

# Spark

2023 Issue

A Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania Publication



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Brighten the  
Community**

**18 UNDER 18**

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# GSEP Shops

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## Shop @ GSEP!

GSEP Shops are your headquarters for uniforms, badges and so much more! We carry materials to help you with your badge work, the latest apparel and GS swag, and Cookie Program support merchandise! Check out the shops page on [gsep.org](http://gsep.org) for updated store hours, locations and more. Watch Facebook and TeamApp for promotions and special hours.

## Mobile Shop

Look for our new mobile van, Luella, visiting communities that are a little further from our regional locations with the same merchandise and customer service as in our traditional shops. You can check the dates and locations of the Mobile Shop on the shops page of the website under the drop-down menu "Mobile Shop."

## Other Ways to Shop

Join us on our shops page for our weekly LiveChat, Wednesdays at 2PM to ask questions about merchandise, ordering, and special promotions.

Order directly from GSEP for pickup, delivery at council events or shipping (nominal shipping rates apply) by emailing [shop@gsep.org](mailto:shop@gsep.org). Look for fillable PDFs on the shops page of the website and in TeamApp for an easier way to build your shopping lists for badges and uniforms!

You can always shop the online store at [girlscoutshop.com](http://girlscoutshop.com). Look for Online Only items and special promotions on the online shop, but remember that when you purchase from the online shop, you are purchasing from Girl Scouts of the USA, not GSEP.

## Stay Up-to-Date

Look for monthly shop updates, events and special offers in GSEP News. If you haven't subscribed yet, go to [gsep.org](http://gsep.org) and opt-in to receive email updates from us. You can also find out the latest on Facebook and Instagram (GirlScoutsEPenn)! And join our TeamApp (GSEP Shops) for updates on shop hours, new merchandise and special promotions for TeamApp members!

## Heat Press Service Now Available!

Let us do the work for you! For just \$10, we'll attach your purchased insignia to your vest or sash so your Girl Scout will be ready to choose her next adventure! Standard turnaround is three days; same day rush service available at Shelly Ridge and Valley Forge (\$4 surcharge.)

## Shop Locations

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Miquon, PA  
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**Valley Forge**  
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Low Way  
Phoenixville, PA  
19460

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Girl Scout Shipra D. finds community and belonging at dance class. Learn about her journey and meet our amazing "18 Under 18" girls on page 22.



## program guide

Flip this magazine over to read all the fun activities happening this fall and winter!



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Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania (GSEP) serves nearly 30,000 girls, ages 5-18, in Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Chester, Delaware, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton, and Philadelphia counties. We are a volunteer-based, nonprofit organization with more than 15,000 adult volunteers. Nationally, nearly 2.8 million girls and adult volunteers enjoy the Girl Scout experience.

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#### GSEP News

Would you like to receive our monthly e-newsletter and other GSEP updates via email? It's a great way for you to stay up-to-date on upcoming events. To ensure you receive these updates please login to your MY GS account, click on the "Family Profile" tab and make sure the "Email Opt In" box is checked and that the email address we have on file is accurate. Please add [gsep@email.girlscouts.org](mailto:gsep@email.girlscouts.org) to your accepted senders list to keep email updates from us out of your spam.

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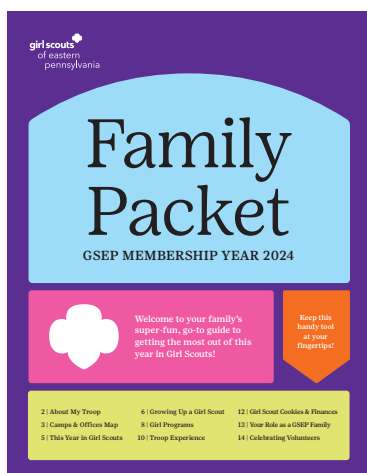


**Kim E. Fraites-Dow**  
*Chief Executive Officer*  
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**Follow Kim!**



Check out the  
new Family Packet!



One of the reasons I love Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania is because it's made up of so many diverse and vibrant communities. Our council covers nine counties composed of urban, rural, and suburban cities and towns. Girl Scouts in our region attend hundreds of different schools—including private schools, public schools, cyber school, and homeschool—all of which are special and unique. Within each neighborhood, girls are building community through sports, activities, volunteering, and of course—Girl Scouting!

In this issue of Spark, we're celebrating the richness and variety of our region by highlighting Girl Scouts in the community. Check out our 18-under-18 feature (pg. 22) to read about the different ways that Girl Scouts of all ages are connecting with and improving their communities. Then, turn to pg. 34 to find upcoming Girl Scouts activities near you! Register for a program in your own backyard or venture out to explore and meet new friends. You always belong when you're with sister Girl Scouts.

Even better? The whole family can get involved with Girl Scouts! Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania hosts awesome activities throughout the year that are open to moms, dads, siblings (even brothers!), aunts, uncles, and grandparents. For some family-friendly fun, check out Autumn Adventures (pg. 9), Winter Lights Carnival (pg. 14), or Maple Sugaring (pg. 18). All three events are held at beautiful Camp Laughing Waters, a 450 acre camp, which is conveniently located in the center of our nine-county region.

There's more info for families in the enclosed Family Packet, which is a great resource for parents or caregivers whether you are a new or returning Girl Scout. You'll want to hang onto this useful guide that includes information on what to expect as a Girl Scout Family and tips on **how your family can support your troop leader(s)** to make this the best year ever!

Our communities are better and brighter places because of Girl Scouts. I am so proud to be your sister and part of this incredible Girl Scout community.

Yours in Girl Scouting,

**Kim E. Fraites-Dow**  
*CEO, Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania*

# 2023–2024 Calendar

## SEPTEMBER 2023

02-04	Labor Day weekend: All Shops and Regional Locations Closed
30	Bronze Award Submission Deadline (for 2022-23 5th graders)
30	Silver Award Project Reflection Deadline (for 2022-23 8th graders)
30	Gold Award Final Report Deadline (for Class of 2023)

## OCTOBER 2023

10	Fall Delegate Council Meeting
11	Take the Lead Girl Scout Application Deadline
12	Fall Product Program Starts
14	SUCM Cookie Program Training
15	Girl Scout Says Application Deadline
17	Golf for Girl Scouts Fundraising Event
20-22	Fall Leadership Weekend
25	Gluten Free Orders Due by Troops
31	Juliette Gordon Low's Birthday!

## NOVEMBER 2023

01	Destinations (GSUSA) Early Submission Application Due (rolling thereafter till full)
01	2024 Trips Announced on girlscouts.org
07	Election Day
07	Troop Initial Orders Open in Smart Cookies
08	Volunteer Awards
12	Fall Product Program Ends
23-26	Thanksgiving: All Shops and Regional Locations Closed
27	Initial Order Home Delivery Deadline

## DECEMBER 2023

01	Scholarship Applications Available
01	Troop Initial Order Closes in Smart Cookies
15	Summer Camp 2024 Go Live Date
23-01	Winter Break: All Shops and Regional Locations Closed

## JANUARY 2024

05-14	Initial Order Pick Up and Home Deliveries
15	MLK Day: All Shops and Regional Locations Closed
18	Cookie Program Begins
18	Applications Due for Girl Advisors/Girl Delegates for GY24-25
31	Older Girl Scholarship Applications Due

## FEBRUARY 2024

16-18	National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend
19	Presidents Day: All Shops and Regional Locations Closed
22	World Thinking Day

## MARCH 2024

TBD	Spring Delegate Council Meeting
05	Take the Lead Greater Philadelphia
10	Last Day of Cookie Program
10-16	Girl Scout Week
30	All Shops Closed
30	Gold Proposal Submission Deadline (for Class of 2024)

## APRIL 2024

03	Take the Lead Berks County
14	Women's Leadership Summit
19-20	Collector's Meet
23	Take the Lead Lehigh Valley

## MAY 2024

TBD	Highest Awards Ceremonies
01	Silver Award Proposal Deadline (for 2023-24 8th graders)
04	GSEP's Annual Meeting
25-27	Memorial Day: All Shops and Regional Locations Closed

## JUNE 2024

17	Camp Begins!
19	Juneteenth: All Shops and Regional Locations Closed

## JULY 2024

04	Independence Day: All Shops and Regional Locations Closed; GSEP Overnight Camps Open
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## AUGUST 2024

TBD	GSEP Kick-off!
TBD	Adult Camping Weekend
31-02	Labor Day Weekend: All Shops and Regional Locations Closed

## SEPTEMBER 2024

TBD	Fall Delegate Council Meeting
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# Introducing our newest team member, Luella!

Luella joins our Mobile Shop team and is excited to see our customers this fall!

- Fully stocked just like a store with badges, uniforms, patches and swag!
- An on-board mobile register for ease of purchase and customer service.
- Pre-order or come shop in person! Email [luella@gsep.org](mailto:luella@gsep.org) for pre-orders.
- See the full list of PopUps on the shops page at [www.gsep.org](http://www.gsep.org), under Mobile Shop. New locations coming in fall and winter!



## Why Luella?

Our mobile van was named after Luella Bates (1897-1985), the first woman to be licensed as a commercial driver and a renowned mechanic. Thank you to attendees of the 2023 Annual Meeting for helping us choose this name!

Have an idea for a new PopUp location? Reach out to Luella with contact information and we'll research adding your location to her rotation!

# Donor Shout-Outs

Thank you to GSEP's generous Annual Fund donors! We are grateful for the leadership support from individuals, corporations, and foundations whose philanthropic investment of \$5,000 or more\* helps bring the Girl Scout Leadership Experience to girls across the Council's nine-county footprint.

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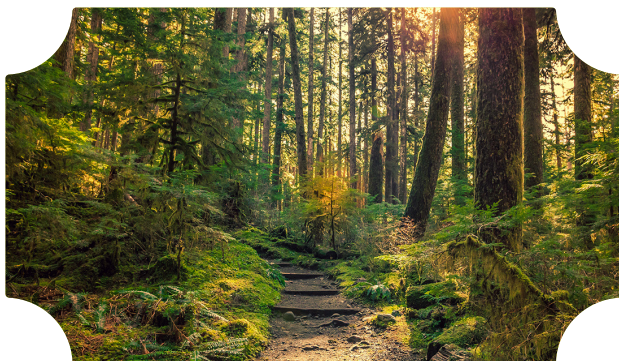
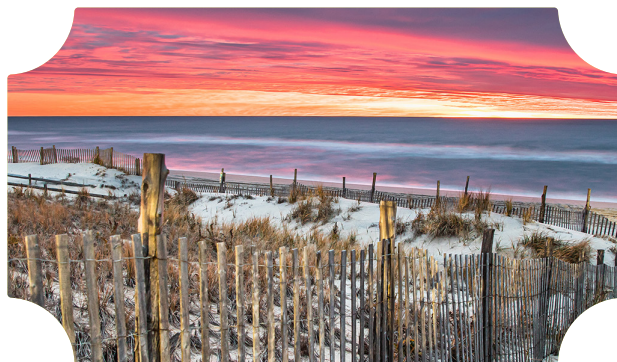
# GSUSA Destinations

Girl Scout Destinations are the ultimate in adventure for individual girls ages 11 and older. Make friends from all over the country as you travel with Girl Scouts from different states. There's a unique, life-changing experience for every girl. Explore some of the travel experiences Destinations have to offer.

## Experience the Cuisine and Culture of Italy



## Explore the Jersey Shore (and more!)



## Camp, Hike & Sail the Pacific Northwest



## Have an Aquatic Adventure

**Inspired to pack your bags? Learn more online at:**  
[girlscouts.org/en/members/for-girl-scouts/ways-to-participate/Travel/destinations.html](https://girlscouts.org/en/members/for-girl-scouts/ways-to-participate/Travel/destinations.html)

Early Round applications are due November 1, 2023. Rolling applications are accepted after November 1, 2023 until trips are filled, so grab your spot now!

# Now Appearing at Shelly Ridge!



Girl Scouts big and small can now build a bear as unique as they are, right in our Shelly Ridge shop—including the iconic Heart Ceremony, Girl Scout gear and more!



## Troop or Group Event

Bring the whole Troop or Group! Book a Build-a-Bear Workshop® group event to celebrate Birthdays or Bridging, or just for fun.

Each attendee will choose 1 furry friend and 1 clothing item. Guests also receive the GSEP “Make a New Friend” patch. \$36.50 per guest.

Events are available Fridays after 4pm, and Saturdays 10am-4pm, and must be booked at least three weeks in advance. The length of the event depends on the number of guests attending.

Troop events are tax exempt; all troops must meet girl-adult ratios for their group. A 50% deposit is required for all events. Ask about booking the JLow Lounge for a party alongside your event!

## Individual Appointments

At this time, we are asking that all guests make an appointment to build a bear at least one week in advance. Appointments are available for Thursday evenings (5:30-7pm) and Saturdays (10am-4pm). Guests will have access to the Build-A-Bear Workshop® experience for up to 45 minutes; up to three guests can attend the same appointment. Guests can shop the Girl Scout Build-a-Bear Workshop® experience and the Girl Scout Shop at the same time! Each purchase includes the iconic Heart Ceremony and GSEP “Make a New Friend” patch!



To book your Event or Appointment, email [shop@gsep.org](mailto:shop@gsep.org) or fill out the online form on the shops page.

# GORP!

## Looking for a customizable trail mix with ingredients you like for your next outdoor trip?

GORP (Good ol' Raisins and Peanuts) is a simple trail mix, typically made up of high-protein and high-fat ingredients to fuel you for a day of adventure. The beauty of this mix is that there is no one recipe that you have to follow to make it correctly. This staple snack of the woods is made to sustain you with the use of complex and simple carbs to give you the energy you need to start that trek and keep you going until the summit!

## Make a Mix Using Food Science

**Complex Carbohydrates:** these are sugar molecules that are strung together in long chains—giving you energy that keeps you going for awhile. Think: nuts, seeds, granola, and dried fruit.

**Simple Carbohydrates:** these are sugar molecules that are small—giving you quick energy to get moving. Think: M&Ms, chocolate chips and mini marshmallows.

## Directions

1. Pick a mix of ingredients that you will enjoy eating all day.
2. Start with a base of cereal, granola and/or pretzels. This should be about half of the mix. This is one of your complex carbs to keep you going all day.
3. Then choose a few other complex carbs like nuts, seeds and dried fruit. This should be about a quarter of the mix.
4. Finally, choose two other simple carb ingredients like chocolate chips or M&Ms.
5. Mix your ingredients and pack in reusable containers to take with you! Have a great adventure and don't forget your water!

## Ingredients

*Pick a few of your favorites from this list!*

- Pretzels
- M&Ms
- Raisins
- Mini Marshmallows
- Chex Cereal
- Cheerios
- Craisins
- Dried Banana Chips
- Walnuts
- Cashews
- Chocolate Chips
- Peanuts
- Pumpkin Seeds
- Pistachios
- Sunflower Seeds
- Wasabi Peas
- Sesame Sticks

Creative Corner

# Daisies

# My Daisy Year

It's time to choose what you and your Girl Scout Troop want to do this year in Girl Scouts! Look at each step and decide which you want to do with your troop this year! Cut out the badges and patches, and add them to your vest. When you are done, you have a plan for your troop year!

