

girl scouts 
of north-central
alabama

**Council Wide
Service Unit Meeting**

March 2024

Membership

Early Renewal!

Early Renewal is just around the corner, starting April 22. To qualify, a Girl Scout must have sold a minimum of 60 packages of cookies during the 2024 Cookie season. For full details and dates go to: <https://bit.ly/GSNCAearlyrenewal>



Girl Scout Voices Count

Every year, GSUSA does a survey, and your feedback helps plan the path for the next year.

Surveys begin in April- so be on the lookout for your individual link.



Higher Award Training

✦✦✦ March 21st @ 6:30 via Zoom



What:

What is usually New Leader Cohort will be open to all volunteers this month as Becky Williamson, GSNCA's Older Girl Experience Specialist, will train on GSUSA's new Higher Award Processes with a presentation and live Q&A.

Link to Register: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvd-mtqjorGtdQzq0IWq5Rp38OT-klOq3O>



- Information will go out on Five on Friday this week and is posted on GSNCA's Social Media.
- Please share at March Service Unit Meetings!



NEW! Experienced Leader Cohort

April 23rd at 6:00 via Zoom



What:

- o Experienced Leader Cohort is a quarterly meeting for Troop Leaders with 3+ years of experience that will be led by a team of experienced volunteers in collaboration with GSNCA council staff. We are excited to bring you your very own place to share ideas, learn about valuable resources, be trained on topics of your choice, and make new friends!

[Click to Register!](#)



Adult Awards

Due March 15th

NEW!

This year we encourage girls and caregivers to nominate leaders for awards as well as Leaders!

Award Guide

This guide will walk you through each award, the criteria, and how to submit!

[Click here for the guide!](#)

Short and Snappy

We are resending the Short and Snappy from October on Adult Awards as a refresh for those who need it!

[Click here for Short and Snappy!](#)



Save the Date!

September 7th
Troop Leader's Eras Tour!

[More information coming soon!](#)



Training Update

Dates to Know:

March 15

Adult Award Deadline

September 7

Troop Leader Eras Tour

Coming Soon:

Youth Mental Health First Aid

Spring/Summer Training

Dates.

New Leader Cohort	Target Audience: 1st and 2nd Year Troop Leaders Every Third Thursday at 6:30
New Leader Onboarding	Target Audience: Brand New or Interested Leaders Every First Thursday at 6:30
	Target Audience: Leaders with 3+ Years Experience

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Communications and Fund Development

Girl Scout Week: March 10-16, 2024

-  **Spirit Sunday:** *Do something kind in the spirit of Girl Scouts.*
-  **Motivation Monday:** *Share a positive message with a friend.*
-  **Girl Scouts' Birthday:** *Celebrate 112 years of Girl Scouts!*
-  **Wear It Wednesday:** *Wear your Girl Scout gear.*
-  **Thankful Thursday:** *Share something you're thankful for.*
-  **Flash Forward Friday:** *Share your plans for a brighter future!*
-  **Service Saturday:** *Serve your community as a sisterhood.*

Supporting Girls' Dreams

Program Event in West Alabama (March)

Girl Scout Leadership Summit (August)

DreamLab- Construction Kick-Off!



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



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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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2nd Annual Day at Camp Coleman

Bring a Friend March 24th and have fun exploring Camp Coleman! Activities will include pony rides, archery, hike, games and more!

Perfect for Daisies and Brownies, but older girls are welcome too! Bring the whole troop or come on your own with your favorite adult.

This event will fill, so be sure to register early!

\$15 per Girl





Troop Core Camp & Mom and Me

March 23-24

Community Partner Events

Girl Scout Day at UAB Softball

March 9th

Try Hockey for Free in Pelham, AL

March 9th

Girl Scout Night with the Birmingham Squadron

March 10th

Girl Talk at UAB Women and Infants Center

March 16th

Women's Empowerment Night with the
Birmingham Squadron

March 23rd

Juliette Sews with Blount County Quilters Guild

March 23rd



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)

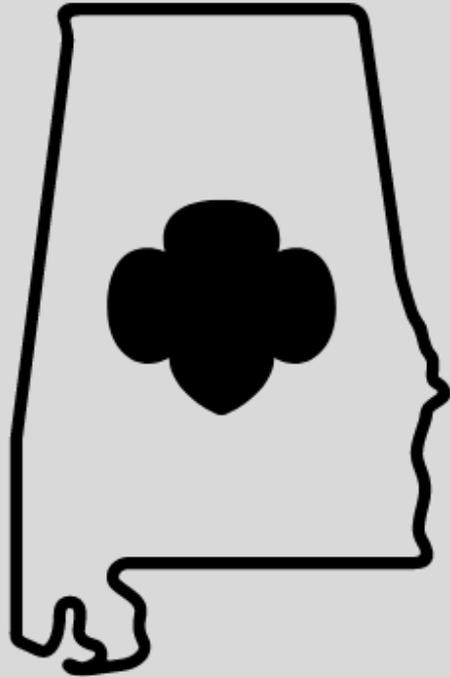
Troop Leaders and registered adults welcome to stay

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW

Be Kind to Your Mind

Earn the Mental Wellness patch for your level





GIRL SCOUT CAMPOREE | 2024



2024 Alabama Girl Scout Camporee

Make new friends, earn badges, sing campfire songs, dance your heart out, learn lots, explore amazing Mobile, and have TONS of fun with your Girl Scout sisters from across Alabama!

