

Volunteer Newsletter

September - October 2026



Girls in Action Form



Troop Spotlight

In August, Troop 205 had a blast river rafting at the adventure water park in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia while also learning about sun safety!

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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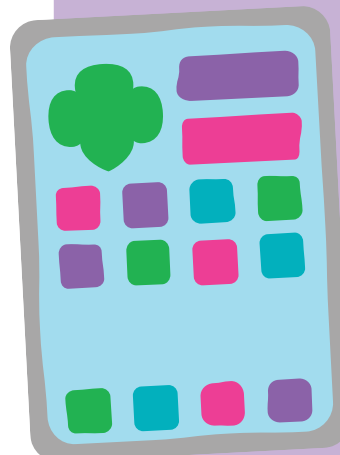
Stay Up to Date!

Sign up now to get text updates
Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake
Bay!

Text **GSCBUPDATE** to 302-200-4074.
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

SEPTEMBER

		1	2	3	4	5 + CPR/AED/First Aid Training with Dejavu Safety Solutions
6	7 GSCB Offices Closed	8	9	10	11	12 + Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend + Gold Award Training
13	14	15	16	17 + Legacy at the Lodge: Celebrating 85 Years of Camp Country Center	18 + Troop Camping Weekend	19 + Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 + GSCB Fall Festival at the Salisbury Zoo
27	28	29	30			

OCTOBER

				1	2	3 + Content Creation Day + Girl Scout Kick Off at Camp Country Center
4 + Girl Scout Kick Off at Camp Todd	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 + State of the Girl Event	17 + Girl Scout Day with the Philadelphia Union + Babysitting/First Aid Training
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 + Camp Clean Up Day at Country Center
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 + Founder's Day Event: Currency Confidence

We're heading Back to Troop with these key action items and resources to ensure you're ready for another amazing year of Girl Scouts!

- **Troop Participation Form** - Each year we ask troops to complete the [GSCB Troop Participation Form - MY27](#) to confirm your Troop's information and preferences for the year. Please be sure to complete this form by 9/30/26. This form can also be used throughout the year to update your leader info, meeting location, and other important troop information.
- **Mandated Reporter Training for ALL Volunteers required by 9/30/26!** - 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 annually.

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.

- **Troop Support (Annual Forms and Resources)** - Welcome back to a new year of fun, friendship, learning, and adventures! Connect with your caregivers using the resources below:
 - » [GSCB Troop Caregiver Information Packet](#)
 - » [GSCB Health History Form for Youth and Adults](#)
 - » [GSCB Permission Waiver Form for Activities and Trips](#)
 - » [GSCB Product Program Family Agreement](#)
- **Service Unit Meetings** - Don't forget to connect with your Service Unit Team to attend monthly meetings for local support, networking and interactions with your Volunteer Engagement Specialist and other Council Staff. Best practice is to have at least one Troop Coleader or Troop Support Volunteer attend all meetings. Not sure of when your Service Unit meets? Reach out to your VES or Member Care: MemberCare@cbgsc.org or 800-341-4007.
- **NEW Volunteer Essentials, Troop Leader Central, and Service Unit Central Refresh!** - Based on volunteer and user feedback, we have refreshed how crucial volunteer information is displayed on our website. We encourage you to visit our redesigned pages, which will hopefully make finding what you need throughout the year quick and easy:
 - » [Volunteer Essentials](#)
 - » [Troop Leader Central](#)
 - » [Service Unit Central](#)
 - » New Page: [Girl Scout Health and Safety](#)
 - » New Page: [Girl Scout Finances](#)
 - » New Page: [GSCB Policies](#) (content coming soon!)

Volunteer Facilitator Trainings

- 9/13/26 - [Archery Level 1 Training at Camp Country Center](#)
- 11/7/26 - [Outdoor Skills Training at Camp Country Center](#)
- 11/8/26 - [Archery Level 1 Training at Camp Todd](#)
- 2/27/27 - [Outdoor Skills Training at Camp Todd](#)
- 4/3/27 - [Archery Level 1 Training at Camp Todd](#)
- 6/6/27 - [Archery Level 1 Training at Camp Country Center](#)

Thank you to our volunteer instructors who make these trainings possible!

