pm](#)

Early Bird Updates

Early Bird ends May 31st! If your troop has not yet met your Early Bird requirements, we encourage you to complete them in order to be entered to win a \$100 ACH into your troop account. Let's work together to finish this renewal season strong!

Troop Requirements

- Get 75% of your eligible Girl Scouts renewed (based on your troop roster as of 3/15)
- Have all of your active and eligible Co-Leaders renewed (both their membership and their Co-Leader role)
- Co-Leaders must have a completed [Co-Leader agreement](#) for the new year
- Co-Leaders must have completed Mandated Reporter training for the new year (in gsLearn)

T-Shirt Pickup

If anyone in your troop earned or ordered a t-shirt during Early Bird, please ensure a pickup person has signed up to retrieve your troop's t-shirts during our pick up days. Only one pickup person per troop. All Co-Leaders in qualifying troops should have received a direct communication about picking up t-shirts.

[Sign up for a Pick Up Day](#)

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 [Graduating Seniors Form](#). We'll spotlight these stars throughout the month of May!

2025 - 2026 Membership Goals and Update

MY26 Girl Membership Goal – 4,500 Current MY26 Girl Membership* - 3,517

MY26 Adult Membership Goal – 2,000 Current MY26 Adult Membership* - 1,760

Lifetime Membership* – 1,098

*Membership data is as of 5/6/26

Service Unit Delegate Elections are happening now!

As we plan for the 2026 – 2027 Membership Year, Service Unit Delegate elections have begun. Service Unit delegates and alternate delegates serve as members of the Corporation of the Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Council to communicate governance information between the board of directors and the service unit that elected them. Delegates and alternates represent the voice of the service unit to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting of the council.

Review the following resources:

- [GSCB Annual Election of Service Unit Delegates Policy and Procedure](#)
- [Service Unit Delegate and Alternate Position Description](#)
- [GSCB Governance and Financials](#) webpage for more information

Here are the steps to Elections:

1. Let your Service Unit Manager know if you are interested in being nominated for this role
2. Service Unit Manager will facilitate a Service Unit Delegate election at a Leader Meeting in May or June.
 - Note the change to the quorum which now states: The members present and voting at a SU meeting shall constitute a quorum for SU Delegate elections.
3. Service Unit submits their elected Delegates and Alternate Delegates using the [GSCB Service Unit Delegate Election Form](#), by **June 30, 2026**.

Share Your Troop's Voice - Help Us Build our Girl Scout Song Library!

We are excited to begin creating A Girl Scout Songbook: Curated and Shared by Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay. A collection of traditional Girl Scout and camp songs featuring lyrics and a companion YouTube video library showcasing GSCB troop performances.

We are inviting troops to record short videos of their Girl Scouts singing or performing their favorite Girl Scout or camp songs. This will become a shared resource that volunteers can use to:

- Learn new songs
- Teach songs at meetings or camp
- Add music to ceremonies and events
- Celebrate the Girl Scout spirit across our council

If your troop would like to participate: [Submit Your Sign Up](#)

Songs will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis to help us avoid duplicates and include a variety of songs. Once this form submission is reviewed, you will receive your approved song assignment with lyrics, recording guidelines, and video submission instructions.

Upcoming Programs and Events

Explore More this Summer - Camp Registration Closes 5/15!

Troop Leaders - we hope you will encourage your Girl Scouts to attend a summer camp session with GSCB. Please share the [Camp Guide](#) and [Summer Camp page](#) with your caregivers. We are offering both Overnight (Camp Todd) and Day (Country Center) camps this year with exciting themes like culinary creations, theatre, games, and more.

- ▶ *New!* From May 1st - May 15th, anyone who registers (or is already registered) for summer camp can register for a second session at a \$65 discount!
- ▶ *New!* Delaware Nature Society to provide exciting wildlife programming at Camp Country Center day camp! Perfect for animal lovers.
- ▶ Work at Camp! Are you or someone you know looking for exciting summer camp employment opportunities?
[Check out our open positions and apply today.](#)

Do you or your troop caregivers want to learn more about summer camp? Join us for a virtual Summer Camp Information Session or an in-person Summer Camp “Drop In” Session.

Last In-Person Drop In Session at Camp Todd:

- [Sunday, June 14th | 2PM - 4PM](#)

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](#)



Beach Encampment

Is your troop still planning how to use your cookie funds? Think about ending the summer with us at our beach-themed encampment this August. Enjoy small craft adventures, water games, beachy crafts and SWAPs, tent decorating contest, dance party and more.

