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Sharon Burks
SU 182 - Olive Branch

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Program & Event Info & Registrations:

www.girlscoutshs.org/calendar

If you know a volunteer we need to feature in the Volunteer Spotlight segment in an upcoming issue, email us at news@girlscoutshs.org to get them on the list!

**Girl Scouts Heart of the South is proud to announce our
2026-2027 Board of Directors.**



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Thank you all
for agreeing to serve
and for supporting
our council
in bringing the
Girl Scout program to
more girls across our
59-county region.





Allie Bullock ♦ *Food for Thought*

Troop 23117 ♦ Union SU 246 ♦ New Albany, MS

Allie learned that Mississippi faces high poverty and obesity rates, leading many residents to depend on processed and fast food despite abundant, fertile land suitable for growing food. Allie concluded that limited childhood education in gardening has reduced adult confidence in growing food, while busy work schedules also discourage people from maintaining gardens. She addressed these issues by creating a community garden of native, edible plants in partnership with the Union County Heritage Museum to combat food insecurity. The project introduced permaculture concepts, provided educational pamphlets, and helped visitors learn about sustainable, low-maintenance gardening and local food sources. The garden is sustained by the museum and the Northside District Garden Club.



Morgaan Butler ♦ *Fabric Fusion*

Troop 13366 ♦ Midtown SU 177 ♦ Memphis, TN

With a lifelong love of sewing, Morgaan Butler researched the negative impact that mass clothing production like fast fashion has on the quality of clothing and the decline in the number of tailors and seamstresses around the world. With this in mind, Morgaan made it her goal to revive the art and skill of sewing by creating and managing a sewing club at East High School. She worked with a network of sewing experts to teach the students – both boys and girls, and came up with creative projects for the students to complete in order to practice important techniques. In addition to fun sewing projects, Morgaan invited guest speakers to visit with club members and talk about the importance of sewing in their lives. East High School will continue to offer the sewing club in the future so that the project will continue to encourage interest and skill development in sewing for future students.



Kelsi Carrothers ♦ *Love Shouldn't Hurt*

Troop 10217 ♦ Stateline SU 181 ♦ Walls, MS

Kelsi focused on raising awareness about domestic violence among teenagers, emphasizing that unhealthy relationships should never be normalized. Through research and collaboration with the Taffi T. Crawford Domestic Violence Foundation (TTCDVF), Kelsi introduced an educational initiative at Lewisburg High School, including an informational table, handouts, and open discussions. The effort created a safe space for students to ask questions, learn to recognize warning signs, and seek guidance. By fostering honest conversations, Kelsi's project empowered students with knowledge and resources to navigate difficult situations. The project's impact will be sustained through ongoing annual visits and educational programming provided by TTCDVF at the school.



Ella Christopher ♦ *F.A.N. (Female Athlete Nutrition)*

Troop 13368 ♦ Germantown SU 174 ♦ Germantown, TN

Ella chose to address the lack of accessible, practical nutrition information for teenage female athletes. Through research, expert consultation, and surveys, Ella identified knowledge gaps and created engaging informational displays and easy-to-use zines with daily nutrition tips and quick snack ideas. The presentations and materials significantly improved understanding, increasing those who felt knowledgeable about nutrition from 11.8% to 56.3%. By simplifying complex information, Ella empowered athletes to make healthier choices that support performance and well-being. The project will be sustained through school athletic trainers who will continue to share the printable zines, and QR-linked resources to ensure continued access for future athletes.



McKinsey Coleman ♦ *Diaper Closet*

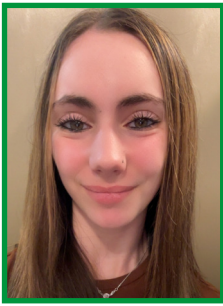
Troop 23804 ♦ Alcorn SU 236 ♦ Biggersville, MS

McKinsey addressed a critical gap in community resources by creating a Diaper Closet to support mothers and families unable to afford basic baby necessities. Recognizing that no local services provided diapers, McKinsey tackled stress caused by poverty, teen pregnancy, and inflation. Through organizing donation drives, building storage, and partnering with her church and Oasis medical center, McKinsey served nearly 100 families with diapers, clothing, and support resources. She also connected families to parenting education and a supportive community network. The project will be sustained through ongoing church leadership, future donation drives, and expanded services like a clothing closet.

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest achievement in Girl Scouts.

Since 1916, Girl Scouts have been making meaningful, sustainable change in their communities and around the world.

We are so proud of these outstanding young women, and we hope that their exciting projects will inspire more girls to take action and **Go Gold!** in the future!