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.



Outdoor Skills Instructors Needed!

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.

Earn the Recruiter Patch

Bring a friend, Share the fun!

Your Girl Scout's favorite part of Scouts might be even better with a friend by her side! The Recruiter Patch gives Girl Scouts a fun opportunity to share their Girl Scout experience and introduce a friend to all the adventures, friendships, and fun that come with being a Girl Scout.

Help your Girl Scout earn her Recruiter Patch by encouraging her to invite a friend to join the fun! A friend can come to a troop meeting, attend a Girl Scout event, or experience an adventure alongside her. It's a simple way to show another girl what Girl Scouts is all about and maybe make a new Girl Scout along the way!

Ask your Girl Scout: Who would you love to bring to Girl Scouts?



Girl Scouts in the Community

Girl Scouts can make a difference in their own neighborhoods! Encourage your Girl Scout and troop to get out into the community, participate in a service project, take part in a flag ceremony, march in a local parade, or find another way to show what Girl Scouts can do.

These experiences help Girl Scouts build confidence, leadership skills, teamwork, and a stronger connection to their community. They also help more people see Girl Scouts in action and understand the impact our girls are making, growing awareness of the movement and inspiring more families to get involved.

And when your troop is out making a difference, share it with us! Tag us or send us photos and stories so we can celebrate your Girl Scouts and help shine a light on the amazing things happening across our community.

National Council Session and Girl Scouts Unite

In July, our four National Delegates attended the triennial Girl Scouts National Council Session in Washington, D.C.. Together with Delegates from councils across the US and Girl Scouts Overseas, the National Council took decisive action on meaningful topics, including Highest Award fundraising efforts and membership dues, and made important governance decisions that will help move our organization forward, together.

We were also excited to have 10 additional amazing Girl Scouts representing GSCB at Girl Scouts Unite following NCS. The event was packed with exceptional performances, enriching and fun activities, and meaningful experiences. As troops, girls, families, volunteers, visitors, and staff explored tons of exciting and educational booths, there were non-stop moments of bonding over our shared love of Girl Scouts.

[Check out the photos!](#)

Fall Association Meetings - SAVE THE DATE!

Association III	Tuesday, Oct. 13th, 2026	Jr. Achievement of the Eastern Shore (Salisbury, MD)
Association II	Wednesday, Oct. 14th, 2026	St. Polycarp Church (Smyrna, DE)
Association I	Thursday, Oct. 15th, 2026	Limestone Presbyterian Church (Pike Creek, DE)

GSCB 65th Annual Meeting - SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, April 17th	Delaware Technical & Community College - Terry Campus (Dover, DE)
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Upcoming Programs and Events

Registration for 2026-27 Programs is Open Now!

Please keep in mind that we work with new and existing Program Partners throughout the year to bring unique program experiences, exclusive opportunities, discounts and more to our members. As these opportunities are scheduled, they will be shared in the monthly program email, social media, and events calendar.

» [View the Event Calendar](#)

» [View the Digital Program Guide](#)

Program Partners

Is your troop planning your year? Deciding how to use troop funds? 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](#).

Girl Scouts Love State Parks

Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend is back! As always, we encourage you to visit our local state parks anytime, but especially during the weekends of September 12th and 13th or September 19th and 20th.

You can participate in self-guided tours and patch programs, family hikes, special events led by park staff, or virtual exploration. However you choose to be a part of Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend, you can download the [FREE passport activity sheet](#) to guide your adventure!

Don't forget about our [State Park Expert patch program](#)!

- » [Maryland State Parks](#)
- » [Virginia State Parks](#)

Kick Off the New Girl Scout Year at Camp!

Get ready for an exciting new Girl Scout year! Join us at Camp Country Center or Camp Todd for a fun-filled afternoon featuring a Fun Patch Frenzy designed especially for K-5 Girl Scouts. Girls can explore camp, make new friends, connect with other Girl Scouts, and earn up to four fun patches for their vests. Our Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts will lead the activity stations, giving younger girls a chance to have fun while seeing older Girl Scouts in action. Space is limited, so register today. Troops attending together are encouraged to carpool. Come kick off the year and discover all the adventures waiting for you!