## STEP 1: Fill in your troop number

## STEP 2: Choose four badges to complete this year



Buddy Camper



Daisy Trail Adventure



Democracy for Daisies



Good Neighbor



Math in Nature



Money Explorer



My Money Choices



Outdoor Art Maker



Roller Coaster Design



Take Action



Toy Business Designer

## STEP 3: Complete a service project

## STEP 4: Choose an outdoor activity



MLK Day of Service



Roadside Clean Up



Trail Clean Up



Maple Sugaring



Autumn Adventures



Spring Fest

## STEP 5: Be part of the largest girl-led entrepreneurship program

My First Cookie Business



Cookie Entrepreneur Family Pin

## STEP 6: Take a field trip

## STEP 7: Enjoy Girl Scout traditions



Zoo Trip



Museum Trip



Roller Skating Trip



Celebrate Juliette Gordon Low's Birthday



Celebrate Girl Scouts' Birthday



Participate in a Sing Along



Creative Corner  
Brownies

# Brownie Matching Challenge

Cut out the cards and place them upside down. Whoever's birthday is closest to Juliette Gordon Low's birthday, October 31, gets to go first! Pick one card at a time, flipping it over so that everyone can see. Pick your second card, flipping it over so that everyone can see. If it is a match, you get to keep it. If it is not a match, flip them back to face down, and it is the next person's turn. When all cards have been matched, count your matches. The person with the most matches wins!

## What a Brownie Can Do in the Fall:

 <p><b>Celebrate Juliette Gordon Low's Birthday</b></p>	 <p><b>Earn a STEM Badge</b></p>	 <p><b>Go to the Autumn Adventures Program</b></p>	 <p><b>Fall Product Program</b></p>
 <p><b>Celebrate Juliette Gordon Low's Birthday</b></p>	 <p><b>Earn a STEM Badge</b></p>	 <p><b>Go to the Autumn Adventures Program</b></p>	 <p><b>Fall Product Program</b></p>

## What a Brownie Can Do in the Winter:

 <p><b>Sell Girl Scout Cookies</b></p>	 <p><b>Earn an Entrepreneur Badge</b></p>	 <p><b>Go to the Maple Sugaring Program</b></p>	 <p><b>Participate in World Thinking Day</b></p>
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**Sell Girl Scout Cookies**



**Earn an Entrepreneur Badge**



**Go to the Maple Sugaring Program**

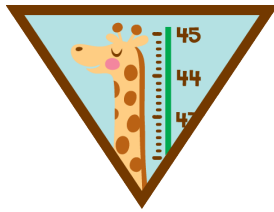


**Participate in World Thinking Day**

**What a Brownie Can Do in the Spring:**



**Celebrate Girl Scout Week**



**Earn a Life Skills Badge**



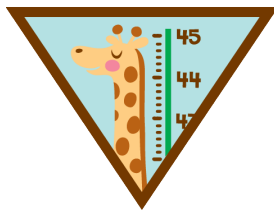
**Go to the Spring Fest Program**



**Participate in Bridging**



**Celebrate Girl Scout Week**



**Earn a Life Skills Badge**

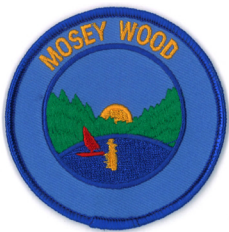


**Go to the Spring Fest Program**



**Participate in Bridging**

**What a Brownie Can Do in the Summer:**



**Go to Resident Camp**



**Go to a Day Camp**



**Earn an Outdoor Badge**



**Complete the Girl Scout Outdoor Challenge**



**Go to Resident Camp**



**Go to a Day Camp**



**Earn an Outdoor Badge**



**Complete the Girl Scout Outdoor Challenge**



# Junior S.C.O.U.T.

Color in the B.I.N.G.O. board (or in our case, “S.C.O.U.T.” board) with the activities you would like to complete this year with Girl Scouts! Share with your troop to figure out what things you can do together as a troop, and what you might want to do on your own. As you complete the activities throughout the year, check them off!

## S C O U T

Visit a GSEP Camp	Help a Younger Girl Troop	Earn the Presidential Volunteer Award	 Earn the Flowers Badge	Attend a World Thinking Day Event
 Earn the Paddle Boat Design Challenge Badge	Complete a Community Service Project	Spend a Night at a Camp	Set a Goal for Selling Cookies	 Complete the Think Like an Engineer Journey
Go on a Field Trip with Your Troop	 Complete the Get Moving Journey	Come Up With Your OWN Activity & Write it Here:	 Earn the Product Designer Badge	Participate in a Take the Lead Event
Attend a Girl Scout Week Event	 Earn the Eco Camper Badge	 Earn the Staying Fit Badge	 Earn Your Bronze Award	Make a New Girl Scout Friend
Participate in Selling Girl Scout Cookies	Learn a New Girl Scout Song	March in a Parade with Girl Scouts	Pick an Event in this Program Guide to Attend	 Earn the Simple Meals Badge



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Groups of 10+ unlock these perks:

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- Orders of 20+ tickets may qualify for a complimentary group leader ticket.
- Ask about special meet-and-greet opportunities and Girl Scout patches!

## SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

KIMMEL CAMPUS PRESENTS

**Wild Kratts Live 2.0:  
Activate Creature Power!**  
September 23, 2023

THE PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA

**Music of Superheroes**  
October 14, 2023

KIMMEL CAMPUS PRESENTS

**Coco in Concert**  
October 15, 2023

BROADWAY SERIES

**WICKED\*\***  
November 1-26, 2023



THE PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA  
**Elf in Concert**  
December 22-23, 2023

THE PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA

**Tim Burton's Nightmare  
Before Christmas**  
November 24-26, 2023

THE PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA

**Children's Holiday Spectacular**  
December 16, 2023

THE PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA

**Elf in Concert**  
December 22-23, 2023

BROADWAY SERIES

**Disney's Frozen**  
March 21-April 7, 2024

Experience  
extraordinary  
performances  
while developing  
girls' leadership!

**WICKED**  
November 1-26, 2023



**Disney's Frozen**  
March 21-April 7, 2024



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Creative Corner  
Cadettes

# Journey Down the River of My Cadette Year

Take a float down the river to discover all the fun things you can do as a Cadette! When you reach a Choice Island, circle the path you want to take this year.

## Breathe Journey

**CHOOSE  
A JOURNEY**

Think Like an  
Engineer Journey

## Field Trip

**CHOOSE  
AN OUTING**

## Camping Trip

## How to Make a Paper Boat:

1. Fold the paper in half vertically or “hot dog” style.
2. Unfold the paper and fold in half horizontally or “hamburger” style.
3. With the open side facing you, fold both top corners down to the center crease. This leaves about an inch or so at the bottom.
4. Fold the bottom edge up on each side.
5. Fold the corners of the bottom edge over the edge of the triangle, and tuck behind the edge of the bottom fold from the other side. Fold the corners of the second edge over the triangle.
6. Rotate the triangle 45 degrees to fold into a square.
7. Fold the bottom flaps in half up to each side.
8. Rotate the triangle and form a square again.
9. At the top of the diamond, pull the two sides apart.
10. Float your boat!



**BEGIN YOUR YEAR**

Archery Badge



**CHOOSE A BADGE**

Business Creator Badge



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Participate in Take the Lead

**CHOOSE A LEADERSHIP ACTIVITY**

Help a Younger Troop

Silver Award



**CHOOSE AN AWARD TO PURSUE**



Service to Girl Scouting Bar



Woodworker Badge



**CHOOSE A BADGE**

Special Agent Badge



Help Run a Younger Girl Scout Program

**CHOOSE AN ACTIVITY**

What else do you want to do on YOUR Girl Scout journey this year?

Program Aide Pin

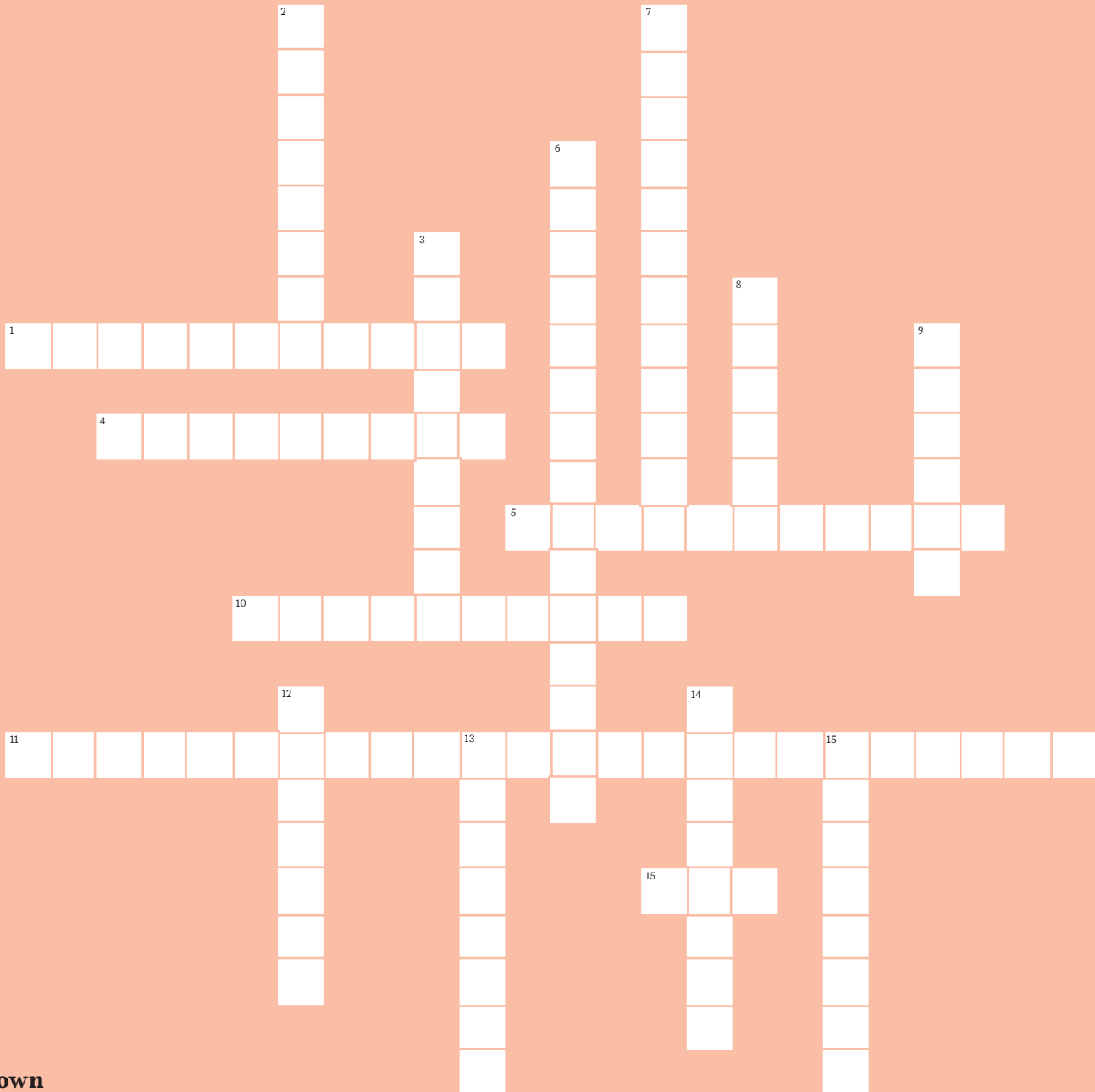
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# Girl Scouts Crossword

## Across

1. An event where older Girl Scouts play lead roles (Hint: there are three of them).
4. What is the highest award you can earn as a Senior Girl Scout?
5. City that is home to Girl Scouts national headquarters.
10. A chilly program you can attend at Camp Mosey Wood in January.
11. A sweet program where you can earn Service to Girl Scouting hours.



## Down

2. Age of Juliette Gordon Low when she founded the Girl Scouts in 1912.
3. A program where you can climb on an actual rock face.
6. Badge that includes the word "vote."
7. A program where you get to eat ice cream and help plan a program for younger girls.
8. The colors of the Torch Award that a Senior Girl Scout can earn are gold and \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Number of volunteer hours needed to earn the Senior Service to Girl Scouting Bar.
12. For the \_\_\_\_\_ Journey, Girl Scouts complete three standalone badges before the Take Action Project.
13. A Senior badge featuring a kayak.
14. City where Girl Scouts was founded.
15. Minimum age for Girl Scout Troop Leaders.

# Lucky Paper Stars

Creative Corner

Ambassadors

*Ready to shoot for the stars?*

There are lots of ways for Ambassador Girl Scouts to shine bright!

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## Materials:

- Scissors
- Paper

## Instructions:

### 1. Cut a Strip of Paper

Cut along the dotted line on the right side of this page.

### 2. Make a Loop in the Paper

The basic shape of the star is created by making a knot at one end of the strip of paper.

### 3. Complete the Knot

Tuck one end of the strip of paper through the loop to make a knot. Press the knot flat to make a pentagon shape.

### 4. Fold the Tail

Take the short end of paper and fold it into your knot.

### 5. Fold the Rest

With the long end of paper, start to wrap around the pentagon knot (follow the contours of the pentagon).

### 6. Finish Off the Wrap

When you only have a little bit of paper left to wrap, tuck the end into the pentagon (trim the paper if needed to fit inside the knot).

### 7. Squeeze the Star into Shape

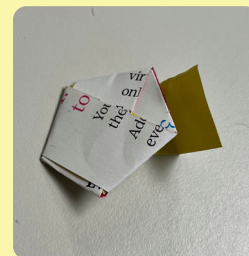
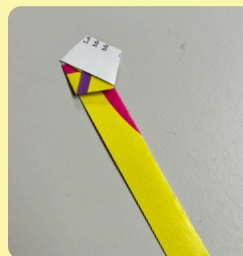
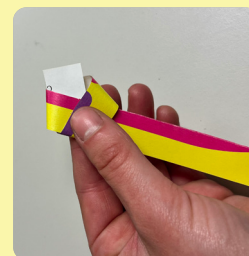
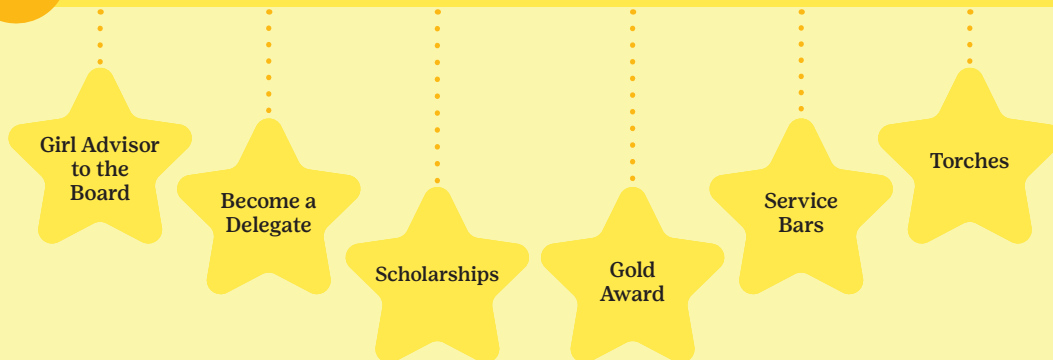
Start by squeezing the edges of the pentagon inwards to form the points of the star. You may need to do this a few times until you have the shape you desire.

### 8. Make Some More Stars!

You can use any kind of paper to make more stars! Your strip of paper should be approximately ½ inch wide and 11 inches long.

### 9. What to do Next?

- Share your stars with others to pass around the luck
- String your stars together to create a star garland
- Incorporate your stars into jewelry
- Use as decoration in a jar





# 18 Under 18

In the following pages, you'll learn how 18 amazing Girl Scouts from our council define community, what makes their communities unique and special, and how they've given back to the community. Our region is stronger thanks to Girl Scouts who are making their neighborhoods, towns, schools, and the WORLD a better place.