Chloe Lane ♦ *Meals Made Kind*

Troop 10568 ♦ Cordova SU 173 ♦ Cordova, TN

Chloe tackled barriers such as poverty, limited transportation, and lack of dignified access to meals to address food insecurity. Chloe created “Meals Made Kind,” a pay it forward card system in partnership with local restaurants and Bartlett’s Closet to provide free, restaurant-quality meals to individuals and families in need. The project successfully partnered with four restaurants, increasing awareness and community involvement while ensuring respectful access to food. Participants gained confidence and knowledge about available resources, and community partners deepened their understanding of food insecurity. The program will be sustained through ongoing restaurant donations and continued coordination by Bartlett’s Closet.



Padaris Lawrence ♦ *Giving Children a New Light*

Troop 20320 ♦ MS Southeast SU 243 ♦ Starkville, MS

Padaris set a goal of improving children’s safety and well-being at the Boys & Girls Club by transforming an overgrown, unusable outdoor space into a clean, welcoming environment. By leading her team in clearing debris, removing weeds, building two sturdy picnic tables, and creating an uplifting “Dream Big” mural, the space now supports outdoor play, learning, and social interaction. Children benefit from a safer, more inclusive area that promotes health, creativity, and happiness. The project will be sustained through ongoing maintenance, staff involvement, volunteer support, and continued integration into daily activities.



McCarty Overby ♦ *Fun with Fiber Arts*

Troop 23228 ♦ MS Southeast SU 243 ♦ Starkville, MS

McCarty addressed the need for a sustainable and inclusive curriculum at the J.L. King Center by developing Fun with Fiber Arts, a creative and engaging fiber arts program curriculum for children of all ages and genders. Fiber arts activities build fine motor skills, encourage patience and spatial reasoning, and provide a therapeutic, stress-relieving outlet. To ensure sustainability, McCarty produced both print and electronic versions of the curriculum, allowing the program to be easily accessed and replicated. She also established ongoing partnerships with individuals and the Golden Triangle Fiber Arts Guild to secure future donations of materials and support.



Carissa Palmer ♦ *Seeds of Growth: Small Seeds, Big Truth*

Troop 20320 ♦ MS Southeast SU 243 ♦ Starkville, MS

Carissa saw the need for a structured, engaging childcare program during Sunday morning worship at Starkville Church of Christ for children ages 2–4. The previous nursery lacked consistency and volunteers, limiting its effectiveness for families. Carissa created “Seeds of Truth,” a developmentally appropriate Bible-based program that allows children to learn, grow, and engage in faith-based activities while parents participate in worship without distraction. Through surveys, attendance tracking, and memory verse progress, Carissa was able to confirm that both children and parents benefited significantly from the program. The project will be sustained by church leadership and committed volunteers who will continue running the program in the future.



Genevieve Remsen ♦ *Caring Cards Club*

Troop 13368 ♦ Germantown SU 174 ♦ Germantown, TN

Genevieve fought the issue of loneliness and isolation among elderly residents in retirement communities by fostering meaningful intergenerational connections with students. She created a program where students from Briarcrest Christian School wrote hand-decorated cards and celebrated holidays and birthdays with residents at Lutheran Village and Hearthside Senior Living, helping bring joy to special moments that can often feel overlooked. Genevieve measured success through interviews and surveys, which showed increased happiness among residents and a strong sense of impact among students. The project built communication and relationship-building skills across generations and will be sustained through the continued operation of the Caring Cards Club with future leadership ensured through underclassman succession planning.



Alexandra Ritchie ♦ Garden Terrace Park Pollinator Garden

Troop 13213 ♦ MS Central SU 184 ♦ Oxford, MS

After conducting research, Alexandra recognized the decline of pollinators such as bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds, which threatens ecosystems and food systems. She targeted the root cause of habitat and food loss by planting native Mississippi species that provide resources for pollinators in a local park. She also educated Daisy Girl Scouts and community members about pollinators through hands-on planting and garden education activities. The garden is growing and increasing awareness among park visitors and young participants about environmental stewardship. Alexandra's work will be sustained as the City of Oxford waters the garden during park maintenance and native perennial plants return each year.



Caroline Sanders ♦ CES Good Health and Hygeine Habits: Tips and Resource Project

Troop 23117 ♦ Union SU 246 ♦ New Albany, MS

Caroline addressed the lack of access to basic healthcare supplies by creating and distributing first aid kits and health education materials to self-contained classrooms in the New Albany School District. Caroline researched and worked with educators to better serve special education students who needed both supplies and instruction on how to use the kits. She provided simplified brochures on healthy habits and first aid use, and the kits were used in classrooms as well as Special Olympics events to promote safety. The kits and information will be sustained through the local SMILE initiative, Crown Club, and Anchor Club continuing training and education.



Renee Wang ♦ Kids Run 365 - East Memphis

Troop 13367 ♦ Germantown SU 174 ♦ Germantown, TN

With a love for running, Renee established a free children's running program in East Memphis promoting youth health, accessibility, and community engagement by giving families a nearby wellness option with fun incentives, structured runs, and supportive volunteers. Renee addressed limited access to local running programs by removing transportation barriers and motivating consistent participation, leading to strong turnout, repeat involvement, improved fitness habits, and greater family engagement in outdoor activity across the community. The program will be sustained by younger group leaders, supportive volunteers, and returning participants to continue leading sessions in the future.

