

**Council Wide
Service Unit Meeting:
News You Can Use**

October 2024

Town Hall Forum:

Oct 11, 2024
6:30 PM

Register In Advance

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84451111111>



Product Program

2024 Fall Product Program



There's still time to participate!!

Fall Product Program Begins! – Sept. 27, 2024
Fall Product Program Ends – Oct. 28, 2024

All troops may opt out of rewards and earn 20% of total product sales.

***TFPM's will opt out, if desired, in M2.**

Troop Cookie Reward:

Troops that participate in the 2024 Fall Product Program with \$1,900 in combined sales and submits a Cookie Initial Order, PGA 250+, will receive an additional \$.03 per package in cookie proceeds.

Special Rewards and Promotions



Girls that sell \$650 in
Fall Product AND
850+ packages of
cookies will receive a
Stanley Tumbler

Color may vary



Bark Box
Tervis Tumblers

New for 2024 Personalized Items!



Three lifestyle magazines are displayed. The leftmost is 'Kid' magazine, featuring a large, expressive cat face on the cover with the headline 'CUTE CATS' and '50 FUN FACTS'. The middle magazine is 'Country Living', with a cover showing a rustic interior and the headline 'WELCOME TO THE WEEKEND!'. The rightmost is 'HGTV Home Design Magazine', featuring a pink chair and the headline 'paint'.

Tumblers

Bark Boxes



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Troop Fall Product Managers

Here is the link to complete your position description. You will receive an email to access the M2/Fall Product site.

<https://bit.ly/3Q3QEQS>



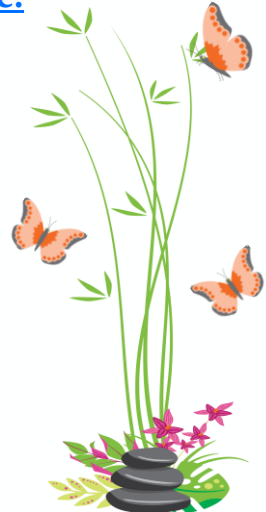
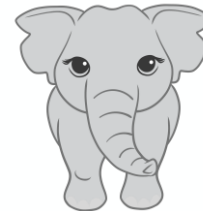
EMBRACE POSSIBILITY

Eliza Trunks are still available!

Troops interested may preorder using the following link:

<https://gsnca.formstack.com/forms/elizastrunkorderform>

For more detail information, please click [here](#).



2025 Cookie Season



Calling all Troop Cookie Managers!

Please make sure your Troop Cookie Manager completes the
Position Description for your troop!
We are excited for a fun and rewarding Cookie Season!!

<https://gsnca.formstack.com/forms/tcmpositiondescription2025>



Membership



Congratulations to these Service Units:

Girl Retention goal:

213, 271, 280

Adult retention goal: 210,
211, 212, 213, 222, 231, 232,
253, 263, 271, 295



Is your troop ready for 2025?

- ☐ All adults who are attending meetings, trips, working with girls, driving girls, or handling money is registered, and background checked?
- ☐ All girls attending meetings are registered members?
- ☐ Accepting new girls for any of your levels? Respond to Jenn Gruberg's email received on 9/24/2024
- ☐ Fall Product Manager Position Description is on file?
- ☐ Troop Cookie Manager Position Description is on file?

NEW Leadership Patches



Troop Leader Progression Patch

- NEW Patch
- Different Requirements per number of years being a volunteer.
- Each level has its own charm!
- [Click here to see](#)

Honor Troop Patch and SU Presidents Award

- New Layout
- New Requirements
- [Click here to see them](#)

There are lots of ways to be a Girl Scout!

- Troop
- Individually Registered Girl Scouts
- Experience Pass
- Squads
 - Innovator Squad: Adventures in STEM
 - Creator Squad: Adventures in the Arts
 - Horse Squad: Adventures in Equestrianism



**Blaze your own trail.
Anywhere you want
to go begins here!**

Training & Awards

First Aid and CPR Training

\$35/ Person

Min. 5/ Max. 12

- Camp Trico-October 12th
- Blended- 2 hours virtual + 2hours in person



This training will certify you in First Aid, CPR, and AED for Adults and Pediatrics, and will qualify you for the First Aider role.

Every troop should have at least one First Aider and your certificate must be renewed every two years.

Don't forget to upload your training certificate via gsLearn!