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Our community never fails to make sure everyone is included and a part of the family.

— Shipra K.



## Shipra K.

Cadette • Troop 4241  
Delaware County

### **Tell us about a community that is special to you.**

A place where I feel connected is at my dance class because the environment is positive and everyone is making sure that everyone is included. When I enter dance class every Sunday, I feel welcomed and happy! I learned that I am my best self around my dance classmates.

### **What makes your community unique?**

Something that makes this community unique is the diversity! All races, cultural backgrounds, and people with unique abilities are welcomed and appreciated. Our community never fails to make sure everyone is included and a part of the family.

### **What have you done to make the community a better place?**

I am currently working on my Silver Award project, which focuses on kids with special needs. My friend and I created Camp Unique to make sure that kids with special needs have the same opportunity as other kids when it comes to summer camps. We want the experience to be welcoming and full of fun for families and the kids!



## Jordan F.

Daisy • Troop 5408  
Delaware County

### Tell us about a community that is special to you.

My Girl Scout troop is where I feel most connected to the people around me. They make me happy, excited to learn new things, and included. I am more confident because of Girl Scouts.

### What makes your community unique?

Our community is unique because Girl Scouts is girl led and we are able to help decide what we do.

### If you could make a change in your community, what would it be and why?

If I could make a change in my community, I would add trash & recycling cans to common areas, add butterfly & bee gardens & plant more trees.

## Myah D.

Senior • Troop 1797  
Berks County

### Tell us about a community that is special to you.

The community I feel the most connected to is 100% my Girl Scout Troop. My Girl Scout troop has been together since kindergarten, we are like true sisters. When I am with my Girl Scout sisters, I feel like I can be my true authentic self, judgment-free, and heard. I have learned to set my goals and to go for it, and I will always have someone cheering me on!

### What advice would you give to other girls who are looking for a sense of community?

I would tell other girls that it's human nature to want to belong to part of something important, and they can always find that with Girl Scouts. Girl Scouts has opened many doors for me, the opportunities are endless, and the support system is amazing. I would encourage all girls to step out of their comfort zone and try something new!



## Cheyenne G.

Brownie • Troop 8007  
Lehigh County

### **Tell us about a community that is special to you.**

My school. I love my friends and the awesome, amazing teachers. The teachers make me confident in myself more and more every day.

### **What have you done to welcome others into the community?**

When a new student arrives I like to make friends with them so they feel comfortable. It can be scary being a new student.

### **If you could make a change in your community, what would it be and why?**

Cleaning up the yucky trash people drop on the sidewalks. It's very rude and not nice to our earth.



## Amani P.

Ambassador • Troop 9663  
Philadelphia County

### **What have you done to make the community a better place?**

I made a shelter for stray cats in my neighborhood.

### **If you could make a change in your community, what would it be and why?**

I would like to give a second chance to people who are less fortunate than me.

### **How has Girl Scouts helped you be a good member of your community?**

It has helped me see things with a different lens. I really try to put myself in other people's shoes so I can understand where they are coming from and what they've been through.





## Athena G.

Daisy • Troop 91655  
Delaware County

### Tell us about a community that is special to you.

A community that is special to me is my family. I love my cousins.

### What have you done to make the community a better place?

In my community, neighbors give each other support and our Girl Scout Troop lends a helping hand.

### If you could make a change in your community, what would it be and why?

I would find a home for all the stray cats. I love cats and they all need homes.

## Madeline A.

Junior • Troop 6414  
Lehigh County

### Tell us about a community that is special to you.

My Girl Scout troop is one of my closest communities because my best friend is in it. I feel connected to my fellow troop members and friends. I've learned that I can be brave.

### What have you done to welcome others into the community?

I make new girls feel welcome by introducing myself, talking to them, and making sure they are included.

### What advice would you give to other girls who are looking for a sense of community?

If you're looking for a sense of community, don't be afraid to lead. Taking the lead is a great way to be part of a community because all communities need leaders in big and small ways.





## Eva D.

Junior • Troop 3506  
Berks County

### Tell us about a community that is special to you.

One place that I love is the Palmerton Pool. I feel happy at the pool spending time with friends! I am on the swim team there, and I also just swim for fun! The pool is where I learned that I have become a good swimmer and also where I learned that I belong in this group of people who all enjoy the same thing.

### What makes your community unique?

One thing that makes my local community unique is all the outdoor opportunities. For example, the Appalachian Trail runs through Carbon County, and there's lots of places to hike, bike, or fish. If you are like me and love the outdoors, then Palmerton is a good place for you!

### What have you done to make the community a better place?

One thing I have done to make my community a better place is to collect items for people and animals in need with my Girl Scout troop. I also volunteer for a cat shelter, which is where I got my Bronze Award. I enjoyed volunteering there so much that I still volunteer there and spend time with the cats.

## Jillian B.

Senior • Troop 7063  
Montgomery County

### Tell us about a community that is special to you.

A community I feel really connected to is the stage crew at my school. I love it because everyone is so funny and nice, and creating sets for shows really brings us together. It's helped me learn that I can make new friends pretty much anywhere and bring people together.

### What makes your community unique?

This community is special because we have to work towards our goals. We work as a team, and when we finish the shows, there's an amazing sense of accomplishment about what we've done together.





## Andi B.

Ambassador • Troop 4864  
Chester County

### Tell us about a community that is special to you.

I feel very connected to the people on my Special Olympics teams. We have fun together and support each other. Everyone is really nice and kind to each other. That makes me feel so happy!

### What makes your community unique?

To play in Special Olympics you must have an intellectual disability.

### What have you done to welcome others into the community?

I tell others about Special Olympics so that they can join too. I try to help other athletes and tell them they are doing good!

## Arianna A.

Daisy • Troop 91655  
Philadelphia County

### Tell us about a community that is special to you.

I feel connected with my Girl Scout troop and my school. My troop makes me feel safe and my big sister Amiyah is in the troop. I love the activities we do to have fun and learn at the same time.

### What makes your community unique?

The community where I live is unique because there are families of many different colors, and that's new to me. I just moved here and I think I'm going to like it.

### How has Girl Scouts helped you be a good member of your community?

Girl Scouts taught me to give back, and I like to give to my friends.





**Taryn M.**  
Brownie • Troop 1052  
Berks County

**Tell us about a community that is special to you.**

The group that I picked that makes me feel connected is gymnastics. The reason why I picked gymnastics because it makes me feel like I am flying in the air when I am on bars. I have learned that it is okay to mess up and make mistakes. Just get back up and try again. My friends in gymnastics are always cheering each other on.

**What have you done to make the community a better place?**

If I see trash when we go on family walks in the neighborhood, I will clean it up and throw it away.

**How has Girl Scouts helped you be a good member of your community?**

Girl Scouts has taught me to leave places better than we find them and how to make new friends. I love all my Girl Scout sisters.

**Abigail T.**  
Cadette • Troop 8614  
Northampton County

**Tell us about a community that is special to you.**

I feel connected to the people around me in school and when I'm with my Girl Scout troop. They make me feel happy, safe, and never alone with decisions I need to make. I have learned that having one or two great friends is better than having a bunch of fake friends.

**What have you done to make the community a better place?**

Last year my troop earned our Bronze Award by making cake kits for people who can't afford cake for birthdays or other celebrations. We donated the kits to our local food Bank.





## Mackenzie B.

Brownie • Troop 1778  
Montgomery County

### What makes your community unique?

One of my favorite things about the Gilbertsville/Boyertown area is Bear Fever ([www.bearfever.org](http://www.bearfever.org)). Bear Fever is a community art project that started in 2004 and there are over 60 bears displayed throughout the community. I like exploring the community trying to locate all the bears, seeing their designs, and learning about their history.

### If you could make a change in your community, what would it be and why?

I would love to encourage people in my community to reuse and recycle more. My family started using cloth grocery bags and I have re-usable containers when I pack my lunch. At my school, we have a table in the lunchroom where we put un-opened lunch items to share with others. Recycling = less waste and trash.

### How has Girl Scouts helped you be a good member of your community?

Girl Scouts has helped me understand the importance of goal setting and how our service projects help those in the community. I try to be a good friend and welcome others.

## Sophie F.

Junior • Troop 5139  
Delaware County

### Tell us about a community that is special to you.

I feel connected to the other Juniors in my Girl Scout troop. They make me feel happy because we can work together and get along doing it. I have learned that all of us are unique in our own way, and I don't have to be or act a certain way to fit in.

### What have you done to make the community a better place or to welcome others into the community?

I make my troop a better place by being kind to new girls that join our troop by showing them how our troop works together or how Girl Scouts works, if they are new to Girl Scouting. I also share my ideas with my troop leader to make meetings more fun and interesting.

### What advice would you give to other girls who are looking for a sense of community?

I would suggest girls find a community that is kind and supportive. Find one with unique individuals that can share their knowledge to explain about things you might not yet know. I would also suggest girls find a community where they can share their own thoughts and find compromises instead of arguing about differences.





## Elizabeth H.

Ambassador • Troop 5426  
Delaware County

**Tell us about a community that is special to you.**

The place I feel most connected to is FIRST Robotics. It makes me feel supported in what I want to do with my future. I also do Girl Scouts with the members of my robotics team.

**What advice would you give to other girls who are looking for a sense of community?**

I would advise younger girls to join Girl Scouts as soon as possible rather than waiting until they are older. I would also advise younger girls to get involved in STEM when they are younger because they might be interested. It might benefit your community if girls teach their neighbors about the Girl Scouts and FIRST robotics.

## Patricia B.

Senior • Troop 974  
Philadelphia County

**If you could make a change in your community, what would it be and why?**

If I could make a change in my community, it would be to to inform young children in the classroom about the importance of mental health, and to instill coping skills and mechanisms at a young age that can be used when dealing with strong emotions and mental disorders.

**What advice would you give to other girls who are looking for a sense of community?**

When given the option to join any type of group that you may be interested in, join. Introduce yourself to as many people, as many groups, as many clubs, as you have the opportunity to join because you never know if it's the one you've been looking for.





## Stella P.

Cadette • Troop 9934  
Philadelphia County

### **Tell us about a community that is special to you.**

I feel connected to the people around me at Girl Scouts. I am a member of a multi-level troop that has all different ages, races, ethnicities, and backgrounds. Our troop leaders are always there for extra support—whether it be for activities at Girls Scouts or school or just in our personal lives. Through my troop, I've learned that it's ok to be different. That's what make the world such an amazing place!

### **What have you done to make the community a better place?**

I have worked 100+ hours each year since 2019 doing community service in my community! I lead a clean-up every spring to help with litter on Forbidden Drive, and I lead clean-up weekends in my neighborhood. I'm also working on my Silver Award making fidget blankets for a nearby retirement home.

### **If you could make a change in your community, what would it be and why?**

If I could make any change in my community, it would be to make it safer. Kids shouldn't feel scared to walk to the corner store alone or to the neighborhood playground. We should feel safe to just play outside.

Thank you  
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Girl Scouts  
for leading  
with courage,  
confidence  
& character!



## Donor Spotlight

# Celebrating 25 Years of Take the Lead in the Lehigh Valley

This year marked the 25th anniversary of Take the Lead Lehigh Valley. On April 25, 2023, close to 500 community members gathered on a beautiful Tuesday evening at the ArtsQuest™ Center at SteelStacks in Bethlehem to witness four deserving high school-aged Girl Scouts present their mentors with the esteemed Take the Lead award. In addition to celebrating honorees Vicki Doulé, Michelle Kott, Lisa Liddington, and Darlene Pors, who exemplify Girl Scout values in their everyday lives, GSEP also recognized Premier sponsors—PPL and Michelle and Vincent Sorgi—who have been longstanding supporters and advocates of Girl Scouting. Take the Lead’s Anniversary sponsors—Air Products, CAI, Lutron, and Olympus—also generously increased their support for this year’s Take the Lead event to highlight the importance of the 25th anniversary and the impact Girl Scouting has had in the Lehigh Valley throughout the years.

Due to the combined \$135,000 investment of the Premier and Anniversary sponsors, Girl Scouting is able to remain strong in the Lehigh Valley for years to come. Funds raised at Take the Lead allow GSEP to provide our community of Girl Scouts with engaging and innovative programs, specifically tailored to the way in which girls learn. Throughout our history, Girl Scouts has traditionally been at the forefront of providing critical support to girls when they need it most. GSEP believes that all girls in our region deserve access to the high-quality programming that drives them to excel, which makes Take the Lead, and the generosity of our sponsors, so pivotal to fulfilling our mission.





# My Girl Scout Kit



**Free bag** with purchase of uniforms and printed Girl Scout materials!

**Or purchase the bag for \$10** with any uniform purchase over \$25!

Purchase must include at least one book or badge requirement\*, uniform components (vest, sash, and insignia) and equal \$60 to earn the free bag.



\*Earned Awards and Badges are not included in My Girl Scout Kit. Kit bag valued at \$15.

# Local Girl Scout Programs

GSEP offers fun programs for troops and individual Girl Scouts throughout our council footprint. These programs are run by GSEP staff and our trusted program partners. For many programs, girls can even earn a badge or Journey award.

Check out some of the awesome programs taking place throughout our council this fall (flip to the Program Guide to see all the fall/winter programs). Register for a program near you—or venture further afield. As part of our GSEP family, you're welcome wherever you find Girl Scouts.

## ICON GUIDE



Girl Event



Family Event



Daisies (K-1)

Brownies (2-3)

Juniors (4-5)

Cadettes (6-8)

Seniors (9-10)

Ambassadors (11-12)



## BERKS

### GSEP Journey Day: Brownie Wonders of Water ●

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 1-4PM

**Kutztown University**  
15200 Kutztown Rd, Kutztown, PA 19530

Grades: 2-3

Cost: \$25/girl  
FREE/adult

Explore the wonders of water by finding out more about its importance and how it is used around the world. You will walk away from this program with an idea to develop for a Take Action Project that you will then complete at home after the program. All troops must meet girl-adult ratios for their group. Individual girls must be accompanied by a registered adult. All adults must have a satisfactory background check to participate in the program. *\*Includes Brownie Wonders of Water Journey.*

## BUCKS

### Engineer Blueprint ●●

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 9AM-3PM

**Presbyterian Church—Deep Run**  
16 Irish Meetinghouse Rd, Perkasié, PA 18944

Grades: 9-12

Cost: \$40/girl  
FREE/adult

Seniors and Ambassadors: come together to become innovators! Draw your blueprints using everyday options to solve a problem. Design an animal enrichment product. Build a zipline. As you build, adapt to the challenges you face. Whose will be tallest or fastest? Your third and final challenge will be to design a piece of mobility equipment.