2026 Girl Scout Gold Award Scholarships

GSHS Gold Award Scholarship ~ \$1,000

McCarty Overby

Dianne Belk Gold Award Scholarship ~ \$1,000

Lilly Shannon

Debbie Moore Memorial Gold Award Scholarship \$500

McKinsey Coleman

10-Year Pin Recipients

- Lucy Burgess
- Madison Ciaramitaro
- LeAnne Denison
- Emily Duncan
- Olivia Hendricks
- Mallory Hill
- Lorelei Johnson
- Chloe Lane
- Padaris Lawrence
- Cameron
- Long-McMillen

- McKenna McCauley
- Carissa Palmer
- Savannah Palmer
- Athena Roskelley
- Emery Szala



2026 West Tennessee Scholarships

E. Jane Hazlewood Leadership Scholarship ~ \$8,000

Vera Mosbey

Susan C. Anderson Leadership Scholarship ~ \$8,000

Je'Delle Ross

Sharon Younger Leadership Scholarship ~ \$8,000

Gabriella Pierce

2025-2026 GSHS GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD RECIPIENTS

Troop 10029
Collierville/South Fayette
SU 175
Collierville, TN
*Pollution Solutions Part 2:
The Mississippi River*
Camille Ebbs
Ishika Sooraj
Cecelia Todd

Troop 10071
Germantown SU 174
Germantown, TN
The Healing Hands Silver Kit
Meghan Buisseret
Medha Gajula
Ellie Minton
Olivia Ware



Troop 10071
Germantown SU 174
Germantown, TN
*Take One, Leave One:
A Community Little
Free Library*
Lauren Sams

Troop 10606
Midtown SU 177
Memphis, TN
*GROW Girls Restoring
Our Woodland*
Diana Arevalo
Emily Lawrence
Bryce Smith
Mara Stratton

Troop 10608
Midtown SU 177
Memphis, TN
Pollinator Gardens
Chloe Wright

Troop 10612
Stateline SU 181
Southaven, MS
Reducing Waste In America
Khloe Barnes
A'Lonna Neal

Troop 10854
Germantown SU 174
Germantown, TN
*Moments That Matter:
Games, Crafts
and Companionship*
Juliette Franchini
Maggie Johnston
Sachi Maole

Troop 10854
Germantown SU 174
Germantown, TN
*Stories that Connect
Generations*
Kiser Federico
Hannah Mitchell

Chloe Piper
Emelia Ryan

Troop 13008
Shelby South SU 180
Memphis, TN
Central Church VBS
Tyleigh Artz

Troop 20320
MS Southeast SU 243
Starkville, MS
Stuffed Animal Sleepover
Kinley Smith
Isabella Villarroel
Kennedi West
Elle Williams

Troop 30302
MS West Central SU 325
Clarksdale, MS
Anti-Bullying Campaign
Kimora Addison
Lorelei Johnson

2025-2026 GSHS GIRL SCOUT BRONZE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Troop 10050
Troop 10258
Stateline SU 181
Southaven, MS
Save the Bees
Lety Ciaramitaro
Lilly Jones

Troop 10189
Germantown SU 174
Germantown, TN
*Recipes and Meeting
Ideas for Daisy and
Brownie Girl Scouts*
Adele Dempsey
Anitza Ross Moxley
Hannah Underwood
Elizabeth Wilson

Troop 10214
Collierville/South
Fayette SU 175
Collierville, TN
*Annual Fall Food Drive
for Mid-South Food
Bank*
Abby Logan

Troop 10380
Cordova SU 173
Cordova, TN
*Fleece Blankets
for Agape*
Makenzie Coffey
Katelyn Mayall

Troop 10613
TN North Suburban
SU 171
Arlington, TN
Serving with Love
Lillian Kennemore

Troop 10801
Collierville/South
Fayette SU 175
Collierville, TN
*Flutter & Flourish:
The Pollination Project*
Ainsley Carpenter
Ava Hopper
Emma Matthews
Abigail McCarthy
Sara Kathryn Netherton

Troop 13222
Stateline SU 181
Southaven, MS
*Helping Hands
for Seniors*
Reagan Davis

Troop 13654
Collierville/South
Fayette SU 175
Collierville, TN
Happy Tails
Lilly Akil
Emma Araya
Ada Baumgardner
Madeleine Chicoskie
Charlotte Chiu
Emma Fleming
Hannah Hand
Eleanor Hora
Liddon Hora
Elizabeth McDonald
Elliette Mooshegian
Tayler Simmons
Mary Topp