Need help scheduling training? Contact Becky Williamson at bwilliamson@girlscoutsnca.org



GSUSA Girl Scouts Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Training

- Available now in gsLearn
- As of October 1, 2024 this training will be required for all adults staying overnight on GSNCA properties or traveling with Girl Scouts

New Leader Cohort Membership Year 2025

New Leaders at every level are invited to
join this monthly call

Dates:

Oct 8	Mar 4
Nov 5	Apr 1
Dec 3	May 6
Jan 7	Jun 3
Feb 4	

Time: 6:30-7:30pm

Register Now:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEscOyopjksEtVI-Um3K_zCQ_vslzDfs3dM



Highest Awards



Final Report Deadline for ALL bridging Girl Scouts was September 30th.

FINAL REPORTS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL OF THE HIGHEST AWARDS.

Reminder: Leader Training for each of the awards is available in gsLearn.

Visit the GSNCA Highest Awards Page for award requirements and more information.

<https://www.girlscoutsnca.org/en/members/for-girl-scouts/highest-awards.html>

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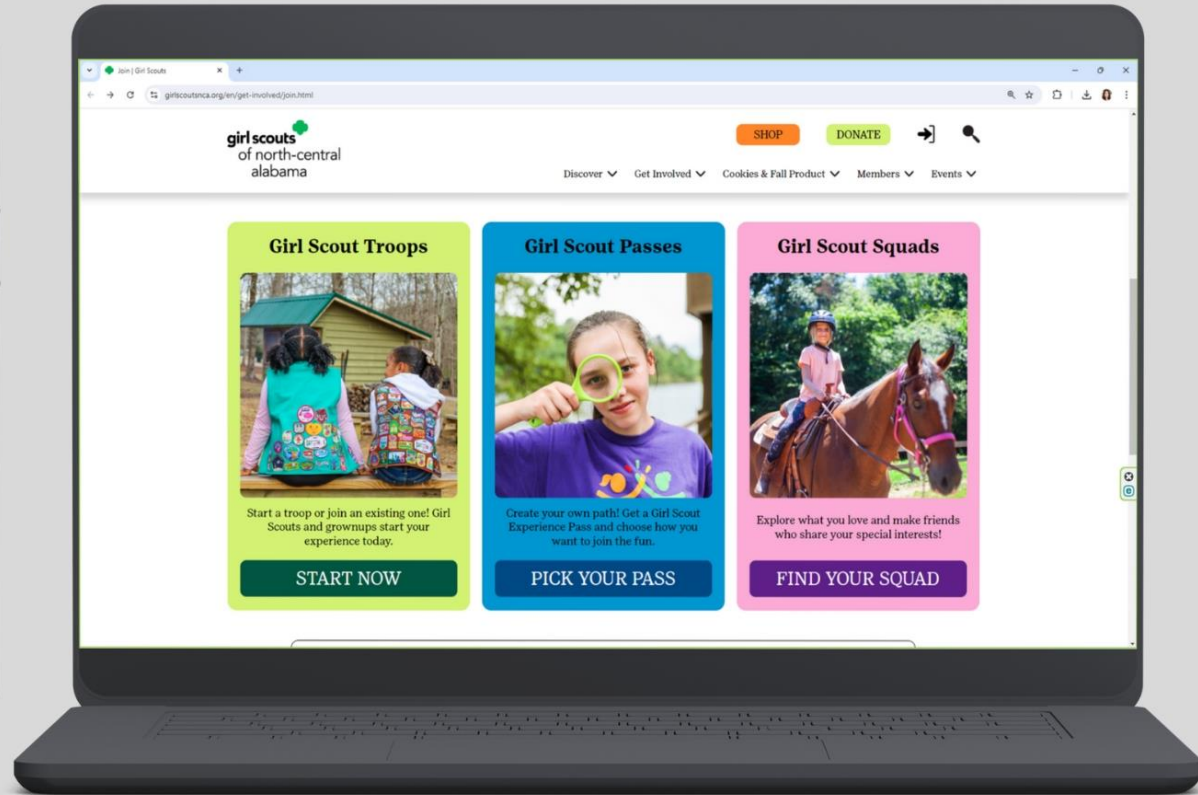
2025 Highest Awards Ceremony
10 May 2025 at Girl Scout DreamLab

