

# Council Wide SU Meeting

November 2023

# Membership



# Membership Year Timeline- Fall

- November-troops continue having meetings, Troop Cookie Managers get trained for coming Cookie Program
- December- Holiday Parades (make sure to submit a Troop Trip Application for Approval), Holiday parties, Festival of Trees, Warm and Fuzzies, Cookie Program kick off for Initial Order

# SU's who have met October's 70% Overall Membership Goal

\*November's goal is 80%  
overall

SU Number	Percentage Registered
205	77.9%
211	75.6%
212	74.5%
213	84.3%
220	103.5%
221	83.8%
231	78.9%
232	70.4%
250	72.6%
251	72.9%
280	75.3%
290	75.9%

# Annual Meeting and Delegates

- Annual Meeting is on April 13
- SU's should begin to discuss delegate selection process, criteria and candidates for Delegates to the Annual Meeting. Specific number of delegates per Service Unit will be communicated later
- Reminder-delegates must be 14yrs or older and registered members of Girl Scouts in the SU they are representing

## Activity Accident

### Basic Plan 1

**Automatic Coverage *Expanded***

### **Basic Plan 1**

will *automatically* include:

- ✓ Non-member participants (invited attendees)
- ✓ ALL trips (including > 2 overnights)
  - ✓ Tagalongs (siblings /children)
- ✓ Younger children in Girl Scout supervised units

### **Plan 2 is eliminated!**

*Volunteers and staff will no longer need to individually purchase coverage for all the above!*

## Key Reminders (this has NOT changed):

Tag-a-longs should be included in the adult:youth ratios.

All adults who will be **supervising Girl Scouts in any way, or driving Girl Scouts**, even ONE time, must have a **membership/background check**.

Adults who plan to attend more than 1-2 events, even in a non-supervising role, should have a **membership/background check**.

Potential youth members may join 1-2 activities to evaluate their interest, but then should register as members to continue participation as Girl Scouts.

# What a Girl Scout Wants

99% want to go  
on field trips



94% want to do  
outdoor  
activities



94% want to  
earn a variety  
of badges



93% want to  
participate in  
the cookie  
program



91% want to go  
overnight  
camping



86% want to do  
community  
service



83% want to  
travel  
overnight (not  
camp)



82% want to  
work on  
highest awards



81% want  
things related  
to their  
family/culture



68% want to go  
to sleepaway  
camp





**Communications  
and  
Fund  
Development**



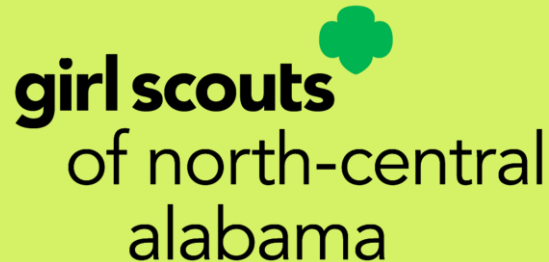
# Communications Employees

**We recently welcomed two new employees to our communications team!**

**Cat Haller**, Communications Manager – [challer@girlscoutsnca.org](mailto:challer@girlscoutsnca.org)

**Rachel Preskitt**, Digital Media and Electronic Communications Coordinator –  
[rpreskitt@girlscoutsnca.org](mailto:rpreskitt@girlscoutsnca.org)

**Kim Wilson**, Creative Content Coordinator – [kwilson@girlscoutsnca.org](mailto:kwilson@girlscoutsnca.org)



# United Way



[United Way and United Givers Fund | Girl Scouts \(girlscoutsna.org\)](https://www.girlscoutsna.org)

# Program



## Service Unit and Troop Events at Camp

SU's may use camp facilities for an event twice a year for Daytime only at "no-cost". The SU will be responsible for all prep and clean-up of camp.

Troops that have been displaced from their meeting places due to Covid may use camp sites for meetings. The troop will be responsible for prep and clean-up of the facility they will be using.

SU's and Troops that use camp will be encouraged to adopt service projects from the approved list on our website as part of their "no-fee" usage. If you have questions about the list, contact Angela Smith.

**All reservations are subject to availability.**

All reservations for events and stays at camps should be made with

**Angela Smith**

[asmith@girlscoutsnca.org](mailto:asmith@girlscoutsnca.org)



# Upcoming Events

Helping Hands Food Drive  
November 1-30<sup>th</sup>

Veteran's Day Parade  
November 11<sup>th</sup>

Troop Adventure Camp  
November 11-12<sup>th</sup>

Girl Scout Day at Vulcan Park  
December 9<sup>th</sup>

Mission: Sisterhood Journey  
January 20-21<sup>st</sup>





## Community Partner Events

Badge Work with UAH Chargers  
November 11<sup>th</sup>

Native American Heritage Day  
@ Oakville Indian Mounds  
November 18<sup>th</sup>

Girl Talk @ UAB Women  
January 20<sup>th</sup>

Girl Scout Night with Huntsville Havoc  
February 9<sup>th</sup>

Iron Pour at Sloss Furnace  
March 9<sup>th</sup>



**Think Like an  
Engineer**

Multi-level  
Journey in a Day

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Multi-level Journey in a Day

Location: Cullman, AL

January 27, 2024

Registration Open Now



# Upcoming Camp Events

November 11-12<sup>th</sup> -- Mom & Me at Camp Trico

January 20-21<sup>st</sup> – Mission Sisterhood Journey in a weekend at Camp Trico

March 9<sup>th</sup> – Tea with Juliette at Camp Coleman

April 6-7<sup>th</sup> – Family Camp at Camp Trico

April 20<sup>th</sup> – Day at Camp Coleman

May 4-5<sup>th</sup> – Me and My Guy at Camp Trico

May 5<sup>th</sup> – Camp Trico Open House





## **Let It Snow @ The Hardin Center**

Includes admission to the snow exhibit, Imagination Place Children's Museum, art exhibitions, scavenger hunt, and a craft.

