

# Girl Scouts

Empowering today's G.I.R.L. with Girl Scouts Heart of the South

**GO GETTER. INNOVATOR. RISK-TAKER. LEADER.**

## GirlForce: Unscripted and Unstoppable

When girls are given the space and encouragement to write their own stories and dream their own dreams, they are unstoppable. When girls use their collective voice, they are a mighty force with the ability to create change - for themselves, other girls, and the world. International Day of the Girl on October 11 celebrates girls everywhere as they inspire, break boundaries and take charge of their own future.



In 1995, before the girls of today were even born, the fourth World Conference on Women made history for the women's rights agenda with the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the most visionary blueprint for the empowerment of women and girls. On International Day of the Girl, let us renew our commitment to invest in girls and put an end to harmful practices that hold girls back from reaching their full potential.

Today, girls are moving from dreaming to achieving. Girls are breaking barriers posed by stereotypes and exclusion. As entrepreneurs, innovators and initiators of change, girls are leading and fostering a world that is relevant for them and future generations.

Read how girls and women are an unstoppable force in our region in Girl Scouts Heart of the South's [Promise magazine](#). Girls are building leadership skills through the Trefoil Leadership Academy, taking a pledge to Stand Beside Her to support other girls and women, and making a sustainable change in their communities to become Gold Award Girl Scouts. The 2019 Women of Distinction are inspiring, purpose-driven women dedicated to service and leadership.

## A legacy for future generations



The Juliette Gordon Low Society is a special group of friends who have made the commitment to share their legacy with the next generation by leaving a gift in their will, trust, or other account for Girl Scouts.

Members of the Juliette Gordon Low Society receive:

- Recognition as a Society member and membership pin (pictured above).
- Invitations to special events hosted by Girl Scouts.
- Updates about the work of Girl Scouts, nationwide and in your community (see invitation on right).
- The joy of knowing that your gift will impact girls for future generations.

To learn more about how you can leave a legacy, visit [www.legacy.girlscouts.org](http://www.legacy.girlscouts.org), or contact Venus Chaney at 901-334-3465 or [venus.chaney@girlscoutshs.org](mailto:venus.chaney@girlscoutshs.org) to let us know if Girl Scouts Heart of the South is part of your legacy.

Juliette Gordon Low Society members are invited to join Dianne Belk, Founding Chair, to hear exclusive updates to our Girl Scout Movement.

**Wednesday, October 30 at 2:30 p.m.**

Topics will include new outdoor programs, the latest research from the Girl Scout Research Institute, global initiatives, and a review of the renovation plans to the Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace.

Register for the webinar:

<https://bit.ly/2lTyLfc>

Join by phone:

562-247-8321; code: 289-829-545

Questions?

Contact Grace Halvorson at [gshalvorson@girlscouts.org](mailto:gshalvorson@girlscouts.org) or 212-852-8012



The West Tennessee Community Action Cabinet hosted a Tea in Wonderland special event on Sept. 14 in Jackson, TN. This fun event resulted in new Girl Scout members, sponsors and donors. Committee members (pictured L-R) Leonie Hefley, chair, Mandy White, Lana Suite, Helen York, Judy Arrington, Sharon Younger, and (not pictured) Judy Doris, Pam Evans, and Karen Bowyer provide support and guidance to Girl Scouts Heart of the South's Board of Directors.



The third Girl Scouts Heart of the South WE Lead class graduated recently. Designed by local female leaders for local aspiring female leaders, WE Lead encourages, empowers and equips women to serve as inspiring role models and catalysts for change wherever they live, work and volunteer. Open to women ages 23 and older, We Lead participants attend sessions focused on inclusive leadership, critical thinking, cultural competency, communication, conflict negotiation, financial leadership, wok/life balance and personal branding. Women gain the skills to develop into ethical, culturally competent, civic-minded leaders with the practical skills and personal integrity needed to make a positive impact in every facet of their lives.

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# WOMEN OF DISTINCTION Luncheon

Lafayette-Oxford-University

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2019

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall  
800 Van Buren Ave. ♣ Oxford, MS

*With special guest*  
**Ethel Scurlock, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor of English and African American Studies, Director of African American Studies, and Senior Fellow of Luckyday Residential College

For more information about nominations, sponsorships and ticket sales, visit our website at [www.girlscoutshs.org/lou-womenofdistinction](http://www.girlscoutshs.org/lou-womenofdistinction)

*Join us for an afternoon dedicated to inspiring women who give of themselves and their time and talents to make the community a better place!*



Nearly 300 girls spent the day at the Chester Anderson Fire Training Center for the 5th annual HERo Day. They put out mock fires, rappelled from a 6-story tower, practiced fire safety and prevention, learned about careers, and interacted with female role models. Gina Sweat, Director of Fire Service and Girl Scouts Heart of the South board member, said, "This shows girls anything that they can dream, they can be."

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## Shop, give and make an impact

Did you know your Amazon purchase can help Girl Scouts Heart of the South? Just register Girl Scouts Heart of the South on [AmazonSmile](#) and a portion of your purchase will be donated to help girls across our region. Shopping just got more fun!



Employers around the country present their employees with the opportunity to support charities through payroll deductions to United Way, a proud supporter of Girl Scouts Heart of the South. If your company encourages donations to United Way, please let us know if you chose to have your dollars benefit Girl Scouts Heart of the South.

Heading to pick up bread and milk? Link your Kroger Plus card to Girl Scouts Heart of the South and your purchases open up a world of opportunities for girls. Go to [Kroger.com](#) and select Girl Scouts Heart of the South (Organization Number:80624) to receive your Community Rewards. While you earn fuel points, Girl Scouts can earn Community Rewards points!



Make plans to join the Global Giving Movement on December 3, 2019

# #GIVING TUESDAY

  
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