Troop 20146
Alcorn SU 236
Corinth, MS
*Girl Scouts Support
House of El Roi*
Ma'Ziah Agnew
Lizzie Cavanaugh
Reese Collums
Ava Garner
Cora Haywood
Jordan Patterson
Aubrey Ward
Roxanne Ward

Troop 20320
MS Southwest
SU 243
Starkville, MS
*Girl Scouts Supporting
Starkville Strong*
Maryjo Doughty
Anna Lakin Guerry
Addison Moser
Millie Nagel
Maddie Pratte
Serenity Smiley

Troop 21385
Union SU 246
New Albany, MS
Blooming for Bronze
Olivia Cagle
Allie Coombs
MaryMartin Crotts
Charlee Glasson
Amelia Patton
AveryGrey Robbins
Eady Claire Tucker

Troop 30302
MS West Central
SU 325
Clarksdale, MS
*Anti-Bullying
Campaign Video*
Kerrington Hoskins
Ava Jae Johnson

Troop 40037
TN West Central
SU 423
Alamo, TN
*Do Not Worry About
the "If's," and Worry
About the "Are's"*
Ellie Gilliland
Brianna Pruitt

Troop 40106
Madison/South Gibson
SU 424
Medina, TN
Save the Squirrels
Hadley Alexander
Rosalie Blankenship
Emalee Coleman
Racheal Coleman
Hannah Higgins



MY26 TOP PRODUCT SELLERS

2026 COOKIE TOP SELLERS

	<p>1st Place ~ Emily Duncan ♦ 7,301 Boxes Troop 13922 ~ Olive Branch SU 182</p> <p>2nd Place ~ Genesis Daniels ♦ 6,168 Boxes Troop 13137 ~ Downtown SU 169</p> <p>3rd Place ~ Makayla Tolbert ♦ 6,159 Boxes Troop 10339S9 ~ TN North Suburban SU 171</p> <p>4th Place ~ Takayla Durant ♦ 4,720 Boxes Troop 10339S10 ~ TN North Suburban SU 171</p> <p>5th Place ~ Augustana Cole ♦ 4,387 Boxes Troop 40313J ~ Madison/South Gibson SU 424</p> <p>6th Place ~ Jahlaya Hawkins ♦ 4,301 Boxes Troop 13657 ~ Crit-Ark SU 179</p> <p>7th Place ~ Heaven Applewhite ♦ 4,214 Boxes Troop 13602 ~ Olive Branch SU 182</p> <p>8th Place ~ Madison Stewart ♦ 4,160 Boxes Troop 10339S10 ~ TN North Suburban SU 171</p> <p>9th Place ~ Jasmine Tolbert ♦ 3,914 Boxes Troop 10339A ~ TN North Suburban SU 171</p> <p>10th Place ~ Khloe Dunn ♦ 3,619 Boxes Troop 13607 ~ Olive Branch SU 182</p>	
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CONGRATULATIONS, GIRLS!
FANTASTIC JOB!!!



Girl Scouts
Heart of the South
is proud to introduce the
2026 inductees to the

GSHS SUPER SELLERS CLUB!

Leanna Wyatt
Troop 43077C
21,714 BOXES SOLD!

Riley Harrell
Troop 40087
20,641 BOXES SOLD!

Taniyah Willingham
Troop 13017
20,085 BOXES SOLD!

To achieve Super Seller
status, a girl must sell
at least

20,000

boxes of cookies
throughout her years
as an active Girl Scout.

*This is quite an
accomplishment!*

♦ CONGRATULATIONS! ♦

2025 FALL PRODUCT TOP SELLERS

	<p>1st Place ~ Genesis Daniels ♦ \$6,241.00 in sales Troop 13137 ~ Downtown SU 169</p> <p>2nd Place ~ Emmie Reese Bigham ♦ \$3,554.99 in sales Troop 20381 ~ Lee SU 239</p> <p>3rd Place ~ Tulip Wallace ♦ \$3,171.89 in sales Troop 40353 ~ Madison/South Gibson SU 424</p> <p>4th Place ~ Delillah Harvey ♦ \$2,464.00 in sales Troop 40189 ~ Hardeman/Chester SU 427</p> <p>5th Place ~ Zoey Wakefield ♦ \$2,004.00 in sales Troop 10095 ~ Crit-Ark SU 179</p> <p>6th Place ~ Ariyanna Green ♦ \$1,909.00 in sales Troop 33150 ~ Leflore SU 329</p> <p>7th Place ~ Ava Jones ♦ \$1,884.00 in sales Troop 20130 ~ Lee SU 239</p> <p>8th Place ~ Alisha Sheehy ♦ \$1,883.00 in sales Troop 99243 ~ MS South East SU 243</p> <p>9th Place ~ Laila Dennis ♦ \$1,839.98 in sales Troop 10470C ~ Bartlett SU 172</p> <p>10th Place ~ Taniyah Willingham ♦ \$1,816.00 Troop 13017 ~ MS Central 184</p>	
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SAVE THE DATE