End your day ready to Take Action to make the world a better place by engineering a solution to help others. Please bring a packed lunch with you. All troops must meet girl-adult ratios for their group. Individual girls must be accompanied by a satisfactory background check on file to participate in the program. *\*Includes Ambassador Think Like an Engineer Journey.*

## CARBON

### Winter Carnival ●●●●

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 5PM—  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 10AM

**Camp Mosey Wood, White Haven**

Grades: 4-12

Cost: \$110/girl  
\$75/adult

Come to camp and enjoy the fun and excitement of winter in the Poconos! You will spend part of your weekend outdoors enjoying winter activities (weather permitting), and part of your weekend will be spent working on a Journey. Saturday evening head to a local ski hill for an evening of snow tubing. You must provide your own transportation to the ski resort. All troops must meet girl-adult ratios for their group. Individual girls must be accompanied by a registered adult. All adults must have a satisfactory background check on file to participate in the program. *\*Includes activities (weather permitting), accommodation in heated cabins with other troops, all meals served in the Dining Hall (Friday snack—Sunday breakfast), and your snow tubing pass. Also includes Junior Get Moving Journey, Cadette Breathe Journey, and Ambassador Bliss Journey.*



a satisfactory background check to participate in the program. *\*Includes Outdoor Art badge for each age level.*

## PHILADELPHIA

### Spectacular Sisterhood of Philadelphia ●●

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 9AM-3PM

**Sturgis Playground**  
200 W. 56th Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19126

Grades: 9-12

Cost: \$30/girl

FREE/adult

Learn the essence of what it truly means to be a sister! Girl Scouts will fellowship together and will complete their Mission: Sisterhood Journey. You will be learning about networking, social and life skills. We will have some amazing guest speakers from Divine Nine Sororities joining us on this powerful day. All troops must meet girl-adult ratios for their group. Individual girls must be accompanied by a registered adult. All adults must have a satisfactory background check on file to participate in the program. *\*Includes Mission: Sisterhood! Journey.*

## LEHIGH

### Eco-Explore at the Lehigh Valley Zoo ●●

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 10:15AM-12:15PM

**Lehigh Valley Zoo**  
5150 Game Preserve Rd,  
Schnecksville, PA 18078

Grades: K-3

Cost: \$21/girl

\$16/adult

Participate in fun activities to work towards your Eco Learner, Eco Friend, and Journey: Outdoor Badge. Experience a fun filled nature hike to learn different ways to protect nature and wildlife and get help developing your Take Action Plan for your Journey: Outdoor award. You'll even get to meet some of the Zoo's education animals up close! All troops must meet girl-adult ratios for their group. Individual girls must be accompanied by a registered adult. *\*Includes Daisy Eco Learner badge or Brownie Eco Friend badge, Outdoor Journey award and zoo admission.*

## CHESTER

### Flight Force ●

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1-4PM

**American Helicopter Museum**  
1220 American Blvd, West Chester, PA 19380

Grades: 4-5

Cost: \$15/girl

\$15/adult

Learn about the forces of flight and explore how these forces help helicopters fly! All troops must meet girl-adult ratios for their group. Individual girls must be accompanied by a registered adult. All adults must have a satisfactory background check on file to participate in the program. *\*Includes Junior STEM Career Exploration badge.*

## NORTHAMPTON

### Sleepover with Crayola ●●●●●

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 6PM-SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 10AM

**Crayola Experience**  
30 Centre Sq, Easton, PA 18042

Grades: K-12

Cost: See MyGS for cost

Get inspired by one of the most colorful and innovative companies in the world! You'll learn the stories behind how different Crayola products were invented. Then, you'll create a new Crayola product! Plus enjoy all 28 hands-on attractions to help your creativity soar. All troops must meet girl-adult ratios for their group. Individual girls must be accompanied by a registered adult.

## MONTGOMERY

### How to Build a Girl Scout ●●●●●

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 10AM-2PM

**Shelly Ridge Service Center**  
330 Manor Rd, Miquon, PA 19444

Grades: K-12

Cost: \$35/girl

FREE/adult

As Girl Scouts, you are carving out your unique places in the world, using your intuition and special talents to blaze a trail that's all your own. The Girl Scout Way is another compass that can help guide you: our proud traditions offer a strong foundation for you to build your dreams as part of a worldwide sisterhood. During the program, we will also be opening our Build-A-Bear shop for all ages of Girl Scouts to create their own little friend (for an additional cost). All troops must meet girl-adult ratios for their group. Individual girls must be accompanied by a registered adult. All adults must have a satisfactory background check on file to participate in the program. *\*Includes the Girl Scout Way badge.*

## DELAWARE

### Outdoor Artists ●●

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1-4PM

**First African Baptist Church**  
816 Clifton Ave, Sharon Hill, PA 19079

Grades: K-3

Cost: \$15/girl

FREE/adult

Explore the beauty of the outdoors as you create art inspired by nature. All troops must meet girl-adult ratios for their group. Individual girls must be accompanied by a registered adult. All adults must have

Check out the Program Guide to see all of the programs near you!

# How many badges will you earn this year?

Have fun, meet new friends, and earn badges at GSEP programs!

Each month, GSEP offers tons of awesome programs during which Girl Scouts of all ages can earn badges or Journey Awards. At our Badge Blast! weekend programs, girls can earn up to three badges!

Check out the list below of upcoming badge-earning programs and register online at MyGS. Girls can attend programs with their troop or as individuals (with proper girl-adult ratios). Full program descriptions can be found in the Program Guide.

## SEPTEMBER

### First Energy Mechanical Engineering

Grades: K-12  
Earn the Mechanical Engineering badge

### On the Trails

Grades: 2-3  
Earn the Brownie Outdoor Adventurer and Letterboxing badges

### Juniors, Into the Woods We Go!

Grades: 4-5  
Earn the Junior Outdoor Journey



### Archers Assemble

Grades: 6-8  
Earn the Archery badge

### Splash into Adventure!

Grades: 6-12  
Earn the Senior Paddling badge

## OCTOBER

### Eco-Explore at the Lehigh Valley Zoo

Grades: K-3  
Work towards Eco Learner, Eco Friend, Outdoor Journey award

### Outdoor Artists

Grades: K-3  
Earn the Outdoor Art badge

### Brownie Bug Badge

Grades: 2-3  
Earn the Bug badge

### Badge Blast! Brownies

Grades: 2-3  
Earn the Brownie Climbing Adventure, Trail Adventure, and Outdoor Adventurer badges

### Brownie Adventure Blitz

Grades: 2-3  
Earn the Brownie Climbing Adventure, Brownie Trail Adventure and Outdoor Adventurer badges

### Explore the Outdoors

Grades: 2-3  
Earn the Brownie Hiker badge

### Set Sail in Philadelphia

Grades: 2-3  
Earn the Wonders of Water Journey

### First Aid Fun!

Grades: 2-12  
Earn the First Aid badge



### Badge Blast! Juniors

Grades: 4-5  
Earn the Camper, Outdoor Art Explorer, and Paddleboat Design Challenge badges

### Junior Adventure Artists

Grades: 4-5  
Earn the Outdoor Art Explorer badge

### Courageous Campers

Grades: 4-5  
Earn the Junior Outdoor Journey

### Animals Around

Grades: 4-5  
Earn the Junior Animal Habitats badge

### GSEP Out of School Journey Day: Think Like a Citizen Scientist

Grades: 4-8  
Earn the Think Like a Citizen Scientist Journey award

### Night Owl

Grades: 6-8  
Earn the Cadette Night Owl badge

### Badge Blast! Older Girl

Grades: 6-8  
Earn the Outdoor Art Apprentice, Primitive Camper and Trailblazing badges

### Archery Artists

Grades: 6-12  
Earn the Cadette Archery and Outdoor Art badges

**GSEP Journey Day:  
Ambassador Your Voice,  
Your World**

**Grades:** 9-12

*Earn the Your Voice,  
Your World Journey*

**NOVEMBER**

**Daisy Trail Adventure**

**Grades:** K-1

*Earn the Daisy Trail  
Adventure badge*

**Outdoor Art Maker**

**Grades:** K-1

*Earn the Outdoor  
Art Maker badge*

**Daisy/Brownie  
Democracy Badge**

**Grades:** K-3

*Earn the Democracy badge*

**Eco Exploration**

**Grades:** K-3

*Earn the Daisy Eco-  
Learner badge and Brownie  
Eco-Friend badge*

**Tea with Juliette**

**Grades:** 2-3

*Earn the Girl Scout Way badge*

**Outdoor Art Creator**

**Grades:** 2-3

*Earn the Outdoor Art  
Creator badge*

**Brownie Hiker**

**Grades:** 2-3

*Earn the Brownie Hiker badge*

**Junior Democracy Badge**

**Grades:** 4-5

*Earn the Democracy  
for Juniors badge*

**Investigate!**

**Grades:** 4-8

*Earn the Geocacher badge  
for Juniors and Special  
Agent badge for Cadettes*

**Exploring Democracy**

**Grades:** 4-8

*Earn the Democracy badge*

**GSEP Journey Day:  
Cadette Think Like an  
Engineer**

**Grades:** 6-8

*Earn the Cadette Think  
Like an Engineer Journey*

**Cadette Democracy  
Badge**

**Grades:** 6-8

*Earn the Democracy Badge*

**Truly ROOTed**

**Grades:** 6-8

*Earn the Trees badge*



**Engineer Blueprint**

**Grades:** 9-12

*Earn the Ambassador Think  
Like an Engineer Journey*

**DECEMBER**

**How to Build a Girl Scout**

**Grades:** K-12

*Earn the Girl Scout Way badge*

**Day of Code**

**Grades:** K-5

*Earn the Coding for Good  
1: Coding Basics badge*

**Brownie Climbing with  
North Summit**

**Grades:** 2-3

*Earn the Brownie Climbing  
Adventure badge*

**GSEP Journey Day:  
Junior aMuse**

**Grades:** 4-5

*Earn the Junior  
aMuse Journey*

**Junior Jaunt**

**Grades:** 4-5

*Earn the Girl Scouting  
Around the World badge*

**JANUARY**

**Wheels and Decals**

**Grades:** K-3

*Earn the Automotive  
Design badge*

**Maker Day—Art and  
Design: Daisy/Brownie**

**Grades:** K-3

*Earn the Art and Design badge*

**GSEP Journey Day:  
Brownie Wonders of  
Water**

**Grades:** 2-3

*Earn the Brownie Wonders  
of Water Journey*

**Flight Force**

**Grades:** 4-5

*Earn the Junior STEM  
Career Exploration badge*

**Maker Day—Art and  
Design: Junior**

**Grades:** 4-5

*Earn the Art and Design badge*

**Junior: Think Like an  
Engineer Journey**

**Grades:** 4-5

*Earn the Junior Think Like  
an Engineer Journey*

**Gettin' Your Head in the  
Game!**

**Grades:** 6-8

*Earn the Good  
Sportsmanship badge*

**Spectacular Sisterhood  
of Philadelphia**

**Grades:** 9-12

*Earn the Mission:  
Sisterhood! Journey*

**FEBRUARY**

**World Thinking Day**

**Grades:** K-12

*Earn the World Thinking  
Day Badge 2024*

**GSEP Journey Day:  
Daisy Think Like an  
Engineer**

**Grades:** K-1

*Earn the Daisy Think Like  
an Engineer Journey*

**Explore the World of Girls**

**Grades:** 2-3

*Earn the Brownie Journey:  
A World of Girls*

**Snack Up Some Fun!**

**Grades:** 2-3

*Earn the Brownie Snacks badge*



**Winter Carnival**

**Grades:** 4-12

*Earn the Junior Get  
Moving Journey, Cadette  
Breathe Journey, and  
Ambassador Bliss Journey*

**"Real" Media**

**Grades:** 9-12

*Earn the Media Journey award*

**Fierce First Aiders**

**Grades:** 9-12

*Earn the First Aid badge*

**Engineer Blueprint**

**Grades:** 9-12

*Earn the Ambassador Think  
Like an Engineer Journey*

# Fall Product Program

October 12–November 12, 2023

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Be sure to participate in the easy and exciting 2023 Fall Product Program! This high-proceed and super fun money-earning experience will get your troop year off on the right foot by encouraging your Girl Scouts to sell magazines and yummy nuts and candy to family, friends, and neighbors. And the best part is, it's all online!

Starting October 12 your Girl Scout can design their very own avatar—would you believe there are enough features to create over 3 billion avatars? This is a fun way for Girl Scouts to add their own personal flare! Girls will use their avatar when they set up their digital program, allowing them to sell the popular products from their own computer or smartphone (with the help of a grownup, of course). Customers can

easily shop for magazines, nuts, and chocolates, or donate to help their favorite Girl Scout!

Girl Scouts will also be able to record a personalized video or audio message to send to potential customers. They will also have a personalized ordering link to help reach their goals.

This year's mascot is the ocelot, a near-extinct spotted wild cat. Girl Scouts who participate can earn a personalized patch featuring their avatar and the ocelot.





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# Girl Scouts at The Reading Public Museum



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Pre-Scheduled Workshops and Overnights – See 2023-2024 Scheduled Events List for all dates and topics!

Private Group Tours and Planetarium Shows!

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Or contact Rebeka Birch directly at: [rebeka.birch@readingpublicmuseum.org](mailto:rebeka.birch@readingpublicmuseum.org)

### 2023 Scheduled Events

*Sense Detectives*  
October 15|9am-Noon

*Voyagers to the Deep Jr.*  
November 4|9am-Noon

*Abstract Artistry*  
November 18|2-5pm

*Super Sleuths Overnight*  
November 18-19|6pm-8am

*STEAM Punk Style*  
December 2|2-5pm

*Voyagers to the Deep Overnight*  
December 2-3|6pm-8am

*Being Good in the Neighborhood*  
December 17|9am-Noon

*STEAMPunk Style*  
December 28|9am-Noon

*Voyagers to the Deep*  
December 28|1-4pm

### 2024 Scheduled Events

*Bugs!*  
January 27|2-5pm

*Animal Friends Overnight*  
January 27-28|6pm-8am

*Gardening by Moonlight Overnight*  
February 23-24|6pm-8am

*Become an Artist in Nature's Studio*  
March 2|3-6pm

*The Art of the Outdoors*  
March 16|3-6pm

*Citizen Scientists Unite!*  
April 6|3-6pm

*Citizen Scientists Activate!*  
April 20|3-6pm

500 Museum Road  
Reading, PA 19611-12145

# Girl Leadership: Kick It Up a Notch!

Have you ever wondered how the people in charge of our Girl Scout Council make decisions? Do you want to be “in the room where it happens?”

**YOU** can be part of the group that advises GSEP’s Board of Directors and helps shape the future of Girl Scouting in our region!



In late fall, applications open for older girls to apply to be either a **Girl Delegate** or a **Girl Advisor to the Board**. Girls in these positions have the opportunity to discuss key issues directly with our CEO and Board.

Each year, three girls are selected as Girl Advisors to GSEP’s Board of Directors. Girl Advisors hold seats at the table during meetings of the Board of Directors, where they provide girl insight and perspective on crucial matters. Plus, 30 girls are elected as Girl Delegates to represent the nearly 30,000 Girl Scouts in GSEP’s nine-county footprint. Girl Delegates weigh in on important ideas at the Delegate Council Meetings and

vote on new Board members and policies and procedures at GSEP’s Annual Meeting in May.

There are many benefits to becoming a Girl Advisor or Girl Delegate. You’ll get a pin for your vest or sash, opportunities to network with adult volunteers and Board Members, plus hands-on experience practicing parliamentary procedure and public speaking. Additionally, Girl Governance positions look great on a college application or resume.

*Girls who are at least 14 years old are also eligible to be elected as a Service Unit Delegate or Alternate! Talk to your troop leader or Service Unit Manager about this role, which is another vital part of GSEP Governance.*



# Wondering what it's like to be a Girl Advisor to the Board?

Hear it directly from the experts: our Girl Advisors for 2022-2023 had lunch with their successors after the Annual Meeting in May and shared their experiences.



**“As an up-and-coming Girl Advisor to the Board at GSEP, it was such a privilege to be able to speak with the girls who had spent the past year in this role. They provided us with such wisdom and enthusiasm about serving as a Girl Advisor, which made me all the more excited to start working.”**

Layla J. | Girl Scout Ambassador

## What's an important piece of advice you'd like to share?

Don't be afraid to talk to the adults in the room. You're there because they value your opinion, and speaking up is great for making connections.

## What is something you've learned from being a Girl Advisor?

I've really learned how governance works, not just the policies made, but the inner workings of everything that the Board accomplishes.