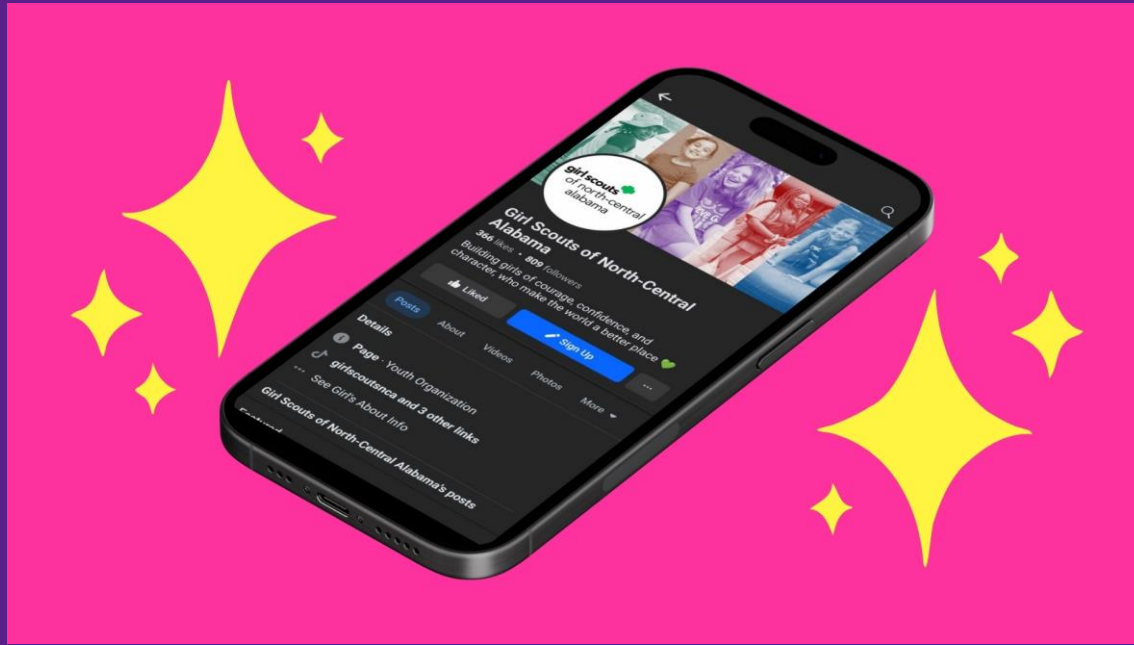
Final reports must be submitted by March 1 to be recognized at the 2025 ceremony.

Communications and Fund Development



[Visit our website!](#)





Please be sure to "Follow" the official Facebook page for Girl Scouts of North Central Alabama to see important council announcements, fun content submitted by our troops, and more!

<https://www.facebook.com/girlscoutsnca>



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0 new today

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Discussion Featured Members Events Media Files

Write something...

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About
This closed group is for all GSNCA troop leaders, volunteers, and other folks who are interested in news and updates from the council.

Private
Only members can see who's in the group and what they post.

Visible

Join the [GSNCA Post Exchange private Facebook group](https://www.facebook.com/groups/885769154947936)!



FUNd Development for Impactful Programs

Sponsorships

- Cybersecurity Challenge
- GirlCon

United Ways
and
United Givers Funds
Campaign Season



Raising Funds for Local Girl Scouts

Interested in learning more and discovering ways you can help?
Contact Felicia Buck, Director of Development
fbuck@girlscoutsnca.org

Program

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.

Hide fields Filter Sort							
Think Like a Programmer Virtual Journey for Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors							
Start Date	End Date	Deadline	Registration Link	Share Link	Location Name	Girl Cost	
6/28/20...	11:00am	12/31/2...	3:02pm	12/31/2023	https://gsnca.formstac...	https://airtable.com/s...	Online \$25.00
Gold Award Training for Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors							
Start Date	End Date	Deadline	Registration Link	Share Link	Location Name	Girl Cost	
10/1/20...	12:00am	1/1/2025	11:59...	1/1/2028	https://gsnca.formstac...	https://airtable.com/s...	Online \$0.00
Presidential Volunteer Service Award Hours Submission Form Deadline							
Start Date	End Date	Deadline	Registration Link	Share Link	Location Name	Girl Cost	
12/1/20...	12:00am	2/1/2024	12:00...	2/1/2024	https://gsnca.formstac...	https://airtable.com/s...	Online \$0.00
First Day Hikes Around North Central Alabama							
Start Date	End Date	Deadline	Registration Link	Share Link	Location Name	Girl Cost	
1/1/20...	9:00am	1/1/2024	12:00...	1/1/2024	see description	https://airtable.com/s...	Other (Add Below) \$5.00
Program Aide and VIT Training - Huntsville							
Start Date	End Date	Deadline	Registration Link	Share Link	Location Name	Girl Cost	
1/15/20...	10:00am	1/15/20...	3:00pm	1/7/2024	https://gsnca.formstac...	https://airtable.com/s...	Huntsville Office 15... \$25.00

Scan the QR code to access the events calendar directly!



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 to receive email by checking your profile in MyGS.