REGIONAL

2026 Girl Scouts Heart of the South Volunteer Leadership Summits

Greater Memphis
Memphis, TN

Saturday, August 22, 2026
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

West TN
Jackson, TN

Saturday, August 22, 2026
NOON - 5:00 PM

North MS
Tupelo, MS

Saturday, August 29, 2026
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM



May 2026
Volunteer Spotlight
Sharon Burks
SU 182
Olive Branch

For Sharon Burks, Girl Scouting is more than a program—it’s a lifelong journey of growth, connection, and confidence. First joining as a young girl herself, Sharon returned years later as a troop leader when her daughter brought home a flyer from school. What began as a way to support her kindergartener blossomed into over a decade of leadership, mentorship, and lasting impact.

As a troop leader, Sharon created a space where girls could thrive. She led with intention, balancing her dual role as both “leader” and “mom” while ensuring every girl felt equally supported. Starting with about 15 girls, she watched many grow from childhood through high school, with several earning their Bronze and Silver Awards—and one girl achieving Bronze, Silver, and Gold.

Sharon’s troops have explored everything from cookie sales and community service to camping trips and travel. Whether pitching tents under the stars, volunteering at nursing homes, or visiting the Mississippi State Capitol, her girls gained hands-on experiences that built independence and teamwork. She also emphasized public speaking and leadership, encouraging girls to present ideas and step confidently outside their comfort zones.

A firm believer in community, Sharon credits much of her success to strong parent involvement and teamwork. Beyond her troop, she has served in multiple service unit roles and continues to mentor new leaders, always ready to lend support.

Honored as a Distinguished Leader at the Troop Level, the greatest reward for Sharon is simple: knowing she’s made a difference in the lives of girls—helping them grow into confident, capable young women.



Give your Junior troop an unforgettable start to the year!

The Girl Scout Experience Box: Limited Special Edition for Junior Troops is a one-time, limited-edition offer for this membership year—packed with everything your troop needs for the Uniquely Us and Digital Leadership badges, plus the Be Internet Awesome Family Challenge and the exclusive Be Internet Awesome fun patch from Google.org.

Your troop can receive this special edition box by registering or renewing one troop leader and at least four Juniors entering 4th or 5th grade in the 2026–27 year. Multilevel troops that meet this requirement are eligible, too! Keep your eye out for an email from GSUSA - when you receive it, follow the instructions to redeem your box.

Boxes ship this summer. Quantities are limited—renew or register now to guarantee your box! Please contact your Membership Manager with any questions or for help with the box registration.

[LEARN MORE!](#)



Service Team Applications

Each service unit is guided by a team of volunteers who sign up to take the lead. They are charged with developing and supporting the Girl Scout program and providing localized support and direction for troops in the area.

To apply for a position for the 2026-2027 membership year simply follow this [LINK](#) to let us know which position you're interested in. Those who are currently on the service team will also need to follow the same link to let us know that they're interested in being considered for reappointment.

All applications are due by May 15, 2026.

Volunteering for a position on the Service Team is a great way to utilize your skills and expertise to support the girls and fellow volunteers in your area, and to grow Girl Scouting in your community. The annual terms for the SU Team positions will be from June 1 - May 31. We suggest a time-in-role limit of three years. Please consider a succession plan so that others may serve. For questions, please contact our Customer Care Team at 800-624-4185.

Super Troop

Please review the [Super Troop Requirements](#) if you are working on this accomplishment for MY26. **There have been some updates made to the list.** Let us know your troop qualifies for this higher achievement by submitting the online application which will open later this spring. The annual deadline to complete requirements for Super Troop status is August 1st each year.



Service Unit of Excellence

Service Units that achieve the Service Unit of Excellence distinction will receive their choice of \$100 credit at their local GSHS Trefoil Trunk location or \$100 off a GSHS property rental fee, and all active registered members of the SU team will receive a SU of Excellence pin.

The [Service Unit of Excellence Requirements](#) and [submission form](#) can be found on the [Service Unit Teams](#) page on our website and are due by August 1st each year.

Our GSHS National Council Delegates presented the Discussion Topics and Proposals for the upcoming 58th National Council Session at our 2026 GSHS Annual Meeting on April 25th.

2026 NCS Discussion Topics & Proposals

- Discussion Topic: Amplify Impact
- Discussion Topic: Revolutionize Engagement: Girl Scouts Her Way
- Proposal: Girl Scouts Highest Awards Solicitation of Contributions
- Proposal: Membership Dues & Procedures for Registration
- Proposal: Preservation of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience Relating to the Entrepreneurship Program

All five agenda items are summarized in the [2026 Annual Meeting event program](#). Click the [HERE](#) to view the [2026 Annual Meeting event program](#) and to read more about the Discussion Topics and Proposals (see pages 4-8).

