**General**

1. Offices and Shops will be closed
   1. December 18th for a Staff Meeting
   2. December 24th-January 1st for the Holidays
2. Girl Scout DreamLab Rentals
   1. Guidelines: <https://www.girlscoutsnca.org/content/dam/girlscoutsnca-redesign/documents/GS%20DreamLab%20Rental%20Packet.pdf>
   2. Rental Inquiry: <https://gsnca.formstack.com/forms/gsnca_property_rental_inquiry>

**Membership**

1. Delegates- submit your SU’s delegates no later than January 1st. Submit here: <https://gsnca.formstack.com/forms/council_delegate_election_report>
2. Service Unit Positions- if you have any SU positions that have been filled and the member has not filled out the position description yet, they need to complete this form: <https://gsnca.formstack.com/forms/service_unit_team_position_descriptions>

**Training and Highest Awards**

1. Program Aide/VIT Training is coming up in January & February with two options:
   1. January 20 – Huntsville Girl Scout Office, 12-4pm
   2. February 17 – Girl Scout DreamLab, 12-4pm
2. Reminder – To be listed in the Troop First Aider role, you must have training that includes CPR, AED & First Aid from American Red Cross or American Heart Association.
3. Silver and Gold Award Deadline Reminders -
   1. Attention leaders of current 8th and 12th graders! April 1st is the deadline for girls to submit a project proposal for Silver or Gold Award projects (respectively). Remember, all pre-requisites must be completed before they can submit proposals, so if they still need to complete a journey, check out the Journey in a Day/Weekend programs coming up in January.
4. Please visit [GSNCA’s Award Page](https://www.girlscoutsnca.org/en/members/for-girl-scouts/highest-awards.html) for the most updated information/requirements and helpful resources
5. Presidential Volunteer Service Awards hours are due by January 31st for the current award year. Hours must be submitted using [this form](https://gsnca.formstack.com/forms/pvsa_2024). Form also available via the GSNCA Events Calendar.

**Communications and Fund Development**

1. Facebook- don’t forget to follow our official page and Join our Private FB Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/885769154947936>
2. We would like to extend our gratitude to the generous sponsors of GSCNA's Cybersecurity Challenge, "Save the Moon Base": Booz Allen Hamilton and the i3 Cares Foundation. A special thank you goes to the Alabama School of Cyber Technology and Engineering for hosting the program.   
   If you are interested in learning more about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Felicia Buck at [fbuck@girlscoutsnca.org](mailto:fbuck@girlscoutsnca.org).

**Product Programs**

1. 2025 Cookie Product Program
   1. Sale begins December 9th
   2. Troop Cookie Managers Position Description- <https://gsnca.formstack.com/forms/tcmpositiondescription2025>
   3. Training- Virtual December 3rd at 6pm- sign up here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUrf--spzstHtwP4OpVqudzQbJMTCwNMON->
   4. New 2025 Cookie Shirt “Cookies, plus a whole lot s’more” pre-order. Pre-orders end, January 9- <https://www.formstack.com/admin/form/builder/5893442>
   5. Full List of Cookie Season Promotions- see original email for attachment

**Retail**

1. Holiday Gift Guide- order your items here: <https://gsnca.formstack.com/forms/gsnca_christmas_gifts>
2. Mobile Shops available upon request- [retail1@girlscoutsnca.org](mailto:retail1@girlscoutsnca.org)

**Programs**

1. Community Events- there are several on the calendar and even more coming.
2. Council Events
   1. DreamLab events
      1. Parents Night Out (Drop Off Event)- Saturday, December 7th 5:30pm-7:30pm
      2. Holiday Cookie Decorating (Family Event)- Thursday, December 12 6:30pm-8:00pm
      3. Festival of Trees-Saturday, December 14th 10am-12pm
      4. Maker Space Gift Making (Drop Off Event)- Sunday, December 15th 1:00pm-4:00pm
      5. Cookie Boot Camp (Family Event) Thursday, January 9th 6:30pm-8:00pm
3. Travel Opportunities

**Holiday Gift Ideas for the Girl Scout Experience**

1. **Give the Girl Scout Experience**! Check out GSNCA's Experience Passes. 2 options to choose from!

<https://www.girlscoutsnca.org/en/get-involved/join/experience-passes.html>

* 1. Purchase a Girl Scout Experience Pass to unlock events throughout the year that fit your girl's interests and schedule! The Experience Pass includes admission to four Girl Scout day events OR one Mom and Me Camp Overnight for 2, a VIP lanyard and pass, and a t-shirt. For $150 you can purchase the full experience pass here: <https://gsnca.formstack.com/forms/girl_scout_experience_pass>
  2. Introducing the Mini-Pass. The mini pass includes admission to 2 Girl Scout day events, a lanyard, and t-shirt. Purchase your Mini Pass for just $50 here: https://gsnca.formstack.com/forms/mini\_pass

**Some of the available Girl Scout Experience Pass events include:**

Journey in a Day

Touch a Truck

World Thinking Day

Tea with Juliette

Pony Pals

Girl Scout CSI

Mini-Leadership Summit

Mom and Me

First Aid Badge Day

Adventure by the Lake

1. **Give the gift of horses.** Check out GSNCA’s new Horse Squad

<https://www.girlscoutsnca.org/en/get-involved/join/girl-scout-squads.html>

Purchase includes a personalized riding helmet, a horse grooming kit, and 8 horse riding lessons at Camp Coleman, Trussville, AL. Wrap it up for ultimate gift giving this holiday season. $500 for non-members and $475 for girls who are already members