Being present at all of the Board meetings, you realize how much discussion and effort goes into decision making. Like changing the price of Girl Scout cookies: most people don't realize that there were multiple discussions and factors that went into changing the price. It was really interesting to see the whole process.

## How has your work as a Girl Advisor helped you for your future?

When I started as an Advisor, I was very reserved and nervous about my role. But as the meetings progressed, I realized that being an Advisor helped me come out of my shell. The Board members are constantly asking for our opinions and input, so you're forced to speak up. It's an amazing skill that I know will help me for years to come.

## Do you have anything else you'd like to say about being a Girl Advisor?

Being a Girl Advisor, of course, looks good on college applications, but it truly has been such a rewarding experience. Getting to know my sister Advisors and working with them has been so amazing. You're going to love your next year with GSEP!



From L-R: Girl Advisors for 2023-2024 (Emma S., Layla J., Anika S.) hanging out after the 2023 Annual Meeting with Girl Advisors for 2022-2023 (Olivia B., Kaitlyn W., Alex S.).

# Be an Advocate!

## Stand Up, Speak Out, and Change the World!

You have the power to make the world a better place. That's the foundation and mission of Girl Scouts. In fact, every time you say the Girl Scout Promise and Law, you make a commitment to "serve...[our] country [and] help people."

One way to help improve our neighborhoods, cities, and communities is to share your ideas and perspectives with elected officials.

When **Troop 4308** in Chester County decided to learn more about government, they started by simply calling their Congresswoman's office and inviting her to a troop meeting. Since then, Congresswoman Chrissy Houlahan has visited with the troop a number of times, and they have talked with her about her job as an elected official as well as other jobs in government (including internships for teenagers!). The girls have also learned about the needs and opportunities in their region that the government can help with. Additionally, they have shared their perspective as young people on various matters with the Congresswoman.



That experience with a federal legislator led the troop to connect with their township to see how they could help their local community. The troop has since assisted with various municipal events such as the annual Easter egg hunt, planting trees in a park, and hosting a community walk. The Town Council publicly thanked the girls and presented the troop members with their Service to Community pins at a recent township meeting.



# How can YOU start being an Advocate for Change?

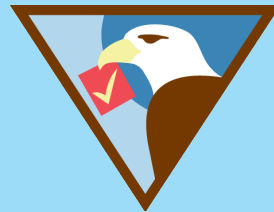
First, identify an issue you care about. There are lots of badges and Journeys for Girl Scouts of all ages that can help you explore important topics like the environmental justice, democracy, media, and food systems.

Next, identify the people in power who you should talk to. Sometimes, this means working with elected officials and government agencies. These adults appreciate having youth coming to them with an issue that all community members can work on together. Any girl or troop can contact the office of an elected official to set up a visit or speak about an issue that is of importance to them. You can find their offices' contact information on their respective websites. Reaching out is a terrific way to connect with people who are interested in how YOU are changing the world, too!

Finally, learn how to encourage other people to join you in promoting change. You may find that there are nonprofit organizations or other groups dedicated to an issue that you feel strongly about, and you can assist them in their efforts. Other times, it's up to you to start a movement... and you can do it! After all, Juliette Gordon Low started our national organization with just 18 girls.



## Earn Democracy Badges for all ages!



# Gold Award Project: Civic Engagement



Gold Award Girl Scout Jordan S. always knew she wanted her Gold Award project to include government and politics. She had a very engaging civics teacher in high school who encouraged her to learn about the responsibilities of being an American citizen and the benefits of getting more young people to vote.

“It’s mind-blowing to me that most high school students graduate without taking a civics course,” she said, “especially since we all become voters and eventually access and use government services as adults.”

One of the major points she wanted to communicate to her fellow high school students was “how much you can influence your government and that it is so beneficial to you as an individual to engage with your government.”

Jordan started planning her Gold Award project as a 12<sup>th</sup> grader. She decided to do a voter registration drive because she felt that there wasn’t enough information for students about how to vote for the first time.

How did she get started? She went online and filled out a contact form for her local Congresswoman’s office; the staff were very helpful to her. Jordan explained that “it can be intimidating to reach out to a government official, but they want you to be engaged. Teenagers may feel like you need to be educated or you’re too young, but government officials told me that the

only way for them to make the changes needed is to hear from their constituents...which includes students.”

Jordan built a voter registration system for all the high school students in her county. If their school has opted in, when a high school student graduates, they receive a voter registration form and a card that explains the importance of getting registered and ultimately voting. Specifically, she feels that voting and being educated about government proves “how much you matter as a citizen.”

She added that “earning the Gold Award is extremely important—it changed me as a person...not the award itself, but the process. It helped me realize more about myself: who I am and who I want to be and what I want to give back to the world. Even if I don’t go into politics, I still want to serve people and the public... and it opened my eyes about the myriad of opportunities there are to do that.”

Below: U.S. Congresswoman Madeleine Dean and Gold Award Girl Scout Jordan S.



# Telling Our Story:

## Advocating for Girls in Eastern Pennsylvania

Girl Scouts from around our Council have been participating in visits with our state and federal legislators as we share GSEP's story.



Girl Scout Senior Vashti V. and National Council Session Delegate & Troop Leader Bridget Powell met with PA Speaker of the House Joanna McClinton in March 2023. Vashti and Bridget shared GSEP's initiatives in the city of Philadelphia with the first female Speaker of the House.



State Representative Mary Isaacson hosted GSEP CEO Kim Fraites-Dow and four Girl Scouts at the State House in Harrisburg in May 2023.



Gold Award Girl Scout Kaitlyn S. and State Senator Nick Miller share a laugh at Camp Mountain House.



Girl Scouts from Philadelphia visited Congressman Brendan Boyle in Washington, D.C.

National News from Girl Scouts of the USA

# Welcome Bonnie Barczykowski!



**This past February, Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) welcomed Bonnie Barczykowski as its new CEO.**

Like all leaders across our Movement, Bonnie is dedicated to ensuring that girls have the opportunity to develop the skills they need to lead today and into the future. As CEO, Bonnie will build on her decade of experience at Girl Scouts and continue to elevate Girl Scouting across this country and around the world.

Ms. Barczykowski is a veteran of the Girl Scouts, having served since 2012 as CEO of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri council. During her tenure, Ms. Barczykowski and her Board built a compelling strategic vision that expanded access for girls across the region, transformed program experiences and engaged community partners. As part of her strategic vision, she led a \$50 million "Her Future is Our Future" campaign to fund capital projects, scholarships, programs, and the organization's endowment.

"Girl Scouts prepares girls to lead—in their communities, workplaces, and homes," said Ms. Barczykowski. "I witnessed firsthand our six-year-old Daisies become Seniors in high school. I watched them grow, develop skills and become the courageous and confident leaders they want and the world needs them to be. I am honored to lead the organization nationally, in partnership with Girl Scout volunteers and staff, to help girls thrive. Working together, we will ensure Girl Scouts remains the force our founder always intended it to be."





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## 1. Join the largest girl-led business **IN THE WORLD**

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## 2. Become your own boss

Learn the determination, confidence, and vision it takes to set goals and reach them.

## 3. Decide how to use your troop's cookie proceeds

Travel the world, make your community better, help a charity or those in need, take on adventures at Girl Scout camp, or set your sights on some amazing prizes! It's up to YOU!

## 4. Hometown Hero

Help make your community a little sweeter by collecting donations to deliver cookies to your favorite organizations!

## 5. Earn your Cookie Business and Financial Literacy badges while having fun and building your network

Beyond all that, you'll gain skills like money management, how to talk to people, and business ethics. Don't forget, individually registered members and Girl Scouts of all ages can participate in the Cookie Program. Check out the Cookie Boss Class of 2023 on the next few pages.



### Learn more!

Visit the 'Cookies' section of our website for more info.



# COOKIE BOSS

## Class of 2023

On the following pages, you'll meet 532 Girl Scouts who raised the bar and reached their goals! These go-getters each sold 1,000+ packages of cookies, earning a spot into the prestigious Cookie Boss Class of 2023. From traveling the world to earning their Gold Award, these #CookieBosses deserve a shout-out!

### Daisies (K-1)

Alanna S. | Troop 7043  
 Alessandra D. | Troop 1544  
 Alicia D. | Troop 7458  
 Aria S. | Troop 9115  
 Audrey C. | Troop 2264  
 Avalon H. | Troop 7458  
 Bianca D. | Troop 9014  
 Bristol F. | Troop 805  
 Casey H. | Troop 5429  
 Cheyenne G. | Troop 8007  
 Elliott A. | Troop 93942  
 Francesca D. | Troop 1544  
 Freya M. | Troop 71399

Gwendolyn C. | Troop 619  
 Gwendolyn M. | Troop 93942  
 Haviva C. | Troop 252  
 Ilo W. | Troop 91441  
 Ireland S. | Troop 2099  
 Isabelle B. | Troop 41353  
 JaKhari C. | Troop 5462  
 Jenna W. | Troop 5462  
 Jordan F. | Troop 5408  
 Kamryn B. | Troop 9609  
 Kayla S. | Troop 2015  
 Khalie C. | Troop 285  
 Kobie W. | Troop 292

Lexi B. | Troop 212  
 Madison S. | Troop 7043  
 Makayla W. | Troop 281  
 Mia M. | Troop 9609  
 Nadia D. | Troop 71159  
 Natalie H. | Troop 805  
 Paris F. | Troop 4393  
 Rahlee S. | Troop 81024  
 Rayna M. | Troop 1006  
 Reagan Y. | Troop 1994  
 Valon C. | Troop 9609  
 Wren B. | Troop 5408  
 ZaNeeshah A. | Troop 51522

## Brownies (2-3)

Abbie M. | Troop 20586  
 Abigail R. | Troop 928  
 Abigail S. | Troop 21051  
 Alexandra Y. | Troop 6051  
 Alexis B. | Troop 6603  
 Allison S. | Troop 1306  
 Aria G. | Troop 9712  
 Aubrey B. | Troop 8119  
 Autumn H. | Troop 6123  
 Ava K. | Troop 505  
 Averey B. | Troop 21453  
 Aya M. | Troop 41079  
 Brooklyn H. | Troop 1694  
 Calli S. | Troop 7256  
 Caroline M. | Troop 805  
 Cecelia B. | Troop 104  
 Charli J. | Troop 9210  
 Colbie L. | Troop 1052  
 Cordelia S. | Troop 2566  
 Cricket E. | Troop 619  
 Danika F. | Troop 8233  
 Diara F. | Troop 9161  
 Elizabeth B. | Troop 7091  
 Emery G. | Troop 2598  
 Emily F. | Troop 149  
 Emily S. | Troop 1011  
 Emily H. | Troop 1834  
 Emily P. | Troop 2008  
 Emily C. | Troop 41242  
 Emmy A. | Troop 7879  
 Genevieve G. | Troop 720  
 Gianna H. | Troop 7052

Grace M. | Troop 7893  
 Hannah H. | Troop 225  
 Hazel K. | Troop 9712  
 Jaimey J. | Troop 795  
 Jordyn J. | Troop 295  
 Josephine M. | Troop 4412  
 Juliet O. | Troop 7092  
 Kamryn S. | Troop 7052  
 Kendra F. | Troop 9484  
 Kenleigh P. | Troop 9552  
 Kennedy Y. | Troop 1994  
 Kiera B. | Troop 9210  
 Kiera W. | Troop 41242  
 Kimberly H. | Troop 21609  
 Kinsley S. | Troop 22022  
 Krystal F. | Troop 513  
 Kyleigh P. | Troop 9552  
 Laila-Marie K. | Troop 9689  
 Layna M. | Troop 2549  
 Leigha P. | Troop 91245  
 Leilani D. | Troop 7542  
 Leilani E. | Troop 93941  
 Liberty K. | Troop 7000  
 Liliana E. | Troop 5555  
 Lily D. | Troop 2531  
 Logan N. | Troop 9500  
 Louisa W. | Troop 93942  
 Maci B. | Troop 9161  
 Madeline L. | Troop 2107  
 Madeline D. | Troop 7131  
 Madilyn R. | Troop 584  
 Maggie M. | Troop 6603

Mallory J. | Troop 3241  
 Maura H. | Troop 573  
 McKenzie K. | Troop 2804  
 Millicent C. | Troop 902  
 Mira W. | Troop 7052  
 Olivia W. | Troop 921  
 Olivia R. | Troop 2046  
 Olivia J. | Troop 9210  
 Olivia R. | Troop 41242  
 Olivia F. | Troop 93942  
 Paola H. | Troop 93942  
 Parker S. | Troop 7093  
 Peyton S. | Troop 46  
 Rabiya J. | Troop 71159  
 Raegan M. | Troop 654  
 Roselyn S. | Troop 720  
 Sadie M. | Troop 95  
 Samantha N. | Troop 4313  
 SaMyya G. | Troop 9484  
 Scarlett H. | Troop 295  
 Siani J. | Troop 9986  
 Sloane S. | Troop 7643  
 Sophia R. | Troop 573  
 Sophia C. | Troop 584  
 Sophia S. | Troop 20006  
 Taliya B. | Troop 9794  
 Taryn M. | Troop 1052  
 Valerie B. | Troop 212  
 Vivian C. | Troop 902  
 Zoey C. | Troop 8267

## Juniors (4-5)

Abigail M. | Troop 21374  
 Abigail R. | Troop 91164  
 Addison M. | Troop 5086  
 Addison N. | Troop 9221  
 Aleaha B. | Troop 276  
 Alexis D. | Troop 1709  
 Alivia R. | Troop 7761

Allie S. | Troop 7043  
 Alma H. | Troop 9674  
 Alyssa Z. | Troop 72140  
 Amarri L. | Troop 9957  
 Amelia D. | Troop 1111  
 Anna P. | Troop 6169  
 Annabelle W. | Troop 6032

Annalise S. | Troop 71515  
 Aubree B. | Troop 53233  
 Ava W. | Troop 9957  
 Avery S. | Troop 4611  
 Bailey S. | Troop 6169  
 Basia B. | Troop 93942  
 Beatrice W. | Troop 93942



**TOP COOKIE SELLER**  
**Kyra T. | Troop 5115**

**“My favorite thing about the Girl Scout Cookie Program is making new friends and eating s’mores with the cookies!”**

Brianna T. | Troop 91164  
 Brielle L. | Troop 9454  
 Brooklyn K. | Troop 773  
 Brooklyn P. | Troop 5086  
 Cadence D. | Troop 859  
 Cali M. | Troop 6647  
 Carina M. | Troop 2876  
 Charlotte J. | Troop 9589  
 Chelsey A. | Troop 4382  
 Chloe G. | Troop 295  
 Cirya C. | Troop 91054  
 Claire M. | Troop 6169  
 Claire T. | Troop 6810  
 Colby G. | Troop 208  
 Dakota S. | Troop 950  
 Denver M. | Troop 9037  
 Devyn S. | Troop 7043

Elia H. | Troop 93942  
 Elizabeth-Virginia B. | Troop 2692  
 Ella Marie H. | Troop 7104  
 Ellington S. | Troop 7138  
 Eloise O. | Troop 7761  
 Emma H. | Troop 8189  
 Emma S. | Troop 21820  
 Emma P. | Troop 71515  
 Emma D. | Troop 72134  
 Emmeline C. | Troop 902  
 Gabriella M. | Troop 212  
 Gabriella W. | Troop 5086  
 Gabriella T. | Troop 6169  
 Giana Q. | Troop 7043  
 Hailee M. | Troop 42024  
 Harper K. | Troop 208  
 Helena A. | Troop 281