We value your feedback!

Once you have had a chance to review the Discussion Topics and Proposals, click [HERE](#) to let us know your thoughts. We will use your submissions to inform our upcoming virtual Council Circle on June 11th. Council Circles are town hall-style sessions where we will go deeper on each topic and continue the conversation with our broader council community. Thank you!

PLEASE NOTE THE QR CODE IN THE PRINTED* 2026 ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM IS INCORRECT. PLEASE USE [THIS LINK](#) TO REGISTER YOUR FEEDBACK.

*The QR code in the Annual Meeting program linked above is correct.



America250 - Mark a Milestone

On July 4, 2026, the United States will commemorate 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Girl Scouts of the USA has partnered with America250.org to recognize this anniversary—and you can earn a special five-patch collection.

You can join an event, take part in a national project, or create your own way to participate. Explore history, discover diverse stories, and give back through service!

Be part of the conversation about our past, present, and future. Ready to start?

CLICK FOR MORE INFO

BRING A FRIEND!

TUPELO

FREE EVENT!

DRAWING FOR COOL GIRL SCOUT PRIZE!

FREE EVENT!

GRENADA

MEMPHIS

FUN BADGE REQUIREMENT ACTIVITY!

JACKSON

SHOPS WILL BE OPEN!

COME AND GO!

BRING A FRIEND!

COUNCIL-WIDE!

Monday Funday!

CLICK ON YOUR AREA TO FIND OUT MORE!

May 18th 5 - 7 PM!

SHARE YOUR NEWS!

Has your troop done a Service Project? Has your Service Unit held a great program event? Have you found the perfect way to organize badge steps into fun activities? We want to know about what our troops are doing in their meetings, communities, and Service Units! Send pictures and information about your latest and greatest to: news@girlscoutshs.org

You might just find yourselves highlighted in a council publication, on social media, or even in your local press!

GSHS MY26 PROGRAM CALENDAR

A full, current listing of all upcoming council programs and events is provided in each issue of Heartstrings. Our supplemental, programs and events-focused "Program Possibilities" e-newsletter is emailed to all members on the 15th of each month. Be on the lookout for additional, program-specific communications, too!

More exciting programs and events are being added all the time! For the latest information, visit the [GSHS Events Calendar](http://www.girlscoutshs.org) on our website at www.girlscoutshs.org.

▼▼▼ REGISTRATION FOR THESE EVENTS HAS ENDED ▼▼▼



Age Level:
Juniors - Ambassadors,
Adults

Saturday, May 2, 2026
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Spence and Becky
Wilson
Baptist Children's
Hospital
Memphis, TN





SHE & ME

All Ages - Female Adult
May 2-3, 2026
Camp Fisherville - Collierville, TN



**2026 RED CROSS
LIFEGUARD
TRAINING**
with Wasserbaum

Age Level: Adults & Girl Members Ages 18+
(must turn 18 by May 15, 2026)

6:00 PM Friday, May 15
7:00 PM Sunday, May 17, 2026
Camp Tik-A-Witha
Van Vleet, Mississippi



Girl Scout Gold Award Training

MY26 Girl Scout Gold Award Training Opportunities

Tuesday, May 5, 2026, 6:00-8:00 PM [REGISTER](#)
Thursday, May 28, 2026, 6:00-8:00 PM [REGISTER](#)

\$5 per GSHS girl member
FREE for GSHS registered adult volunteers
Age Level: Seniors & Ambassadors, Volunteers
Online via ZOOM



Sister Circle
presented by
Troop 10339

Age Level: Juniors
Saturday,
May 16, 2026
2:00 - 5:00 PM
St. Philip
Episcopal Church
Bartlett, TN

FRIENDS

Sister Circle
presented by Troop 10339
Saturday, May 16, 2026
2:00 - 5:00 PM
\$5 per GSHS girl member
Age Level: Juniors
St. Philip Episcopal Church
Bartlett, TN

For more information and to register click [HERE](#).

Registration ENDS at Midnight,
Thursday, May 14, 2026.
MIN/MAX # GIRLS: 5/150
MAX # ADULTS: 50



Monday Funday!
May 18th 5 - 7 PM!

BRING A FRIEND!
TUFELO
FREE EVENT!
DRAWING FOR GOLD GIRL SCOUT PRIZE!
FREE EVENT!
GRENADA
COME AND GO!
BRING A FRIEND!
MEMPHIS
FUN, BADGE REQUIREMENT ACTIVITY!
JACKSON
SHOPS WILL BE OPEN!

Monday Funday Council-Wide Events

Monday, May 18, 2026
5:00-7:00 PM

All Ages, Friends, Families

Click [HERE](#) for the Jackson, TN event.
Click [HERE](#) for the Memphis, TN event.
Click [HERE](#) for the Tupelo, MS event.
Click [HERE](#) for the Grenada, MS event.