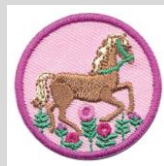


Horseback Riding Groups

Dates now available at Camp Coleman for troops and groups. Meet the horses, learn about animal care and behavior, tack and grooming and ride in Camp Coleman's arena.

This is available to all ages. Juniors earn the Horseback Riding Badge during the session and Brownies can earn the Bits and Bridles Badge.

**For more information, email Amie Martin
amartin@girlscoutsnca.org**



Upcoming Events at Girl Scout DreamLab

Juliette's Birthday Party - Family Night
Oct 10

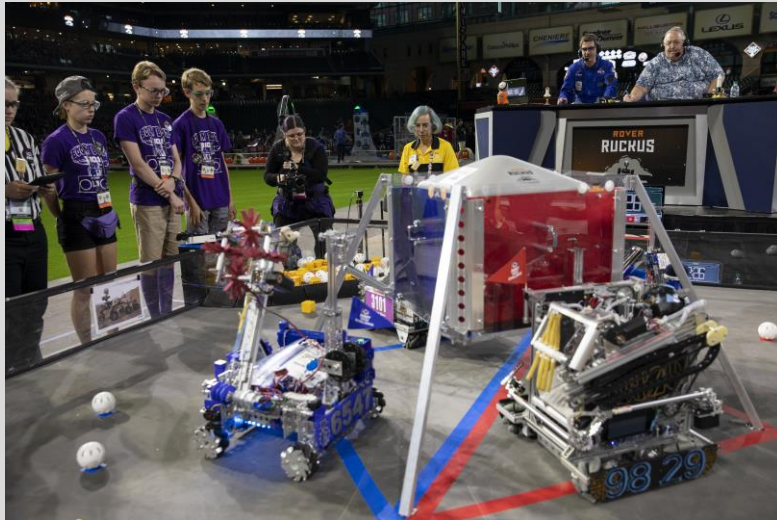
Ghoul's Night Out – Family Event
Oct 24

Whiz, Boom, Bang! Science in Action
Nov 9

Karaoke – Family Night
Nov 14



Spots still open FIRST Tech Challenge Robotics Teams



- Girl Scouts in grades 7-12 (age 12-18)
 - Huntsville and Birmingham
 - 10-12 Girl Scouts per team

Want to know more or interested in helping the team get started? Contact us at customercare@girlscoutsnca.org



Community Partner Events Highlights

October 5
Playing the Past at Gaineswood National
Historic Landmark

October 13
Animal Helper and Bugs Badge Workshop
Birmingham Zoo

October 20th
Encanto Singalong
Aly Stephens Center

October 26
Vulcan's Iron Kids Patch Program
Vulcan Museum

Journey in a Weekend Registration Now Open

Girls (or troops) are invited to Camp Coleman for a Journey in a Weekend Campout. Girls will earn the Think Like a Citizen Scientist journey, as well as participate in some camp fun!

Daisy & Brownie (Day Only)
Nov 2

Nov 2-3, Camp Coleman (Overnight)
Junior, Cadette, Senior & Ambassador



Get SPOOKY with GSNCA



Cybersecurity Challenge: Save the Moonbase

Saturday, November 16th
Alabama School of Cybertechnology
and Engineering
Huntsville, AL

\$20 (includes earned badges)

Juniors and Above

Girls will earn Cybersecurity Basics and
Investigator badges during this event.

Registration Open Now

Cybersecurity Challenge

Save the Moon Base!



Older Girl Advisory Committee Applications Open Now

Open to 8th grade Cadettes through Ambassadors

Accepting applications: September 26-October 20

Girls selected will be notified by October 23rd

Application link available on the GSNCA event calendar

Please help us share this information with any girls in 8th grade or above!



**A world of opportunity awaits.
Discover your passions.**

Girl Scout Destinations

The ultimate Girl Scout adventure for
Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors

APPLICATIONS OPEN NOW

Early Decision Deadline: November 15

Scholarships opportunities may be available

<https://www.girlscouts.org/en/members/for-girl-scouts/ways-to-participate/Travel/destinations.html>

Retail





NEW Girl Scout DreamLab Shop Location!

600 Montgomery Hwy, Suite 208, Vestavia Hills, AL 35216

Tuesday – Friday: 11am – 7pm

Saturday: 10am – 5 pm

Huntsville Shop Location

1515 Sparkman Drive, Huntsville, AL 35816

Monday – Friday: 9am – 4pm

Mobile shops
available upon
request:

retail1@girlscoutsnca.org



Questions?

Email

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or Call 800-734-4541