Hope P. | Troop 71140  
 Isabella M. | Troop 795  
 Isabella G. | Troop 71768  
 Issabella A. | Troop 4129  
 Izabella W. | Troop 604  
 Jaelynn W. | Troop 281  
 Jocelyn N. | Troop 2876  
 Julia W. | Troop 7511  
 Juliana H. | Troop 573  
 Julie K. | Troop 93942  
 Kadence S. | Troop 2566  
 Kailey F. | Troop 51522  
 Kaitlyn S. | Troop 7715  
 Kaiya A. | Troop 7511  
 Kalynn J. | Troop 9263  
 Kathryn H. | Troop 71515  
 Kaylee L. | Troop 3215

**TOP COOKIE SELLER**  
**Scotaloo L. | Troop 6169**

**“Being able to reach high goals alongside my sister Girl Scouts is my favorite thing about the Cookie Program. We encourage each other throughout the season.”**



Keyier R. | Troop 9689  
 Khalilah T. | Troop 91206  
 Kira M. | Troop 4040  
 Kristen B. | Troop 73674  
 Kyra T. | Troop 5115  
 Layla A. | Troop 21374  
 Leighana B. | Troop 409  
 Lilah H. | Troop 2018  
 Lillian K. | Troop 8828  
 Lillian B. | Troop 71515  
 Lily M. | Troop 5140  
 Logan M. | Troop 7901  
 Lorelei S. | Troop 7138  
 Loriana S. | Troop 8412  
 Maci N. | Troop 2066  
 Madeline V. | Troop 5387  
 Madilyn G. | Troop 71140  
 Madison A. | Troop 21820  
 Marley H. | Troop 409

Maya S. | Troop 93941  
 Molly M. | Troop 767  
 Nia B. | Troop 7142  
 Nina O. | Troop 71947  
 Olivia K. | Troop 902  
 Olivia P. | Troop 8233  
 Orla D. | Troop 902  
 Paige S. | Troop 5115  
 Paige P. | Troop 6169  
 Paige W. | Troop 7742  
 Payton P. | Troop 2130  
 Rebecca W. | Troop 2384  
 Rhyan M. | Troop 212  
 Riesling R. | Troop 2974  
 Savannah V. | Troop 409  
 Sayde S. | Troop 71209  
 Scootaloo L. | Troop 6169  
 Shealyn R. | Troop 2690  
 Shoshana C. | Troop 21640

Siena C. | Troop 72140  
 Sienna W. | Troop 7371  
 Sloane W. | Troop 7742  
 Sofia F. | Troop 93942  
 Sophia S. | Troop 91200  
 Sophie C. | Troop 2130  
 Stella A. | Troop 4382  
 Taryn W. | Troop 4538  
 Taylee K. | Troop 3862  
 Teagan L. | Troop 7091  
 Valentina L. | Troop 9674  
 Vanessa D. | Troop 7332  
 Violet M. | Troop 7761  
 Violet S. | Troop 61128  
 ZaNylah D. | Troop 52061  
 Zoë D. | Troop 9403  
 Zoey K. | Troop 91206

## Cadettes (6-8)

Aaliyah Y. | Troop 9785  
 Abigail T. | Troop 8614  
 Addison S. | Troop 883  
 Adriana B. | Troop 516  
 Adrianna R. | Troop 285  
 Alaina B. | Troop 5944  
 Alexa C. | Troop 4171  
 Alice D. | Troop 94222

Alina M. | Troop 6244  
 Alyssa A. | Troop 722  
 Alyssa F. | Troop 7275  
 Amanda Mae L. | Troop 91531  
 Amber A. | Troop 91  
 Amber T. | Troop 548  
 Amber H. | Troop 8371  
 Amy W. | Troop 9012

Annabella B. | Troop 57002  
 Ariana R. | Troop 181  
 Arianna J. | Troop 2786  
 Ashley G. | Troop 9120  
 Audrey M. | Troop 5944  
 Aurora W. | Troop 795  
 Ava M. | Troop 5101  
 Avery O. | Troop 224

**TOP COOKIE SELLER**  
**Diahna S. | Troop 91326**

**“The Cookie Program has taught me independence and how to be creative to get customers to purchase my product. It’s also taught me not to give up if someone says ‘no.’”**





**TOP COOKIE SELLER**  
**Amber T. | Troop 548**

**“I’m inspired to be a cookie entrepreneur because I know I am helping a community I believe in. I enjoy being able to give back and that I can practice earning and saving money.”**

- Avery M. | Troop 4514
- Avery B. | Troop 9744
- Breana S. | Troop 99
- Brooke F. | Troop 51686
- Brooklyn U. | Troop 7685
- Cadence G. | Troop 784
- CaeLyn L. | Troop 7104
- Caitlyn S. | Troop 7043
- Caralyn G. | Troop 51129
- Carmella L. | Troop 99
- Charlotte D. | Troop 6169
- Charlotte C. | Troop 7275
- Cherish H. | Troop 91
- Chloe L. | Troop 4727
- Chloe T. | Troop 5130
- Cianna C. | Troop 91326
- Danae O. | Troop 98327
- Devyn G. | Troop 795
- Deysjah B. | Troop 9629
- Diahna S. | Troop 91326
- Ella D. | Troop 544
- Ellie H. | Troop 6244
- Emily B. | Troop 247
- Emily C. | Troop 247
- Emily C. | Troop 513
- Emily B. | Troop 4037
- Emily I. | Troop 7124
- Emma H. | Troop 605
- Emma M. | Troop 5077
- Faith W. | Troop 9785
- Fiona O. | Troop 71273

- Frances R. | Troop 921
- Gabriella P. | Troop 247
- Gabriella K. | Troop 701
- Gabrielle T. | Troop 7124
- Gabrielle C. | Troop 9115
- Gabrielle B. | Troop 91326
- Gabryella S. | Troop 9943
- Genevieve G. | Troop 5101
- Giavanna G. | Troop 71975
- Gwendolyn D. | Troop 7715
- Hailey C. | Troop 5944
- Hannah S. | Troop 6401
- Harley H. | Troop 2876
- Ileah I. | Troop 9024
- Isabel A. | Troop 7275
- Isabela L. | Troop 7031
- Isabella R. | Troop 2676
- Izabella C. | Troop 566
- Jaelyn W. | Troop 1263
- Jane C. | Troop 77801
- Jessica W. | Troop 4245
- Jessica S. | Troop 5407
- Jocelyn B. | Troop 51129
- Jordan H. | Troop 5407
- Kara M. | Troop 1818
- Kathryn B. | Troop 602
- Kayla W. | Troop 91326
- Kaylee H. | Troop 21724
- Kendall B. | Troop 91
- Kennedy M. | Troop 1263
- Kennedy F. | Troop 21793

- Khloe P. | Troop 9744
- Kileigh H. | Troop 247
- Kori A. | Troop 71975
- Korpo K. | Troop 9517
- Kyle H. | Troop 7104
- Kylee D. | Troop 3506
- Lena C. | Troop 3801
- Lilliana B. | Troop 57002
- Lydia N. | Troop 94222
- Lylah M. | Troop 91326
- Mackenzie A. | Troop 701
- Mackenzie G. | Troop 51686
- Madeline K. | Troop 7357
- Madison B. | Troop 4321
- Madison V. | Troop 7275
- Magdalena B. | Troop 72134
- Maggie S. | Troop 7043
- Maia L. | Troop 4029
- Makenna D. | Troop 8433
- Mallory W. | Troop 4243
- Margaret M. | Troop 2187
- Mia Q. | Troop 9744
- Micaela B. | Troop 93
- Michaela G. | Troop 219
- Miranda C. | Troop 9378
- Molly L. | Troop 2064
- Molly F. | Troop 91531
- Morgan L. | Troop 690
- Muriel N. | Troop 7104
- Natalie R. | Troop 9226
- Natalie H. | Troop 51129

Natalie J. | Troop 77801  
 Nedra T. | Troop 415  
 Nylah E. | Troop 91053  
 Paige R. | Troop 5101  
 Paloma C. | Troop 7686  
 Parker M. | Troop 2786  
 Payton W. | Troop 3248  
 Persephone D. | Troop 1247  
 Petra L. | Troop 7357  
 Rachael B. | Troop 21724  
 Raven V. | Troop 4727  
 Riley V. | Troop 8371  
 Rozaria K. | Troop 795  
 Sabrya B. | Troop 9158  
 Samantha T. | Troop 701  
 Samantha B. | Troop 883

Samia W. | Troop 51129  
 Sani B. | Troop 91053  
 Sara K. | Troop 9454  
 Sarah S. | Troop 1727  
 Sarah C. | Troop 7157  
 Sarah W. | Troop 8276  
 Savannah B. | Troop 7275  
 Savannah C. | Troop 51129  
 Shaina A. | Troop 51129  
 Shalese R. | Troop 7028  
 Sibrea M. | Troop 57085  
 Simra S. | Troop 70827  
 Sofia L. | Troop 7031  
 Sophia B. | Troop 602  
 Sophia R. | Troop 7157  
 Stella T. | Troop 1263

Stella P. | Troop 9934  
 Suheily M. | Troop 9744  
 Suheir B. | Troop 91461  
 Sydney B. | Troop 768  
 Sydney H. | Troop 2786  
 Sydney H. | Troop 57002  
 Taegan Z. | Troop 7389  
 Taylor A. | Troop 9744  
 Taytiannah B. | Troop 99  
 Teeyah B. | Troop 99  
 Temperance S. | Troop 2566  
 Trinity F. | Troop 2516  
 Victoria M. | Troop 247  
 Violet S. | Troop 566  
 Vivian J. | Troop 830



**TOP COOKIE SELLER**  
 Chloe T. | Troop 5130

**“Through the Cookie Program,  
 I’ve learned the importance of  
 accuracy when handling money  
 and how to set goals and work to  
 meet them.”**

## Seniors (9–10)

Abigail J. | Troop 219  
 Abigail M. | Troop 7063  
 Allysse K. | Troop 8587  
 Aniah J. | Troop 9744  
 Annabella S. | Troop 8948  
 Asiya B. | Troop 71159  
 Aurie B. | Troop 91444  
 Autumn H. | Troop 6038  
 Autumn H. | Troop 8133  
 Briana C. | Troop 9696  
 Brianna C. | Troop 5047

Brianna M. | Troop 9696  
 Brooke G. | Troop 9744  
 Cyneathia R. | Troop 5357  
 Dannica Y. | Troop 71790  
 Donaita K. | Troop 795  
 Ella Lilly K. | Troop 44123  
 Emma K. | Troop 7063  
 Emma C. | Troop 97234  
 Emyrson S. | Troop 70300  
 Faith W. | Troop 91  
 Gillian S. | Troop 81078

Gisele A. | Troop 7157  
 Hailey K. | Troop 7063  
 Haley R. | Troop 53086  
 Hannah B. | Troop 5783  
 Hayden J. | Troop 4063  
 Hayden J. | Troop 8948  
 Jade R. | Troop 93  
 Jessica T. | Troop 7157  
 Jessica B. | Troop 71975  
 Jillian B. | Troop 7063  
 Julianne R. | Troop 7063

Kaitlynn J. | Troop 7287  
 Kara O. | Troop 72055  
 Kayla D. | Troop 91  
 Kenda F. | Troop 7063  
 Kennedy P. | Troop 8587  
 Kiara L. | Troop 61  
 Kiera M. | Troop 5913  
 Lauren M. | Troop 81078  
 Lexi B. | Troop 2065  
 Liana S. | Troop 7100  
 Lucy B. | Troop 7260  
 Madison J. | Troop 9629

Marisa M. | Troop 97234  
 Mary Ashlyn W. | Troop 2781  
 Maya K. | Troop 21041  
 Mia F. | Troop 7063  
 Miranda R. | Troop 41140  
 Molly S. | Troop 6741  
 Myah D. | Troop 1797  
 Mykayla Y. | Troop 53086  
 Nevaeh B. | Troop 9629  
 Nicole S. | Troop 2779  
 Nicole S. | Troop 2779  
 Nylah B. | Troop 91053

Olivia D. | Troop 1797  
 Olivia M. | Troop 4215  
 Paige F. | Troop 513  
 Qunai C. | Troop 9105  
 Samantha B. | Troop 4063  
 Sanaa H. | Troop 91326  
 Shelby K. | Troop 44123  
 Skye S. | Troop 9517  
 Sophie J. | Troop 50220  
 Taniyah D. | Troop 7063  
 Vashti V. | Troop 91  
 Wynter L. | Troop 7104

## Ambassadors (11-12)

Amy W. | Troop 71239  
 Ashley S. | Troop 301  
 Brianna L. | Troop 81107  
 Brynn A. | Troop 21638  
 Caroline W. | Troop 442  
 Christine M. | Troop 7360  
 Dakota M. | Troop 9629  
 Daniela W. | Troop 81107  
 Elizabeth H. | Troop 5426  
 Elizabeth S. | Troop 6851  
 Emma S. | Troop 2105  
 Erica K. | Troop 9517  
 Erin W. | Troop 91402  
 Hannah I. | Troop 7210

Isabelle K. | Troop 5320  
 Jacey H. | Troop 63486  
 Jade K. | Troop 9020  
 Jenna T. | Troop 81107  
 Jenny D. | Troop 4961  
 Kayla E. | Troop 9629  
 Kyleigh M. | Troop 53086  
 Kylie P. | Troop 9744  
 Kyndra J. | Troop 91  
 Leila W. | Troop 91256  
 Lillian K. | Troop 7151  
 Morgan M. | Troop 21638  
 Myah Y. | Troop 91  
 Natalie D. | Troop 21603

Olivia S. | Troop 41536  
 RebeccaLynn B. | Troop 1994  
 Rennie L. | Troop 9744  
 Riley B. | Troop 7819  
 Rosemary J. | Troop 8225  
 Sanari H. | Troop 9020  
 Sara S. | Troop 71471  
 Shanir F. | Troop 9069  
 Simone J. | Troop 9020  
 Sophia O. | Troop 71113  
 Sophie W. | Troop 81107  
 Susan M. | Troop 2717  
 Tatiana D. | Troop 9020  
 Vanessa S. | Troop 9744

**TOP COOKIE SELLER**  
 Kayla E. | Troop 9629

**“Over the years I've sold a tremendous amount of cookies. The profits from these sales have allowed me to travel to Puerto Rico, Atlanta, and the Mall of America. I will always treasure these unique experiences.”**



# Opportunities for Older Girls!

## What's your favorite thing about being a Girl Scout?

Whether it's through leadership, community service, or spending time with friends at camp, older girls at GSEP can take action to participate in Girl Scouts in so many ways! Girl Scouts prepares you for a lifetime of leadership. Check off the opportunities that you are interested in to create your roadmap to success!!

### Cadette

- Girl Scout Silver Award**  
The Silver Award is the highest achievement for a Girl Scout Cadette. To earn the award, a girl must identify a community issue, then plan and execute a 50-hour project that addresses a root cause of that community issue.
- Leader in Action (LIA)**  
Cadettes can earn a Leader in Action award by assisting a Brownie group on any of their National Leadership Journeys.
- Service Bars**  
These awards are earned when a Girl Scout provides 20+ hours of service to one organization, either in the Girl Scout community for a Service to Girl Scouting Bar, or beyond for a Community Service Bar.
- Silver Torch Award**  
This award recognizes Cadettes who act as leaders in their communities by serving for one full term in a leadership position.