- » [October 3rd, Camp Country Center](#)
- » [October 4th, Camp Todd](#)

Fall Festival at the Salisbury Zoo

[Saturday, September 26th](#)

A wildly fun fall adventure awaits Girl Scouts! Join us for a day filled with autumn activities and animal encounters. From painting pumpkins to watching them soar, there's something for everyone to get in the fall AND Girl Scout spirit as we gear up for another amazing year!

This is a FREE event for Girl Scout members and their families as well as prospective Girl Scouts (bring a friend!). Space is limited. RSVP is required.

Founder's Day Feature Event:

Currency Confidence: Building a Finance Ready Future

Join us for the 3rd Annual Founder's Day Feature Event! Now held at two locations to increase access for Girl Scouts across our footprint, we are excited to welcome all program levels for a morning of hands-on activities centered around financial literacy and building a finance-ready future. Fun patch provided.

Saturday, October 31st from 8:30AM - 12:30PM

- » [Join us in Wilmington](#)
- » [Join us in Salisbury](#)



Product Programs

Ready to Explore

What better way to begin the Girl Scout year than by participating in a program that directly supports your troop? This is a valuable opportunity to help generate the startup funds needed to provide our girls with meaningful activities, educational programs, and memorable experiences throughout the year.

We understand that every family has different schedules and circumstances, and we truly appreciate any level of participation. When we come together as a troop community, each contribution—big or small—helps make a meaningful difference.

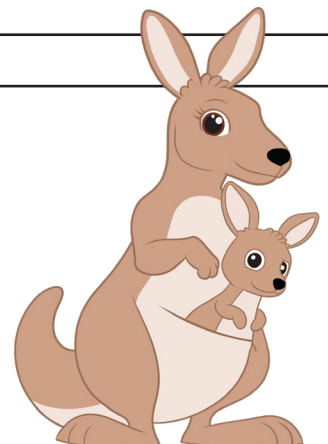
Your participation not only supports the troop financially but also helps create opportunities for our girls to develop teamwork, responsibility, leadership, and confidence.

- » [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](#)

Important Fall Product Program Dates

Sept. 21, 2026	If volunteer and Girl Scout have met all requirements (Volunteer must be background checked, registered for MY27, and a Product Program agreement completed. Girl Scout must be registered for MY27.), they will be uploaded into the system during the initial upload. Following, uploads will be done every 24 hours for the first 2 weeks of the program.
Sept. 30, 2026	Fall Product Program begins
Oct. 26, 2026	Deadline for Junior - Ambassador troops to opt out of rewards
Nov. 1, 2026	Fall Product Program ends
Nov. 1, 2026 @ 11:59PM	Last day for ALL ROLES to enter orders
Nov. 2, 2026	Last day for ALL ROLES to make rewards selections
Nov. 14, 2026	Troop product & rewards direct ship begins
Nov. 30, 2026	Deadline for TFPC to notify M2 of nut/rewards damages/shortages
Nov. 30, 2026	Deadline for Girl Scouts to deliver products to customers in-person
Dec. 4, 2026	ACH email notification to Troop Fall Product Champions
Dec. 7, 2026	ACH Extension Request deadline
Dec. 11, 2026	ACH for Fall Product Program occurs

Thank you for your continued support and for helping us give our Girl Scouts a strong start to an exciting year!



Looking Ahead to Cookies

As we are preparing for Fall Product, here is a quick glimpse of upcoming cookie dates (through January 2027) to have the Girl Scouts in your troop start planning their cookie season:

Dec. 14th, 2026	Digital Cookie available to volunteers for setup
Dec. 16th, 2026	Digital Cookie available to families for setup
Jan. 2nd, 2027	Digital Cookie and Order Card sales begin
Jan. 19th, 2027 @ 8:00AM	GSCB pauses orders from Digital Cookie to eBudde (does not affect order taking)
Jan. 19th, 2027 @ 11:59PM	Troop Initial Order Cookie & Rewards order due to council
Jan. 20th, 2027 @ 11:59PM	Service Unit Initial Order Cookie & Rewards order due to council
Jan. 29th, 2027 @ 8:00PM	Council Sponsored Booths open in eBudde for troop selections. Service Unit booths uploaded for first round selections (limits will apply during first selection period for council sponsored locations) and ends Feb. 3rd, 2027 @ 8:00AM, then open to all for any selections available.
Jan. 30th, 2027	Digital Cookie App opens
Jan. 30th - Feb. 5th, 2027	Service Unit/Cupboard delivery period
Feb. 5th, 2027	Booth Period begins