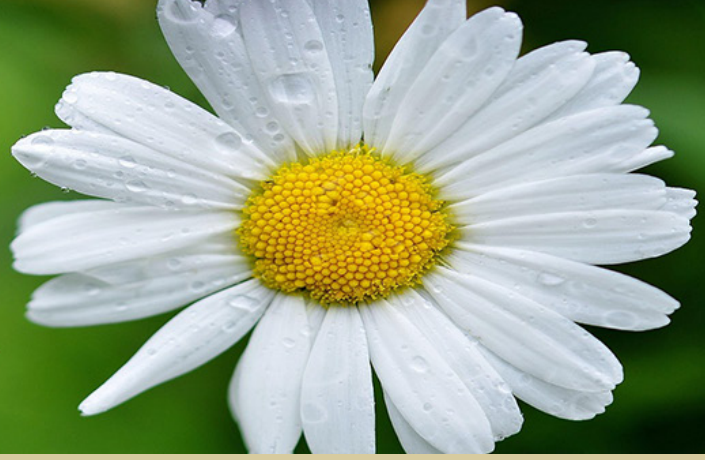
Please note the **TIME** for the
Grenada, MS event is different.
It will take place from **5:30 - 7:30 PM.**



Our friends at the Orpheum Theatre are offering discounted tickets to Girl Scouts, their family, and friends for "Beauty and the Beast - The Musical" June 2 - 7, 2026!

Click [HERE](#) for tickets and more information!

Daisy Garden



Girl Scout leaders have a special way of changing lives—often in ways that last long after meetings end.

Maybe you remember the leader who shaped your own Girl Scout experience and the woman you became. Or maybe your daughter has a leader who is making an impact in her life today. For generations, Girl Scout leaders have created opportunities for girls to grow and learn, cheered girls on when they tried something new, and helped girls discover they were stronger and braver than they imagined.

We invite you to celebrate a special troop leader – past or present – by making a tribute gift to our **Daisy Garden**, named after our Founder, Juliette "Daisy" Low.

With a gift to the Daisy Garden, you can:

- Honor a troop leader who made a difference in your life.
- Celebrate a leader who is showing up for girls today.
- Acknowledge a beloved mentor whose impact lives on.

When you make your gift, you'll have the opportunity to share information about the person you are honoring, and we will send them a special, personalized card. Your tribute helps ensure that today's girls continue to experience the same encouragement, adventure, and leadership opportunities that Girl Scouts have provided for generations.

Together, we can help the next generation of girls grow strong.

Thank you for celebrating the leaders who make Girl Scouting possible.

Make Your Tribute Gift to the Daisy Garden

Grow Your 2027 Customer List in Digital Cookie

Use your 2026 Digital Cookie orders to cultivate your customer list for the 2027 Cookie Season!

If the customer is not in the Digital Cookie contact list, your Girl Scout can check the box in front of the customer's name and click "Add to Customer List." The customer is then added to the list (see graphic at right). Girls can send thank-you emails this year and marketing emails next year for repeat business!

Digital Cookie Online Orders						
3 Completed Digital Cookie Online Orders						
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	Paid by	Order #	Cookie pkgs.	Order Date	Order Type	In Customer List
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	View Nina Smith	00112249	10	6/26/2023	Shipped	
<input type="checkbox"/>	View Jasmin Winter	00112247	7	6/26/2023	In Person	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	View Jane-Anne Cathcart	00112245	5	6/26/2023	Shipped	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

★ Grow your customer list! Select checkboxes for the names you want to add. [Need Help?](#)

Digital Cookie access ends on May 31, 2026.



Ready for the BEST SUMMER EVER!?!?

Join us and Make New Friends at **Summer Camp 2026!**

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER TODAY!

Make New Friends at GSHS Summer Camp 2026!

GSHS is proud to present our fall session line-up for GSHS Summer Camp 2026! Pick your favorites and get started planning your summer camp adventure today!

WEEK 1: June 7-12, 2026

Basics Basics!
June 7, 2:30-2:00PM - June 9, 2:30-2:00 PM
Members: \$200 + \$25 • New Members: \$275
Age Level: 4th & Female Adults
An exciting three day and two night introduction to camping for girls aged into five grade. This double camp unit will bring new adventures each day! Girls will try outdoor activities, meet new friends, go rock climbing, and experience nature camp fun with your favorite adult girl!

Bold Brownies
June 10, 2:30-2:00PM - June 12, 2:30-2:00 PM
Members: \$200 + \$25 • New Members: \$275
Age Level: 5th & Female Adults
This exciting Bold Brownies come enjoy the wonders of camp! This three-day, two-night camp unit is perfect for first time campers or even beyond! In your days you will be filled with songs, crafts, hiking, making friends, and all things camp. You know you get to bring your favorite female adult. You will also earn your Making Friends Badge!