### Senior

- Girl Scout Gold Award**  
The Gold Award is the highest achievement in Girl Scouting, earned by Seniors and Ambassadors. To earn the award, a girl must identify a community issue, then plan and execute an 80-hour project that addresses a root cause of that community issue.
- Counselor in Training (CIT I & II)**  
Seniors and Ambassadors with an interest in becoming a camp counselor should start with CIT I and CIT II.
- GSEP Scholarships**  
Seniors and Ambassadors can apply for GSEP scholarships to help cover the cost of things like Destinations and higher education expenses.
- Service Bars**  
These awards are earned when a Girl Scout provides 20+ hours of service to one organization, either in the Girl Scout community for a Service to Girl Scouting Bar, or beyond for a Community Service Bar.
- Silver & Gold Torch Award**  
This award recognizes Seniors who act as leaders in their communities by serving for one full term in a leadership position.
- Volunteer in Training (VIT)**  
This award is for Seniors or Ambassadors who mentor a Girl Scout Daisy, Brownie, Junior, or Cadette troop.

Looking for more opportunities for Older Girl Scouts? Sign up for Your Voice, Your World Journey Day, Engineer Blueprint, or Celebrate Sisterhood. More info can be found in the Program Guide.



## Ambassador

- Girl Scout Gold Award**  
The Gold Award is the highest achievement in Girl Scouting, earned by Seniors and Ambassadors. To earn the award, a girl must identify a community issue, then plan and execute an 80-hour project that addresses a root cause of that community issue.
- Counselor in Training (CIT I & II)**  
Senior and Ambassadors with an interest in becoming a camp counselor should start with CIT and CIT II.
- Gold Torch Award**  
This award recognizes Ambassadors who act as leaders in their communities by serving for one full term in a leadership position.
- GSEP Scholarships**  
Seniors and Ambassadors can apply for GSEP scholarships to help cover the cost of things like Destinations and higher education expenses.
- Service Bars**  
These awards are earned when a Girl Scout provides 20+ hours of service to one organization, either in the Girl Scout community for a Service to Girl Scouting Bar, or beyond for a Community Service Bar.
- Volunteer in Training (VIT)**  
This award is for Seniors or Ambassadors who'd like to mentor a Girl Scout Daisy, Brownie, Junior, or Cadette troop.

## All Older Girls

- Take the Lead (TTL)**  
GSEP's signature fundraising event, Take the Lead is an event for the girls, by the girls. The event honors incredible women leaders from our community who are the positive role models our girls need today. Help with the flag ceremony, chorus, raffles, or more as a Cadette. Senior Girl Scouts are perfect for the role of Emcee. As an Ambassador, you can set your sights on the Presenter role which provides amazing mentorship from honorees and once in a lifetime creative writing and public speaking opportunities!

- Girl Delegates and Service Unit Delegates\***  
Girls can influence the direction of the Council by representing their Service Unit or sharing their perspectives on important issues at Delegate Meetings and voting on new policies and procedures at GSEP's Annual Meeting.
- Girl Scout Destinations**  
Girl Scout Destinations are the ultimate adventure for individual Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts! Make friends from all over the country as you travel with Girl Scouts from different states.
- Program Leadership**  
Older girls can participate in special programs throughout the year designed to teach them new skills and give them the opportunity to grow as leaders. Help with some of GSEP's signature programs such as Sundae Sunday, Cookie Captains, and Maple Sugaring.
- Girl Advisors to the Board\***  
Girl Advisors hold seats at the table during meetings of the Board of Directors, where they provide girl insight and perspective on important matters. The opportunity to network with business leaders and hands-on experience practicing parliamentary procedure and public speaking is unique!
- National Council Session Delegates\***  
Girls can influence the direction of the entire Girl Scout movement by serving a 3-year term as an NCS Delegate, by providing guidance to the National Board. They vote on national Board Members and national Board Development Committee Members. NCS Delegates discuss, debate, and vote on proposals impacting the entire Movement.

## After

- Young Alum**  
Stay involved with Girl Scouts even after high school graduation by joining the Young Alum group!

\* Girls must be 14 or older to apply for Girl Advisors to the Board, Girl Delegates and Service Unit Delegates, and National Council Session Delegates at the time of Election.

# Troop Life Not Your Life?

## There's another way to be a Girl Scout!

If you want to be a Girl Scout, but you don't have time to attend meetings, or being part of a troop isn't for you, become an Individually Registered Girl Scout (IRG), also known as a **Juliette**.

As an IRG, you can customize your experience to fit your schedule, expand on your interests, and reach your goals. Girl Scouts prepares you for a lifetime of leadership, in a troop or as an IRG. It is flexible and fun whether you have a few hours, a few weeks, or a few months.



## The IRG Experience

- Earn badges and Journey Awards
- Be part of your local Girl Scout community (contact Member Services at 215-564-2030 to get connected with your Service Unit)
- Attend in-person or virtual GSEP-sponsored programs, events, series, year-round camp experiences, and travel opportunities
- Earn the Girl Scouts Highest Awards—the Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards
- Apply for governance opportunities to be an advocate for change and have your voice heard

## And, of course...

Participate in the Girl Scout Cookie Program to develop your entrepreneurial skills, give back to Girl Scouting, earn cool recognitions and credits towards GSEP camps, Spark programs and travel opportunities!

The future is yours, and your journey starts here. Begin your new adventure by completing your Girl Scout membership registration at [gsep.org/join](https://gsep.org/join) and emailing Member Services ([memberservices@gsep.org](mailto:memberservices@gsep.org)) with the Subject Line: IRG, and someone from our team will reach out to welcome you and help plan your year.

As an IRG family, you can also access the Volunteer Toolkit, an amazing resource to enhance your Girl Scout Experience. Log in to MyGS, click on My Account at the top and select Volunteer Toolkit on the left. Contact Member Services at 215-564-2030 or [memberservices@gsep.org](mailto:memberservices@gsep.org) if you need help or want to talk about joining a troop in your area!

# Make a Lasting Gift to Girl Scouts

Join the Juliette Gordon Low Society



Portrait of Juliette Gordon Low by A. Jonnieaux, circa 1915.

The Juliette Gordon Low Society recognizes those who make a planned gift to GSUSA or a council—or both! These gifts can include naming Girl Scouts as a beneficiary of a:

- Will
- Retirement plan
- Living trust
- Donor-advised fund
- Life insurance policy
- Remainder gift of real estate
- Tax-smart gift that provides lifetime income, such as a charitable gift annuity or a charitable remainder trust

Your thoughtful and generous planned gift will extend your involvement with the Girl Scout Movement beyond your lifetime.

Contact Lori Franzke at [lfranzke@gsep.org](mailto:lfranzke@gsep.org) or 267-332-7039 to share your plans or to discuss the best planned gift option for you.

“...It is bigger than just giving our money. Our commitment also reflects the confidence we have in knowing that Girl Scouts is continuing the tradition of building our girls and instilling in them the good habits and strong values that they need to be the leaders of tomorrow.”

Dianne Belk | Founding Chair,  
Juliette Gordon Low Society

# Good News Stories



"The Rainbow Prince," a modern fairytale co-written and illustrated by Junior Girl Scout Marea with her mother, was shown at the County Theatre in Doylestown, Bucks County this past December. Girl Scouts gathered to watch the film, which centers around female empowerment and answers the question "where are all the Brown Princesses?" Marea rewrote the expectations of gender roles in the film, giving the Queen the most power in the kingdom and making sure the Princess saves the Prince. Did we mention "The Rainbow Prince" received recognition from multiple short film festivals?



When Cadettes from a Glenside troop in Montgomery County heard that Willow Grove Baptist Church Food Cupboard was in need, they sprung into action to collect food items, personal hygiene products, and paper goods. Each girl went above and beyond to place donation boxes across their community and went to Willow Grove Baptist Church to organize the collected items.



Daisies from Havertown, Delaware County visited Sunrise Senior Living for some caroling and holiday card making, all while spreading the spirit of the holiday season. Thank you to our littlest Girl Scouts for putting smiles on the faces of those in our community!

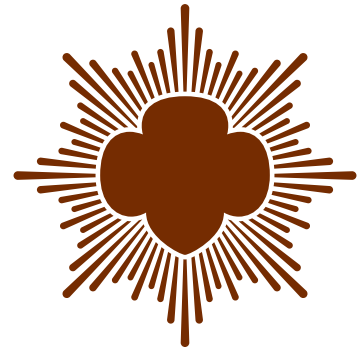


Daisies & Brownies in Southern Lehigh County collected donations to make 68 Birthday Bags for their local Food Pantry, Betty Lou's. Birthday Bags included cake mix, icing, soda, candles, a hand-colored birthday picture from the girls, plates & napkins, and a disposable pan.

## Send us your stories!

✉ [communications@gsep.org](mailto:communications@gsep.org) | [f](#) [i](#) [t](#) [@GirlScoutsEPenn](#)

# Bronze Award Spotlight



## Baseball and Blooms TROOP 41340

Many of the girls in our troop play softball or have siblings that play ball at Caln Little League. When Caln reached out looking for some support helping take care of the massive flower beds at the fields, we met with the Caln board and offered to support them throughout the season.

We cleared and planted two large flower beds and one smaller flower bed prior to opening day. We also updated the medical kits in all dugouts and cleared them of unused equipment.

We supported opening day festivities by directing younger players and setting up for the big event. Throughout the season, we earned additional community service hours by clearing trash and debris from the park, and watering and maintaining the gardens. We will continue with maintenance as part of our community service work as a troop.



Discover how to earn the Bronze Award: [gsep.org/highest-awards](https://gsep.org/highest-awards)

# Silver Award Spotlight



## Rainwater Harvest System

**BHAVIKA M.**

For my Silver Award Project, I wanted to do something useful for the school and students in younger grades. I reached out to the Valley Forge Middle School administration to discuss a few potential project ideas; they mentioned that the school vegetable garden needed improving. When I visited the garden, I saw that all the plants looked pretty dried up. I discovered that the volunteers taking care of the garden did not have a direct source of water from the school, and instead, they had to bring water all the way from their homes. They struggled just to water the plants every day. Once I heard their story, I decided to help them.

Of the many ideas I researched, I found one solution that stood out from the rest: a rainwater harvest system. I learned that some homes in dry regions use rainwater harvest systems to gain access to a free source of water: rain. The idea is simple in theory; however, the real challenge was that I had to engineer a new system for a garden which had no roof or elevated surface nearby. I needed to make water easily and directly accessible, even over the summer.

I came up with a plan to create a new surface that can receive rainwater and then channel it into rainwater barrels for storage. After taking measurements and gathering all the materials I needed, I submitted my project plan to the school. The assistant principal helped me get approvals from the school district.

In the middle of the hot summer, my small team of friends and I got to work and started construction. We measured dimensions, calculated the sizes of lumber needed, got them cut to size, and built two off-ground gutters on each side of the garden. The hardest part was making the gutter itself since we only had metal sheets. Since we couldn't bend the sheets on our own, we had to design and make a tool to help us. Since the garden is a place where little kids come and visit, we made sure to cover the sharp edges of the gutter with vinyl end covers for safety reasons.

We completed the construction of the rainwater harvest system without compromising on the sunlight and aesthetics of the garden area. In order to test it, we had to wait a few days for the next rain. After the skies cleared, we saw the rainwater harvest system was fully operational! It was incredible to see the rain barrels filled to the brim with water and the garden self-sustained. The gardening volunteers were so excited to see water stored inside the garden, and now their daily mission of watering the plants has become much easier. The efforts of my team, the support of my parents and encouragement from my troop leaders helped make this project come to fruition.

The GSEP girl award program gave me an opportunity to realize my potential to come up with a creative idea to improve my community.

The system is now being maintained and taken care of by the school's current students. I'm glad that my Silver Award project has had so much of a positive impact in my community.



# Gold Award Spotlight



## Explore History Through Geocaching!

**ALEXANDRA S.**

When the Covid-19 pandemic struck halfway into my freshman year of high school, I had all of quarantine to think about what, exactly, I wanted to do for my Gold Award. After thoughtful consideration, I came to the conclusion that I wanted to help younger children in my community—specifically elementary-aged children. With schools closed due to the pandemic, younger kids lacked the same learning opportunities compared to in-person learning. This resulted in many falling behind and suffering a learning gap. After hearing about multiple parents' concerns with online learning, I designed an outdoor, recreational project that would not only maximize quality family time and minimize one-on-one contact with others but also allow children and their parents to discover about the rich history of Bucks County.

I picked 21 historical sites scattered throughout New Hope and Doylestown where I planted geocaches shaped like rocks so that they could blend into their surrounding environment. These geocaches contained a QR code that would take users to my website where they could learn about the historical significance

of the location/site they visited. I also created accompanying worksheets that students could print out and fill in when visiting and learning about the various locations.

As I collaborated with my school district and local library to share information about my project, I began to receive an overwhelmingly positive response from my community. Not only did my project serve as an outlet for families to escape from the mundane routine of quarantine and get some exercise and fresh air, but it allowed children to further their knowledge of our area's history beyond what was taught to them in the classroom.

Although the pandemic was a challenging time for many of us, it served as a catalyst that pushed me to reflect on my love of learning and to think long and hard about causes I was passionate about, one of them being growing knowledge in young children. During my project I also had the opportunity to explore sides of myself that I never knew existed, such as my love for speaking and presenting in front of an audience. If I have taken away one thing from all of this, it is that I'm no longer afraid of the unknown, but instead excited for whatever opportunities come my way. Girl Scouts has elevated my confidence, given me a platform to share my ideas and assist my community, and helped shape me in ways I could have never imagined, and for that I am forever grateful.



# Meet the 2022 Gold Award Girl Scouts!

GSEP proudly presents the Gold Award Girl Scouts who earned the highest achievement in Girl Scouting during the 2022 calendar year.

These 63 Gold Award Girl Scouts showed true leadership by following their passions, practicing problem-solving, inspiring others, and driving lasting change in their communities—and beyond!

Girls in grades 9-12 can earn the Gold Award by using everything they've learned as a Girl Scout to help fix a problem in their community, or make a lasting change in their world. Ask any of these Girl Scouts about their journey to the Gold Award and you'll hear how they became pros in project management, team building, public speaking, and resource development.

Ready to Go Gold?

Visit [gsep.org](http://gsep.org) for more information and requirements.



Marissa B.\*



Angela B.\*



Madeline B.\*



Kiera B.\*



Olivia B.



Heather B.\*



Hannah B.\*



Hannah B.\*



Shannon B.\*



Jane D.



Rachel D.



Victoria D.



Katie E.\*

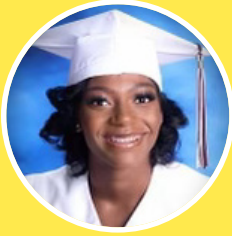


Sarah G.\*



Abigail G.





Paris G.



Maya H.



Lindsey H.



Rachel H.



Mia H.



Micaela J.\*



Tiffani K.\*



Kourtney K.\*



Nadia K.\*



Gabriella L.\*



Anna L.\*



Calais L.



Jocelyn M.



Lydia M.\*



Victoria M.



Christine M.\*



Maia M.\*



Morgan M.\*



Nithya M.\*



Audrey M.\*



Alexis M.\*



Cara M.\*



Molly N.



Lilly N.



Rebekah N.\*



Sara O.\*



Charlotte R.\*



Caitlin R.



Cassidy R.\*



Madison R.



Kaitlyn S.\*



Jenaye S.\*



Alex S.\*



Emma S.\*



Alicia S.\*



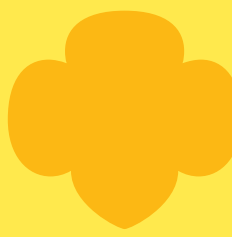
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Meredith T.\*



Katherine T.\*



Kristina T.\*



Madison T.\*



Tatyana U.\*



Elise W.\*



Emily W.