Cookie-Related Programming for Girl Scouts

» [Cookie Coach Weekend \(formerly "Cookie Captain Weekend"\)](#)

Camp Todd, Dec. 4th - 6th, 2026

Open to Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors

This training weekend invites Girl Scouts to step into a fun, hands-on leadership role during the Cookie Season, guiding younger girls through an unforgettable cookie experience.

» [Cookie Rally](#)

Camp Todd, Dec. 6th, 2026

Open to Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors

Kick off Cookie Season with fellow Girl Scouts! Join us for games, hands-on activities, and tips to help you reach your goals.



READY TO explore

Other

Philanthropy Updates

You are Invited to Join the 1912 Society!

- Make a lasting impact with a convenient monthly gift.
- Help provide life-changing Girl Scout experiences year-round.
- Receive an exclusive 1912 Society membership pin.
- Be recognized at the GSCB Annual Meeting.
- Receive recognition in the Annual Report (unless you choose to remain anonymous)



A gift of at least \$19.12 a month, less than \$0.65 a day, makes you a member of the 1912 Society and helps ensure every girl has the opportunity to discover her Courage, Confidence, and Character. Click the image or learn more at www.gscb.org/1912.

[Join the 1912 Society Today](#)

Join us for Legacy at the Lodge!

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

\$60.00 per person | All ages welcome

- New Memorial Bridge dedication
- Memory Lane and photo opportunities
- Girl Scout Cookie s'mores, charcuterie, and MYO Lemonade & Tea Station
- Silent auction
- Connect, play games, have fun
- Attendees receive a custom commemorative camp mug and patch



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](#)

State of the Girl Event

Friday, October 16, 2026 | 8:00AM | Dupont Country Club (Wilmington, DE)

Join us for a Morning of Discovery, Impact, Growth, and Collaboration

Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay is offering an in-depth look at the experiences, challenges, and opportunities facing girls across Delaware and the Eastern Shores of Maryland and Virginia. Stakeholders, business leaders, and community members from our footprint and beyond are invited to join us for a special launch event for the State of the Girl Report, where we will provide space for conversation and shared commitment around investing in girls, expanding opportunity, and strengthening the future of the Delmarva Peninsula.

» [Get Tickets Now](#)



Help us Spread the Love!

There are so many easy ways to support Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay, and they don't all involve making a donation! Share our posts, tell a friend or coworker about Girl Scouts, connect us with a business or community partner, wear your Girl Scout gear proudly, participate in Giving Days, or support us through a one-time, recurring, or legacy gift.

Every connection, conversation, share and gift makes a difference. As one of our amazing volunteers, you already help bring the Girl Scout mission to life, and we're so grateful to have you helping us spread the word.

2025 - 2026 Membership Goals and Update (Oct. 1, 2025 - Sept. 30, 2026)

MY26 Girl Membership Goal – 4,500 Current MY26 Girl Membership* - 3,803

MY26 Adult Membership Goal – 2,000 Current MY26 Adult Membership* - 1,858

Lifetime Membership* – 1,098

*Membership data is as of 8/26/26

2026 - 2027 Membership Goals and Update (Oct. 1, 2026 - Sept. 30, 2027)

Time to get renewed and grow your troop!

MY27 Girl Membership Goal – 4,027 Current MY27 Girl Membership* - 2,021

MY27 Adult Membership Goal – 2,000 Current MY27 Adult Membership* - 1,057

Lifetime Membership* – 1,142

*Membership data is as of 8/26/26

Staff Comings and Goings

- **New Staff**

GSCB is excited to temporarily welcome back Carrie Bryant as our interim Community Engagement Specialist.

Employment Opportunities

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