



**Council Wide
Service Unit Meeting**

February 2024

Membership

Happy New Year!

We are excited for the new year and all the things it will bring for Membership. Keep on the lookout for some amazing new things.



New cookie incentive for growing troops in 2024!

Troops that add 5 new Girl Scouts who participate in the cookie program between December 4th and February 29th will earn an extra \$.05 per box!



Reminder: Any Girl Scout can participate in the cookie program!

Selling cookies helps Girl Scouts learn many important life skills such as goal setting, money management, people skills, and business ethics.

Any girl who is a member can participate in the 2024 Girl Scout Cookie Program, regardless of whether her troop is opting to participate or not. Girls are welcome to participate as individuals!

Any individual Girl Scout who is interested in selling cookies can email customercare@girlscoutsna.org for help getting set up.

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Communications and Fund Development

Digital Marketing Materials from Little Brownie Bakers



Share about your troop's cookie program participation online using graphics from Little Brownie Bakers! <https://www.littlebrowniebakers.com/DigitalMarketing>

New Year, New Adventures Always For Girls

Program Event in West Alabama (March)

Girl Scout Leadership Summit (August)

DreamLab

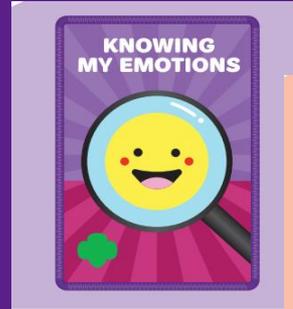
Donate today: <https://bit.ly/3RbAPeS>

\$100 supplies one girl with equipment for a week at camp

\$80 funds one girl with her membership, uniform and basic costs

\$55 covers uniform scholarship assistance for one girl

\$25 provides a membership scholarship for one girl



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Program



See the events page on our website for all upcoming events.

We are adding new events all the time so please be sure to check back regularly.

<https://www.girlscoutsnca.org/en/events/events.html>

Specifics can also be found in the Five on Friday.

Not receiving the newsletter? Make sure you are opted in by checking your profile in MyGS.

Find Girl Scout events near you

Whether you're a Girl Scout ready to earn your next badge and make new friends at an art workshop, or an adult volunteer looking for training opportunities, we've got an upcoming event to help you do it. For more information about a Girl Scout event near you, click on the table entry.

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Start Date	End Date	Deadline	Registration Link	Share Link	Location Name	Girl Cost		
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Community Partner Events

Girl Scout Night with Huntsville Havoc

February 9th

Eagle Awareness Weekend

Feb 9th

Guntersville State Park

Girl Scout Night with Birmingham Bulls

February 16th

Girl Scout Night with UNA Women's Basketball

February 17th



Iron Pour at Sloss Furnace

Registration Deadline: Feb 8th

Space is Limited

Create your own cast iron tile! Girls will be provided a sand mold of a 4"x4" tile, and Sloss' team of artists will help create their design in the sand. These are available to be picked up same-day! Girls will also go on a tour and learn the history and the significance of Sloss Furnaces.

March 9th
Downtown Birmingham

Juniors and up are invited to earn the new Mental Wellness patch with us in Tuscaloosa!

When: March 23, 1-4pm

Where: University of Alabama

Who: Juniors through Ambassadors

Cost: \$10 per girl
(patch and snacks included)

Troop Leaders and registered adults welcome to stay

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW

Be Kind to Your Mind

Earn the Mental Wellness patch for your level



New! ✨ Take the Civic Leadership Challenge



Take the Civic Leadership Challenge with the League of Women Voters and GSNCA!

Girl Scouts of all ages are invited to take the challenge to become more informed and engaged participants their communities. Complete the fun Bingo sheet to earn a new patch!
(Patches will be available for purchase in GSNCA shops.)

Join us for the opportunity to meet an elected official virtually on February 4th at 6pm.



Tea with Juliette at Camp Coleman

Saturday, March 9, 2024

Registration Opens January 8, 2024!

Girl Cost \$15 Adult Cost \$5

Girls will have a tea with Juliette, play some of her favorite games, and experience some old-fashioned Girl Scout activities just like Juliette Gordon Low's first troop in 1912!

If you would like to volunteer at this or future events, contact Amie Martin at amartin@girlscoutsnca.org.



Summer Camp Registration Open Now!