Join Girl Scouts of Southern Alabama and Girl Scouts of North Central Alabama for the first-ever, state-wide **Alabama Girl Scout Camporee!**

Registration Deadline: March 29, 2024

Event Date: April 26, 2024 - April 28, 2024

Event Time: Starts April 26 @ 5:00 p.m. and

Ends April 28 @ 12:00 p.m.

Event Location: Meaher State Park

Girl Price \$65 to \$125 depending on activities chosen

Adult Price: \$65 to \$125 depending on activities chosen

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.)



Summer Camp Registration Open Now!

Weeklong Sleep Away Camps:

Camp Coleman June 3 – June 28th

Camp Trico July 8 – 26th

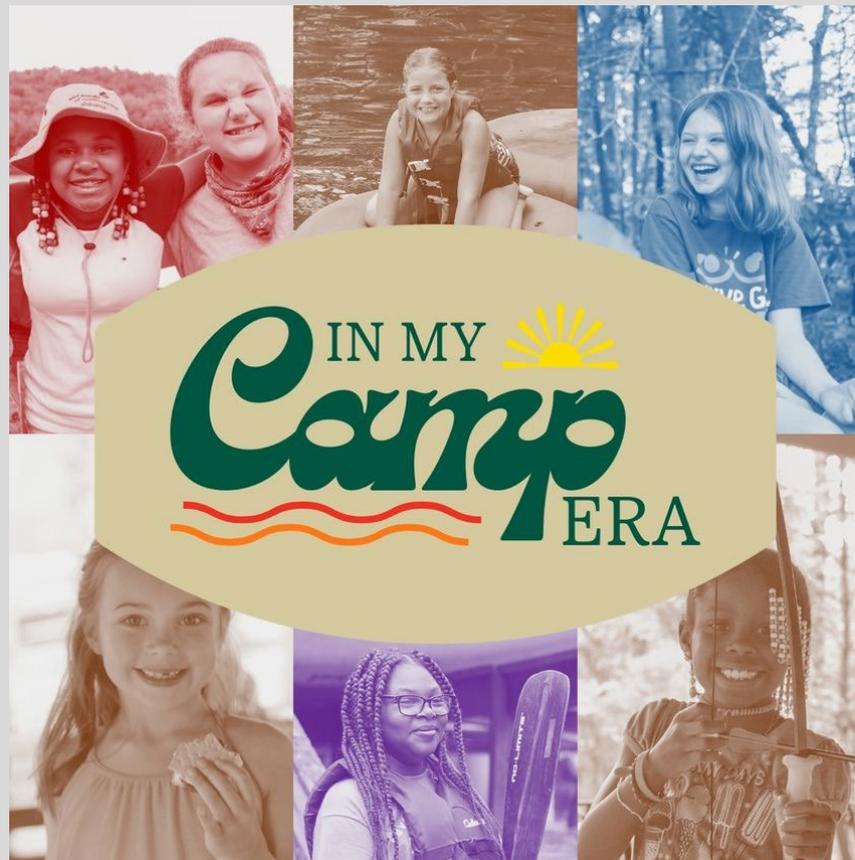
Exciting Activity Options:

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!



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



Program Aide & Volunteer in Training

Leadership Training
for Girl Scouts

- New training date added: April 13th in Cullman, 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:
 - April 1st is the deadline to for high school seniors to submit Gold Award Project Proposals for approval
 - April 1st is the deadline for 8th grade Girl Scouts to submit Silver Award Project Proposals for approval
- Final Report Links:
 - [Bronze Award](#)
 - [Silver Award](#) or email scanned forms to mysilveraward@girlscoutsnca.org
 - [Gold Award](#) (via GoGold)
- Join us on the New Leader Cohort call 21st at 6:30pm via Zoom to learn all about the Highest Awards. All volunteers and caregivers are invited to join us. We will learn about the process for girls to earn their Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards and answer any questions you may have. Click here to register: <https://bit.ly/3SN1Gxb>
- Questions? Contact bwilliamson@girlscoutsnca.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 April 1st, 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
- Application available now

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@girlscoutsnc.org

Product Program

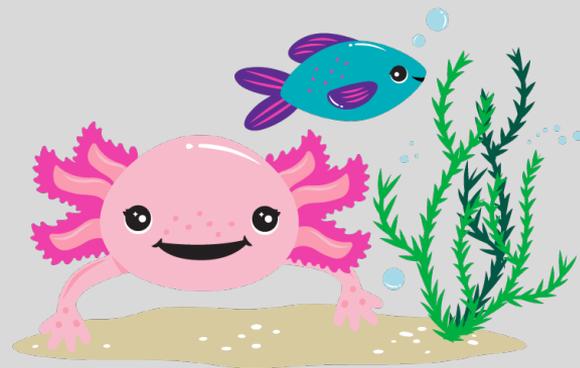
Cookie Reminders

The cookie program is still underway! GSNCA is loving seeing so many troops out on the weekends doing Cookie Booths! Continue to keep up the great work.

Continue encouraging parents to participate in Community Walkabouts! As we go into our last month of Cookie Sales, THANK YOU to all Troops, volunteers, and leaders who continue to spend endless hours so all girls can achieve Cookie Goals!

Here are a few Cookie Reminders to remember!

1. March 20 - Just in Time Training: Wrapping Up and Rewards posted on gsLearn.
2. March 21 - Second ACH withdrawal - ½ IO + 1st Week of Cupboard Transaction(s) - DC payments through 3/14.
3. March 24 - Cookie Program ends.
4. March 28 - Q&A on Zoom
5. March 28 - TCMS submit final rewards by 11:59pm.
6. April 1 – SUCM submit final rewards by 11:59pm.
7. April 10 – Final ACH withdrawal
8. Late April/Early May – Rewards Distributed



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?