Sophia W.



Gavriella W.



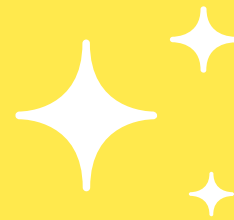
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Leah W.



Myah Y.



# Trifecta Award



**Bronze. Silver. Gold. These represent the highest awards a Girl Scout can earn.**

The Trifecta Award honors girls who have earned all three of these awards. Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania celebrates 47 Girl Scouts who earned the Trifecta Award in membership year 2022. Talk about remarkable!

**Earn your very own Trifecta Award!**  
Visit [gsep.org/highest-awards](https://gsep.org/highest-awards) to learn more!



## Congratulations Girl Scout Scholarship Recipients!

### Being a Girl Scout literally pays off!

GSEP awards over 25 scholarships to Girl Scouts like you each year! What's more? You also eligible for scholarships from Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA), local colleges/universities, and other organizations that Girl Scouts partners with—just for being the amazing Girl Scout that you've always been! Whether you've earned your Girl Scout Gold Award, hope to attend a GSUSA destination, have found awesome ways to be a leader in your community, or are even just a graduating senior, we've got something for you!

Applications for GSEP scholarships open December 1, 2023, and close January 31, 2024. See the full list of GSEP scholarships, plus additional opportunities, on our website: [gsep.org](https://gsep.org)

### Congratulations to this year's Girl Scout Scholarship recipients!

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|--------------|--------------|
| Olivia B.    | Kaitlyn L.   |
| Alexandra B. | Madison L.   |
| Heather B.   | Anastasia M. |
| Kaylee C.    | Sara O.      |
| Paris G.     | Sienna P.    |
| Kaitlyn H.   | Alicia S.    |
| Elizabeth H. | Jada S.      |
| Julia H.     | Kelly S.     |
| Allison H.   | Kate T.      |
| Rosemary J.  | Tatyana U.   |
| Anna L.      | Melissa Y.   |

# Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend

September 9-10, 2023

Girl Scout families are invited to join us at one of our  
FREE Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend events!

**Fort Washington State Park**  
Fort Washington, PA

**Tyler State Park**  
Newtown, PA

**Ridley Creek State Park**  
Media, PA

**Jacobsburg State Park**  
Nazareth, PA

**Evansburg State Park**  
Collegeville, PA

**Nockamixon State Park**  
Quakertown, PA

To let us know you can come and to get more details, visit [www.gsep.org/GSEPLovesStateParks](http://www.gsep.org/GSEPLovesStateParks) or scan the QR code.

Events will be added throughout the summer, so be sure to check back often.



# Complete the National Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge!

Based on your grade level, complete a select number of fun outdoor activities provided on the activity sheet to earn a national patch available at the retail shops. The challenge ends with Girl Scouts Love State Parks weekend: September 9-10, 2023.

Share your adventures and encourage others to get outside by using #gsoutdoors. Happy trails!


## Number of Activities Required to Earn the Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge Patch





### Activities per grade level:

K-1 (Daisies)	20
2-3 (Brownies)	25
4-5 (Juniors)	30
6-8 (Cadettes)	35
9-12 (Seniors & Ambassadors)	40

### Get the patch!

1. Sing a song with a friend about nature 
2. Visit animals at your local zoo, farm, or animal sanctuary
3. Attend Girl Scout summer camp
4. Organize a tree planting event with your friends using the **Girl Scout Tree Promise**
5. Identify three plant types: a tree, a shrub, and ground cover
6. Imagine you are a flying insect—what type are you and what will you explore?
7. Perform a dance about the wind

8. Gather your friends for a fun game of hopscotch
9. Make a nature-inspired gift for someone special
10. Learn the difference between weather and climate with the **Climate Challenge** 
11. Enjoy s'mores with friends under the stars
12. Observe and record the changing phases of the moon
13. Complete a high ropes course
14. Visit a state park virtually on [www.girlscouts.org/stateparks](http://www.girlscouts.org/stateparks)
15. Paint a scene set from the top of a mountain or tall building
16. Dress for a weather event common in your climate
17. Go bouldering or rock climbing
18. Squish mud between your fingers
19. Partner with your best friend(s) to identify the different types of clouds—have fun spotting familiar shapes, too!
20. Go on a night sky scavenger hunt: identify stars, constellations, or planets with the **Resilient. Ready. Strong. Challenge**
21. Write a poem about water 
22. Create a nature journal and sketch a plant
23. Practice your observation skills in the school yard or local playground as a **citizen scientist**
24. Take a photo of three examples of nature in an unusual place
25. Observe the Perseids (July 14 – September 1) meteor showers
26. Draw, paint, or photograph the life cycle of a moth or butterfly 
27. Camp outdoors overnight
28. Find a flower and write a poem about it

29. Identify 5 constellations
30. Take a **closer look at bugs** in action
31. Practice Leaving No Trace in celebration of **Girl Scouts Love State Parks** Weekend September 9 & 10
32. Take a selfie connecting with nature at a local, state, or national park
33. Draw a map of your neighborhood and mark where there are trees 
34. Practice yoga outside for twenty minutes
35. Find someone who loves the ocean and ask them to share why
36. Count the number of trees in your yard, street, or block
37. Learn a new swim stroke
38. Tie a **square knot**
39. Sit silently for two minutes in nature. Name three sounds you hear
40. Teach a friend an outdoor survival skill such as water purification
41. Practice the **Check, Call, Care** first aid steps
42. Write a haiku about the rain
43. Interview an outdoor leader to learn about their career
44. Identify three **birds native to your community** 
45. Gather your troop to protect the planet by organizing a “clean-up” event in your community
46. Safely observe storm clouds and describe their movement to a family member
47. Learn how the original **Indigenous stewards** of the land where you live grew or gathered food
48. Meditate for five minutes in nature
49. Teach a friend how to use a compass
50. Learn about to protect trees from invasive species using the **Tree Promise Toolkit**

# Take the Lead

Inspiring the Next Generation of Women Leaders

**Take the Lead is GSEP's signature fundraising event series, held annually in Berks County, the Lehigh Valley, and Greater Philadelphia.**

Unique to GSEP, Take the Lead is a girl-led event that enables girls and women from the community to forge long-lasting mentoring relationships designed to teach girls the skills they'll need to become the leaders of tomorrow. In conjunction with each event, four deserving high school Girl Scouts have the opportunity to shadow an honoree to understand her work and her impact in the community, and then reflect on their experience as they present their honorees with the Take the Lead award. As always, our Girl Scouts are the stars of the show,

serving in many capacities including hosts, emcees, chorus, and presenters.

In Spring 2023, we applauded the achievements and accomplishments of our honorees and witnessed tomorrow's leaders in action at all three events across the Council footprint. Guests enjoyed camp-theme Girl Scout activities during the networking and cocktail reception, including an art installation where guests wrote encouraging words for Girl Scout Campers, a photobooth with camp props, and even soft archery.

Take the Lead supports GSEP's programs, which embolden girls to discover a strong sense of self, connect with others, and take action to improve their communities.



Vie in Philadelphia was transformed into Girl Scout Camp to give guests the full camp experience.



Girl Scouts performed the flag ceremony to start the Take the Lead Lehigh Valley event.



Girl Scouts and guests participated in soft archery on the Air Products Town Square at the ArtsQuest Center at SteelStacks.



Girl Co-Chairs Katie R. and Srsti N. were “happy campers” at Take the Lead Berks County!



Camp song Boom Chicka Boom was a hit at Take the Lead Greater Philadelphia!

# 2023 Take the Lead Honorees and Girl Presenters: Mentorship in Action

Each year, Honorees have the pleasure of providing Girl Presenters with a special mentorship opportunity. Girls spend the day “shadowing” an assigned Honoree, seeing first-hand how they spend their time, learning about their area of expertise, and gaining an understanding of how they lead. Many pairings go on to have longstanding mentor-mentee relationships.

Desha Dickson, Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Community Wellness, with K'yshaya W. at Reading Hospital.



News Anchor and Investigative Journalist Nydia Han and Vashti V. at the 6abc studio.

Chief Michelle Kott and Kaitlyn H. at the Bethlehem Police Department.







# 2023 Take the Lead

## Committee Co-Chairs and Honorees

### Berks County

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**Susan Fromm**  
Community Advocate



**Andi Funk**  
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**Darlene Pors**  
*Project Sales Account Manager*  
H.T. Lyons

# Mark Your Calendar!

2024 Take the Lead

**Greater  
Philadelphia**

March 5

**Berks  
County**

April 3

**Lehigh  
Valley**

April 23

GSEP is grateful to the many corporate sponsors and individuals who generously support Take the Lead, including:

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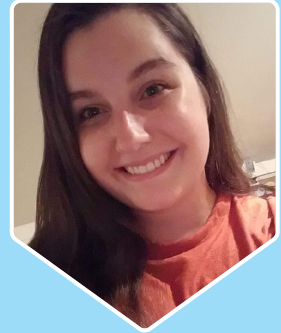
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# Volunteer Appreciation

April is volunteer appreciation month, and we want to say thank you by shouting out some amazing GSEP volunteers—we cannot do this work without you!

Volunteers like Coretta Brooks, Marcia Upton, and Kacy Loyko (pictured left to right) help to put smiles on our Girl Scouts' faces and help them reach their goals.



Veteran Volunteers Nancy Smith, Barb DiFilippo, and Beth Gutierrez (pictured left to right) have a long-standing commitment and dedication that makes it possible for Girl Scouts to do all that they do.



Patti Mosser, Sandy Faust, and Annette Montante (pictured left to right) have held volunteer leadership positions that support entire communities of Girl Scouts.



Thank you for all you do. Your constant support and leadership build girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place!

# Volunteer Awards 2023



On November 9, 2022, GSEP honored 130 volunteers who have been recognized by their peers for going above and beyond in their volunteer roles. We held a lovely ceremony at Camp Laughing Waters.



**Sandy Faust**

## Awardee Spotlight

The Gertrude K. McGonigle Award recognizes one individual a year who has been a registered Girl Scout for a minimum of ten years, has proven to be a positive role model while working directly with girls, and has exemplified the values and traditions of Girl Scouting. This year, the award was presented to Sandy Faust. Throughout her time as a volunteer with GSEP, Sandy has always kept girls at the heart of her work. As a longtime Girl Scout Gold Award Committee Member, Sandy approaches mentorship with a positive attitude. One endorser shared, “Her knowledge of the processes gives her a unique perspective that she shares with the girls. The questions she generates for Gold Award finalists always get directly to the issue without insulting the girl, a very tricky job.” Sandy is also highly involved in governance at GSEP. She served this summer as a National Council Session Alternate Delegate in Orlando, FL.

# Volunteer Awardees 2022

## Years of Service

The Years of Service Pin recognizes a volunteer's years of service in 5-year increments.

**25 Years**—Jessica Ferry, Stacey Kutner

**35 Years**—Diane Bartlett

**50 Years**—Karen Breen

**60 Years**—PJ Flick

## Numeral Guard

The Numeral Guard recognizes an individual's total years of registered membership including years as a girl and as an adult member.

**35 Years**—Danielle Frost, Jessica Ferry

**40 Years**—Barbara Krisack, Cheryl MacDonald, Debbie O'Donnell

**45 Years**—Nancy Bowker

**50 Years**—Victoria Galowitch

**60 Years**—Jane Cope, PJ Flick, MaryAlice Peeling

**70 Years**—Paula DeLucco

## Diversity Award

Jennifer Pontzer

## McGonigle Award

Sandra Faust

## Lights of Loyalty Award

Teresa Hawkins, Kathleen Logue

## Appreciation Pin

Carrie Bannon, Dawn Bertolino, Kristen Bollenback, Christa Califano, Leigh Elvin, Liza Hill, Anna Marcotte, Mary Mooney, Heather Panik, Jaime Rizzo, Sarah Varano, Darnell Walker, Katya Neiberg Wheeler

## Super Service Unit Award

Gina Adams, Karen Dempsey, Brenda Frandina, Beth Guitierrez, Kathy Limbaugh, Beth McCarron, Beth Stanislaw, Michele Thompson, Tracy Wahl, Christine Weatherwax, Sarah Weinstein

## GSEP Award

Nancy Bowker, Deborah Hassan, Laurie McGowen

## Honor Pin

Laurie McGowen

## Rising Star Award

Crystal Arnold, Kendra Calario, Tina Geiger, Donna Giberson, Laurie Isakov, Nikki Nesta, Kristen Skripek, Tracy Strahlendorff

## CEO Award

GSEP was honored to present the CEO Award to seven Service Units this year! The GSEP CEO Award recognizes the efforts of Service Units moving their assigned area towards the Council's goals, in the areas of service, learning and growth. Each of these units has exceeded their membership goals, participated in learning opportunities at a council level, and completed a Service Unit-level service project. Congratulations to:

Service Unit 539—Schuylkill Hills

Service Unit 562—Mundock

Service Unit 609—Oxford Area

Service Unit 616—Tohikanee

Service Unit 621—Rock United

Service Unit 624—Sandy Run

Service Unit 632—Riverside United

Service Unit 736—Four Meadows

## Leadership Knot Award

SU 646—Spring-Ford

SU 640—Upper Merion

SU 760—Spring Corner

## Service Unit Retention Award

SU 543—Delrich

## Service Unit Growth Award

SU 765—Reading

For information about the 2023 Volunteer Awards Celebration, please visit the Awards and Recognition page of [gsep.org](http://gsep.org). Award nominations are accepted from April–August each year.

# Fall Leadership Weekend 2023

Fall Leadership Weekend is an opportunity to network with and learn from other volunteers. You'll head home with new Girl Scout friends and inspired with ideas to share with your troop.

**This is a great event for new leaders!**

When you register, you'll select workshops from a wide variety of badge, outdoor, and craft skill-building. You can choose to attend on Saturday just for workshops and lunch, or come for the whole weekend to enjoy camp traditions such as campfires, games, sing-alongs, and much more.

Fall Leadership Weekend is open to all registered Girl Scout Adult (all genders) volunteers.

Registration is now open!

[www.gsep.org/eventcalendar](http://www.gsep.org/eventcalendar)



**When:**

October 20-22, 2023

**Where:**

Camp Laughing Waters,  
Gilbertsville, PA

**What:**

GSEP's annual event that offers workshops to encourage, enhance, and enthuse our adult volunteers.

All registrants will  
receive an event t-shirt  
and patch!

# 2023 Women's Leadership Summit

Presented by: TRUIST 

On April 16, 2023, 140 volunteers came together to focus on self-care and personal growth, and to recharge and reconnect with the community through unique workshops and sessions. With moments of restoration and empowerment, the Summit provided attendees with the resources necessary to lead with courage, confidence, and character, in an ever-changing world.

Attendees were proud to support Laurel House with donations of self-care products to place in care packages for the women and children currently residing at the Laurel House.



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## See What's Happening In 2024!



### Flight Night!

This sleepover program includes an exciting flight show, exclusive tours of some of our helicopters, a drone flying lesson, a build-your-own helicopter workshop, a morning scavenger hunt, and much more. The program is from 7:00 pm until 8 am and costs \$60 per person.

### Girls in Science & Technology

Girls in Science and Technology (GIST) will expand in 2024. Our week-long summer program will highlight different STEM careers and include interactive presentations, hands-on science activities, special guest speakers, and much more.



Dates to be determined. Contact Paul Taylor, [ptaylor@americanhelicopter.museum](mailto:ptaylor@americanhelicopter.museum), or watch our website for updates: [www.americanhelicopter.museum](http://www.americanhelicopter.museum).



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