\$10 per person  
with 1 free leader per troop

Register by November 15



# Troop Travel and Activities

E-mail [smcbrayer@girlscoutsnca.org](mailto:smcbrayer@girlscoutsnca.org)

**Parade:** Troop Group Activity forms need to be submitted for Parades. The updated GSNCA Parade Guidelines will be emailed to the troop/group leader for their review.

**Troop Trip:** Troop Group Activity forms need to be submitted at least 4 weeks (6-8 weeks preferred) prior to the date of the trip to allow time for reviewing and approval of any activities that require further documentation and/or consideration.

**Community Partners:**  
Community partners are available on the Approved Activity Providers list. This list is updated often, so check it out when planning a troop outing!



## Travel with GSNCA



Europe  
London to Lucerne  
Summer 2024



Galapagos  
Summer 2025

# Destinations



## GSUSA Destinations Program

- Applications for the 2024/2025 Destinations are open
- [www.girlscouts.org/travel](http://www.girlscouts.org/travel)
- First round applications are due by November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Scholarship money may be available
- Contact Becky at [bwilliamson@girlscoutsnca.org](mailto:bwilliamson@girlscoutsnca.org) with any questions





# The American Rocketry Challenge 2024

GSNCA will support 2 competitive rocketry teams participating in The American Rocketry Challenge for 2024. If you have Girl Scouts Cadette level and above, please contact Becky at [bwilliamson@girlscoutsnca.org](mailto:bwilliamson@girlscoutsnca.org) for more info.



## Think Like a Programmer Virtual Journey



Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors

## Think Like A Programmer Virtual Journey for Older Girls

On-demand program that helps girls complete all of the requirements for the journey, including the Take Action project

Cost: \$25 (includes badges)



Change the world  
and gain leadership skills  
that last a lifetime.



The new guides for earning the Silver Award  
will help you every step of the way.



## Updated Silver Award Suite

- All New Resources and support for Girl Scouts and Troop Leaders as they pursue the Silver Award:
  - New Girl and Adult Workbooks and Guides
  - New gsLearn training series for Leaders and Girl Scouts
  - VTK Silver Award meeting plans
  - Updated Silver Award Page
  - New contact:  
[mysilveraward@girlscoutsnca.org](mailto:mysilveraward@girlscoutsnca.org)
- Reminder: Council Approved Final Reports are now required to complete the Silver Award





## Updated Gold Award Training Now Available On Demand!

- Fully updated 2-part training program gives Girl Scouts and Troop Leaders more flexibility as they pursue the Gold Award:
  - Review GSNCA's Guide to Going Gold – can be completed as soon as Girl Scouts enter 9<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Complete online training through gsLearn within 6 months of submitting project proposal to council for approval. Registration for girls is available now via GSNCA's event calendar or the GSNCA Gold Award website
- Fully updated training for Troop Leaders and Adult Volunteers is available now through your gsLearn account
- New resources added to the GSNCA Gold Award webpage – including GoGold Platform Walkthrough
- Questions? Contact [bwilliamson@girlscoutsna.org](mailto:bwilliamson@girlscoutsna.org)

# Product Program





2023 Fall Product Program ENDED on 10/16/23,  
Thank you to all the Troop Volunteers and Girl Scouts  
that participated in the program!

### Important Dates:

- November 1<sup>st</sup> – November 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Nuts/Chocolates will be delivered to all SUFPMs
- November 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Deadline for all monies turned in to Troop Fall Product Manager
- November 28<sup>th</sup>** – Delinquent Account Forms due to [gward@girlscoutsnca.org](mailto:gward@girlscoutsnca.org)
- November 29<sup>th</sup>** – ACH withdrawal from Troop Bank Account for balance due to GSNCA
- Rewards** – Have started shipping already to SUFPM!! Confirm, count and distribute to troops.

# 2023– 2024 Cookies!



- **TCM Training – In Person**  
Tuesday, November 28, 2023, 6:00pm

Camp Coleman - Low Hall  
4010 Camp Coleman Rd  
Trussville, AL 35173

- **TCM Training – In Person**  
Thursday, November 30, 2023, 6:00pm

Union Chapel Missionary Baptist  
Church  
315 Winchester Road NE  
Huntsville, AL 35811

- **TCM Training - Virtual**  
Tuesday, December 5, 2023  
VIRTUAL Time: 6:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZcuf-mrrDgqH9UsCUR8eMEZIx6Rezolz6oL>

Meeting ID: 833 8032 3051

To register for Troop Cookie Manager Training  
[https://gsnca.formstack.com/forms/tcm\\_training](https://gsnca.formstack.com/forms/tcm_training)

Complete Position Description  
<https://gsnca.formstack.com/forms/tcmpositiondescription>

**Retail**



# New Cookie Merchandise Available!



# Girl Cookie Kit

## Girl Cookie Kit - \$ 12.00

Save when you purchase these great girl cookie items in a kit. **Hurry, quantities limited!**

Kit includes:

- Samoa Cookie Apron
- Axolotl Keychain
- Cookie Fun Patch
- Lanyard w/cookie Information & Pricing

## S'mazing Cookie Apron –

Keep your cookie money close with this cute Samoa inspired apron.



## Lanyard w/Cookie Info –

Keep this handy to show customers all cookie varieties and calculate boxes quickly.



## Cookie Fun Patch –



## Axolotl Keychain –



# Cold Weather is here!





# Questions?