Weeklong Sleep Away Camps:

Camp Coleman June 3 – June 28th

Camp Trico July 8 – 26th

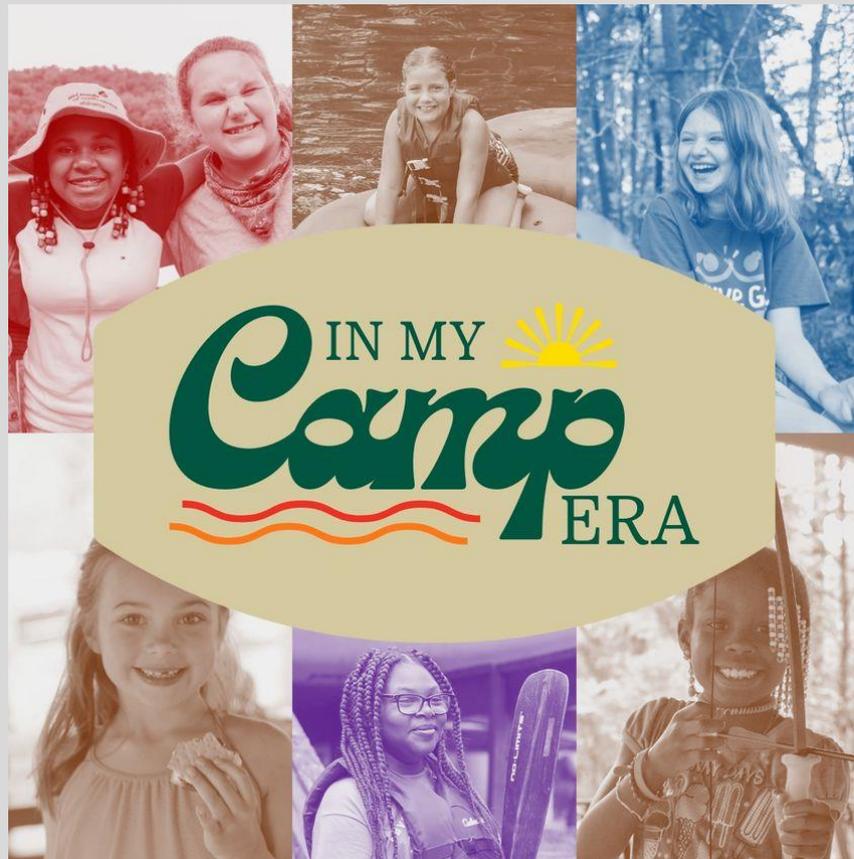
Exciting Activity Options:

Discover SCUBA, Mermaid Class, Horseback Riding, Water Specialties, Primitive Camping

High Adventure Older Girl Travel Camp

Whitewater Rafting, Ziplining, and Outdoor Skills at Nantahala Outdoor Center

Troop Adventure Camp, Mom and Me and 2-night Mini Camps available throughout the summer!





GIRL SCOUTS IN MY CAMP ERA

Campership Information

GSNCA offers camperships to make outdoor experiences more accessible for girls. If you require financial assistance for any reason, please fill out the [campership application](#).

Applications Deadline for the 2024 camp era is March 1st

Camperships will be awarded on a rolling basis.

Please Note: Camperships funds will not cover costs for specialty activities.

ATTN: GIRL SCOUTS OF NORTH CENTRAL ALABAMA
WE'RE GOING TO...

ENGLAND, FRANCE & SWITZERLAND

IN 2024



Travel with GSNCA

Nantahala High Adventure Travel Camp

June 2024

London to Lucerne

Summer 2024

Dauphin Island Sea Lab

Fall 2023

Galapagos

Summer 2025



Mission: Sisterhood Journey in a Weekend for Girl Scout Seniors

- **RESCHEDULED:** March 9-10
- Location: Camp Trico
- \$59 includes lodging, meals, activities and earned badges
- Drop off event – parents/leaders not required to stay
- **New Registration Deadline: February 29th**



Program Aide & Volunteer in Training

Leadership Training
for Girl Scouts

- February 19th, 10-3pm at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Hoover, AL
 - Required for Girl Scouts wanting to earn PA/VIT pins
 - Cost is \$25, lunch and pins included
- *Additional work is required after training before pins are officially earned*



Highest Award Information

- Upcoming Deadlines:
 - March 1st is the deadline to submit final reports for Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards projects for recognition at this year's Highest Award Ceremony
 - April 1st is the deadline to for high school seniors to submit Gold Award Project Proposals for approval
- Final Report Links:
 - [Bronze Award](#)
 - [Silver Award](#) or email scanned forms to mysilveraward@girlscoutsna.org
 - [Gold Award](#) (via GoGold)
- **Reminder:** All Silver Awards are now required to have an approved Project Proposal on file with GSNCA before girls begin working on projects
- Gold Award Training for Girl Scouts is required and accessible via our events calendar or the Gold Award page on girlscoutsna.org
- Questions? Contact bwilliamson@girlscoutsna.org