- All levels welcome

Friday, August 7th - Sunday, August 9th

\$40 per Girl Scout

[Register Now](#)

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.



New! Outdoor Skills Patch Program

The Outdoor Skills Patch Program is a progressive, five-level program to help Girl Scouts learn and become proficient in outdoor skills. Through this patch program, girls explore leadership, build skills, and develop a deep appreciation for nature. The program is intended to supplement the existing Girl Scout program. It is not meant to replace working on Journeys, badges or other outdoor programming.

[View the Patch Program Requirements](#)



Product Programs

Cookie Program

As we are preparing for next year's program, we want to take a moment to thank you for all your hard work and support during the cookie program. The Girl Scouts cannot achieve their goals without you and their caregivers.



Service Unit Cookie Champions should start receiving shipping notifications from Little Brownie Bakers, as rewards from the baker are starting to ship. SUCCs should be distributing rewards to troops by mid-June and any shortages must be informed to GSCB no later than June 1st to qualify for replacements. After that date, we may not be able to fulfill shortages/damages.

Here are some highlights from the cookie program:

- Total packages sold: 736,174, 98.81% to goal
- Girl PGA: 291
- Fianna J from Troop 869 sold an amazing 668 packages of Gift of Caring
- Melanie G from Troop 78 was our highest seller, coming in at a total of 2,572 packages

Keep an eye out for updated agreements at all levels and a sneak peek into the theme and mascots for membership year 2027 along with product program dates.

Other

Philanthropy Updates

- **Green Hat Society**

Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay is excited to announce the launch of the newly forming GSCB Chapter of the Green Hat Society! Volunteers, alums, and registered adult members are invited to join this fun and welcoming group whose mission is “having fun while sharing Girl Scout traditions.” Membership is open to all registered adults and there is no cost to join, [complete our interest form](#) to sign up for our email list and stay connected.

- **Leading with Legacy Events - Celebrate Our Camp Anniversaries**

Three events celebrating the 85th Anniversary of Camp Country Center and the 75th Anniversary of Camp Todd are being planned. Look for coming news about events on June 13 at Camp Todd; September 17 at Camp Country Center; and October 16 for a breakfast fundraiser at DuPont Country Club. Tickets available for purchase now!

[Legacy at the Lakefront: Celebrating 75 Years of Camp Todd](#)

[Legacy at the Lodge: Celebrating 85 Years of Camp Country Center](#)

- **Foot Bridge Replacement at Camp Country Center**

The footbridge behind the STEM Lodge at Camp Country Center that allows access to the road up to the ridge is officially back and better than ever! Thanks to the dedication of our GSCB Properties Team and the Reimagining Camp Committee, this much-loved spot has been rebuilt and is ready to be enjoyed once again. Be sure to check it out the next time you're at Country Center - another great step forward in enhancing our camp experience!

- **GSCB Selected for Women & Girls Fund Grant**

Thanks to the generosity of the Women & Girls Fund of the Mid-Shore, GSCB has been selected to receive a grant towards our annual Volunteer Leadership Summit.





Place your Orders for Bridging Materials or Graduation Regalia

Our Retail Specialist, Emily, is ready to support your troop or graduating senior in ensuring all of your end-of-troop-year needs are ordered. From bridging kits to badges, we will work with you to get everything you need to make your bridging ceremony sparkle! Ordering with Emily allows you to skip the shipping costs. If you need items for a specific date, please connect with Emily before placing your order as we may not be able to guarantee delivery on time.

Email Emily at eurbanik@cbgsc.org.

[View Bridging Kits](#)

[View Graduation Regalia](#)

Staff Comings and Goings

- **Staff Goings**

Lauren Bullins, former Girl Experience Specialist, left the GSCB team in April. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors!

Cheryl Bostwick, Girl Experience Specialist, is leaving the GSCB team in May. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors!

- **New Staff**

Kristina Rasco joined the GSCB team in April as a Volunteer Engagement Specialist in Region 2.

Employment Opportunities

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

- **Camp Staff**

If you or anyone 17+ in your network is interested in an amazing opportunity to support Girl Scouts as they EXPLORE MORE this summer, please consider applying to one of our open camp positions!

- **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.