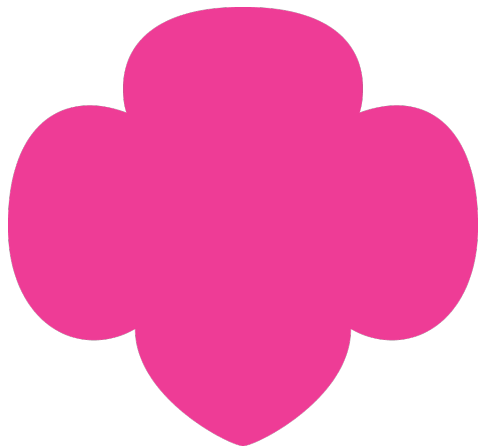


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**Congratulations to the 2024 GSUSA Gold Award
Scholarship Recipient!**



Katherine

Gold Award Girl Scout
Free to Read

DID YOU KNOW: According to recent research, Gold Award Girl Scouts are more likely to fill leadership roles at work and in their personal lives and are more civically engaged than their non-Girl Scout peers.

- Eighty-seven percent (87%) of Gold Award Girl Scouts agree that earning their Gold Award gave them skills that help them succeed professionally.
- Seventy-two percent (72%) said earning their Gold Award helped them get a scholarship. Changing the world doesn't end when a Girl Scout earns her Gold Award.
- Ninety-nine percent (99%) of Gold Award Girl Scout alums take on leadership roles in their everyday lives.

This year, Girl Scouts of the USA awarded a scholarship to one Gold Award Girl Scout from each council across the Movement.

Congrats to Kate L. for being this year's GSUSA Gold Award Scholarship recipient! Her vision, heart, and ambition will leave a lasting impact.

Kate's "Free to Read" Gold Award project addresses censorship and the resulting loss of representation by marginalized groups by restoring free access to 92 titles banned by Hanover County Public Schools. Kate established Banned Book Nooks in local businesses, created a system of Banned Book Talk Totes, designed an app to spread accurate information about the books and bans, and

started an Instagram page to publicize her project. Today, over 2,000 books have been donated to “Free to Read” for use in its two Banned Book Nooks and eleven Talk Totes, as well as for use in numerous Little Free Libraries throughout Hanover County.

We're so proud of Kate and can't wait to see what she does next!

Press Play: Grab Your Summer Camp Essentials at the Girl Scout Shop!



Join the Girl Scouts Outdoor Challenge!



Gear up for the ultimate outdoor adventure with the Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge! From hiking to stargazing, there's something for everyone.

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 or making a splash in the puddles around your neighborhood.

You don't need access to a national park or the woods to enjoy the outdoors!

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

Start planning your Girl Scout's summer and unlock that limited-edition patch.



[Download the Activity Sheet](#)



[Get the Patch Here!](#)

Program Events & Activities

Exclusive WNBA Livestream Event for Girl Scouts!



The WNBA Changemakers are taking sisterhood to a new level by hosting a special event for Girl Scouts to kick off the 2024 WNBA All-Star Weekend in Phoenix.

Girl Scouts across the country are invited to attend an exclusive, members-only livestream event with the WNBA Changemakers on **Thursday, July 18**, as they partner with Girl Scouts–Arizona Cactus-Pine Council (GSACPC).

This event is an opportunity for Girl Scouts to hear from the league's remarkable players, who will inspire girls during a fun, 30-minute "If She Can See It, She Can Be It" panel and Q&A session.

When: Thursday, July 18, at 7:00 p.m. ET/4:00 p.m. PT. *(Time subject to change)*

[RSVP Here!](#)

Exploring Careers in Animation: Behind the Scenes with the Women of Coraline



Calling all dreamers, creators, artists, and Girl Scouts interested in the behind-the-scenes world of stop-motion animation!

Girl Scouts from GSCV are invited to join Girl Scouts of Oregon & Southwest Washington and LAIKA Studios on **Saturday, July 20** for a special FREE virtual event taking you behind the scenes of the stop-motion classic, *Coraline*!

Learn about careers in animation and have your questions answered by LAIKA Costume Designer Deb Cook and LAIKA Senior Hair and Fur Fabricator Jessica Lynn, two of the women who helped bring *Coraline* to life.

Girl Scouts working toward Maker, STEM Career, and Art badges will find inspiration as they explore the making of *Coraline* just in time for the film's 15th Anniversary.

Learn more and sign up today. This event is open to Girl Scout members from any Girl Scout council and USA Girl Scouts Overseas.

Registration closes July 19, 2024.

[Sign Up!](#)

Save the Date for Girl Scout Medical Day!

HCA Healthcare

☐ Save the Date! ☐

Calling all Seniors, Ambassadors, and their families!