Gold Award Scholarships

Applications for two Gold Award Scholarship opportunities will open in early March

To apply, girls must be current Seniors in high school or recent graduates who earned the Gold Award after March 31st, 2023

GSNCA Gold Award Scholarship:

- Multiple scholarships awarded based on merit to GSNCA Gold Award Girl Scouts, includes a Lifetime Membership
- Application period: March 1- 31st

GSUSA Gold Award Scholarship:

- \$5,000 awarded to one Gold Award Girl Scout from GSNCA
- Application period: March 15-April 17
- Questions? Contact Becky at bwilliamson@girlscoutsna.org

Product Program

February Cookie Date Reminders

1. Count and Go

- Anniston and Birmingham - Friday, February 2
- Birmingham and Madison – Saturday, February 3
- Florence and Tuscaloosa – Sunday, February 4

2. Council Cupboards open in Birmingham, Florence, Tuscaloosa and Huntsville open Wednesday, February 7.

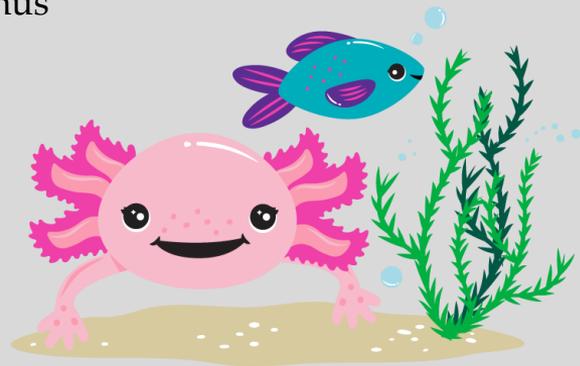
3. Warehouse and Volunteer Cupboards open Thursday, February 8.

4. Cookies on the Go is February 5 - March 24.

5. Local Community Booth sales begin Friday, February 9.

6. Council wide booth sales begin Friday, February 16.

7. First ACH withdrawal is Thursday, February 29 – ($\frac{1}{2}$ your Initial Order minus any Digital Cookie Sales through February 22).





Cookie Cupboards

Council Cupboards - Council-staffed cookie storage locations where volunteers can pick up cookie restock orders.

Council Cupboards open – Wednesday, February 7

- **NEW Location** – Old Central Elementary School in Vestavia, 1289 Montgomery Highway Vestavia Hills, AL 35216
- Camp Coleman
- KPC
- Florence, Huntsville, and Tuscaloosa Girl Scout Offices

Volunteer & Warehouse Cupboards - Volunteer cookie storage locations where volunteers can pick up cookie restock orders.

Volunteer & Warehouse Cupboards open – Thursday, February 8
Find various locations on the Transaction Tab in eBudde.



Council Booths

These booths are set up by GSNCA and are located throughout the council at Walmart, Sam's Club, Kroger, Lowes, Winn-Dixie and popular malls. All GSNCA locations are contacted by staff and should not be contacted by Service Unit or Troop members.

Service Unit / Troop Booths

These booths are setup by a Service Unit or Troop located within your Service Unit, such as Joann's, Cricket Wireless, GNC, Piggly Wiggly, etc.

- Complete the Booth Permission Form with store manager approval
- Submit booth information in eBudde
- Approved/Denied by Service Unit Cookie Manager
- These Do NOT appear in the lottery
- Booth gets assigned to Troop automatically when approved

All booths need to be entered into eBudde, so they will appear in the Cookie Finder.



Booth Lotteries:

1. Saturday, 1/27 @ 6pm- up to 4 slots
2. Monday, 1/29 @ 6pm- choose up to 4 additional slots
3. Thursday, 2/1 @6pm- choose up to 4 additional slots
4. Every day at 6pm between Monday, 2/5-Sunday, 2/11 you may choose an additional 10 booth slots.

Multi-level troops that have split in eBudde to opt-out of rewards can ONLY select booths under one of their troops, either Troop A or Troop B



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!



Girl Scouts Y'all Holiday Shirts



Youth Small – Adult XL will be \$21.95, Adult XXL will be \$23.95, and Adult XXXL will be \$24.95.
Search the GSNCA website for “GSNCA Y'all” or [click here for the pre-order form](#).

Holiday Merchandise



Shop the GSNCA stores for sweet gift ideas like Girl Scout-branded and -inspired ornaments!
We also have premade gift baskets available in Huntsville.

Questions?