Girl Scout Medical Day is coming to Chippenham Hospital on **September**

21st, 2024, from 9am to 12pm for our Seniors, Ambassadors, and their families!

Get ready for a morning full of exciting, hands-on medical adventures! Here's a sneak peek of what's in store:

- **Explore the DaVinci Robot:** See cutting-edge medical technology in action!
- **Life Flight Helicopter:** Step inside and learn about emergency air rescue.
- **Service Dogs:** Meet and learn about the important work of service dogs.
- **Suturing Practice:** Try your hand at suturing like a real surgeon.
- **Imaging:** Discover the world of medical imaging and diagnostics.
- **CPR Training:** Learn life-saving skills.
- **PT/OT Activities:** Dive into physical and occupational therapy.
- **Food Services:** Enjoy delicious treats and learn about nutrition.
- **Lab Services:** Explore the fascinating world of medical labs.
- **Galen School of Nursing:** Meet future nurses and see their training in action.
- **Volunteer Services:** Find out how you can get involved and make a difference.
- **Meet the Experts:** Chat with physicians and nurses from various specialties.

This is an incredible opportunity for Girl Scouts to experience the medical field, up close and personal. This is a no-cost event, as the opportunity is funded by HCA Healthcare.

Fill out [this form](#) to stay up to date with all the latest information and updates about this exciting event. Mark your calendars and join us for a day of learning, fun, and inspiration!

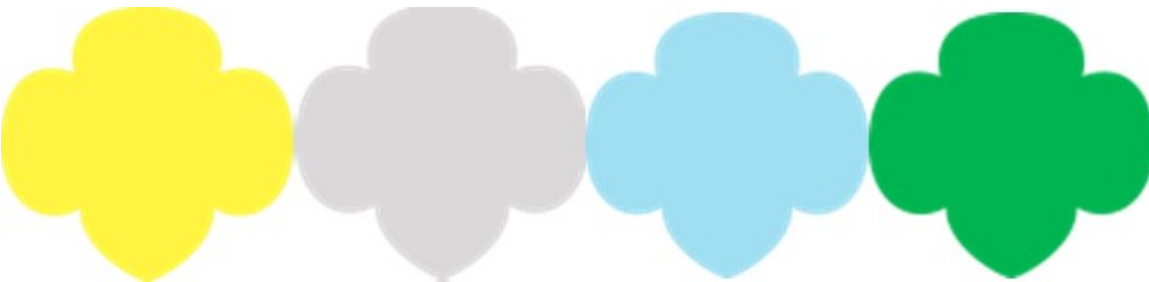
Fall Product Program

Planning for the new membership year? Here are the important dates for the upcoming Fall Product Program.

Mark Your Calendar!

Start date	Sept. 7
Date orders should be in the system for girl delivery by Parent or Guardian	Oct. 1
Date orders should be in the system for girl delivery by Troop Leader	Oct. 3
Fredericksburg Nut and Candy drive thru and delivery	Oct. 18
Richmond and Chesterfield Nut and Candy drive thru delivery	Oct. 19
Rural deliveries	Oct. 21-24
Second chance orders pickup Fredericksburg	Oct. 22
Second chance orders pickup Richmond	Oct. 24
Second chance orders pickup Dunmar	Oct. 24
Last date for magazines and nuts online purchase	Nov. 7
ACH Draft	Nov. 13

Training Opportunities



**Save the Date: Mark your calendars for Fall Training Opportunities.
Registration coming soon!**

**September 27-28, 2024
Pamunkey Ridge**

T.R.E.K. Weekend

**October 12-13, 2024
Camp "Kitty" Kittamaqund**

Intermediate Camping

**October 12-13, 2024
Pamunkey Ridge**

**Paddle Sports Training (canoe,
kayak, paddle board)**

**October 20, 2024
Pamunkey Ridge**

Archery Training

November 2, 2024
Pamunkey Ridge

Beginning Camping

Open 24/7
on-demand



T.R.E.K. Weekend Registration is NOW OPEN!



Join us for this year's **T.R.E.K** weekend, where **T**roop leaders can **R**elax and **E**njoy while gaining **K**nowledge for themselves and their troop. **Save these dates: September 27 & 28**, and join us for exciting Girl Scout *leader-focused* workshops, networking around the campfire, and a chance to explore Pamunkey Ridge Camp. **A special session includes information on Juliette Gordon Low's birthplace in Savannah, Georgia.** We are celebrating our founder, Juliette, with a Georgia-inspired menu and décor. This adult-only

weekend is just for you! Click the link below to register.

Register Here!

Questions about training? Need assistance registering for a training course?
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Friday | 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Summer shop hours: Monday - Thursday | 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Friday | 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday | CLOSED

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