Samplers 1
June 7, 2:30-2:00PM - June 8, 2:30-2:00 PM
Members: \$200 + \$25 • New Members: \$275
Age Level: 6th Girl
Come enjoy camp without having to stay a whole week. This two-night three-day camp package will be packed with all things camp. From art and crafts to overnighting and of course making friends!

Samplers 2
June 10, 2:30-2:00PM - June 11, 2:30-2:00 PM
Members: \$200 + \$25 • New Members: \$275
Age Level: 6th Girl
This two night, three day stay at camp will be packed full with all things camp. You will get to make new friends, cook outdoors, sing songs, and so much more. Come enjoy all the fun and wonder that comes to camp!

Trailblazing Troops 1
June 7, 2:30-2:00PM - June 9, 2:30-2:00 PM
Members: \$200 + \$25 • New Members: \$275
Age Level: 6th Girl
This short two night, three day unit is a perfect intro to backcountry hiking while still getting to enjoy other classic camp activities. Campers MUST bring bug pants and athletic shoes or hard sole shoes with a heel, such as riding boots.

Trailblazing Troops 2
June 10, 2:30-2:00PM - June 12, 2:30-2:00 PM
Members: \$200 + \$25 • New Members: \$275
Age Level: 6th Girl
This short two night, three day unit is a perfect intro to backcountry hiking while still getting to enjoy other classic camp activities. Campers MUST bring bug pants and athletic shoes or hard sole shoes with a heel, such as riding boots.

Campout Up!
June 7, 2:30-2:00PM - June 12, 2:30-2:00 PM
Members: \$200 + \$25 • New Members: \$275
Age Level: 6th Girl
Head to camp where you'll get to Campout Up! Meet our favorite four-legged friends. Whether you are new to riding or a pro, come join us for all things horse related with all things camp! Campers MUST bring bug pants and athletic shoes or hard sole shoes with a heel such as riding boots.

Overnight Camp Operations
This program is for all girls who are campers with a go-home break at 10:00am on FRIDAY. Meet with your adult leader, have fun at camp, and then head home. Whether you are new to riding or a pro, come join us for all things horse related with all things camp! Campers MUST bring bug pants and athletic shoes or hard sole shoes with a heel such as riding boots.

Cross-Country Training 1
June 7th, 2:30-2:00PM - July 1st, 2:30-2:00 PM
Members: \$200 + \$25 • New Members: \$275
Age Level: 6th Girl
The Cross-Country Training Advanced Leadership Course is open to girls who are interested in competing in a cross-country camp unit, and having important fun skills while having fun! This two-night three-day camp package will be packed with all things camp. From art and crafts to overnighting and of course making friends!

At Girl Scout Summer Camp, girls get to grow, explore, make new friends, and - most importantly - just **BE THEMSELVES AND HAVE FUN!**

Outdoor experiences give girls the opportunity to unplug, learn new skills, discover their sense of self, and test newfound independence in a safe, girl-led environment.

Click **HERE** or the image to browse our amazing array of 2026 Camp Session offerings to find the best fit for you, and start planning your summer camp adventure today!

GSHS is pleased to offer limited transportation to and from camp from Jackson, TN and Greenwood, MS.

Cost is \$10 per camper.

Click the links below for pickup/dropoff locations and times and to secure your camper's spot today!

JACKSON, TN

GREENWOOD, MS



Congratulations to Anna Mullins of Troop 13920! She is the WINNER of our 2026 Camp T-Shirt Design Contest!

Great job, Anna! We LOVE your design and can't wait for everyone to MAKE NEW FRIENDS while wearing it at camp this summer!



My Girl Scout Kit

Are you ready for your next amazing year of Girl Scouts?!
Start with the essentials!

MY GIRL SCOUT KIT:

for new, bridging, and returning Girl Scouts

This kit contains everything a girl needs for a great year in Girl Scouts!

1. Choose a Handbook.
2. Choose: a Tunic, Vest, or Sash (depending upon the grade level).
3. Purchase the required Insignia: Troop Numerals, Council ID Set, American Flag Patch, Insignia Tab, World Trefoil Pin, and Membership Pin.
4. Finish up with your choice of any of our Girl Scouts Heart of the South t-shirts!

Are you a new Girl Scout?

We can heat press all your new badges and insignia on your uniform for you! Heat press fees for Required Insignia elements are \$6.00/set. Heat press fees for additional badges start at \$1.00 each.



Let GSHS help you get ready for camp!



Our Camp Packs are full of awesome items that will be ready and waiting for you when you arrive at camp! Don't miss out! Order yours today!

Camp Packs Include:

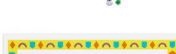
- Sunglasses - color may vary
- Camp Tik-A-Witha Branded LED Flashlight - color may vary
- "I'm a Tik-A-Witha Camper" Song Lyrics Bandana
- Camp Tik-A-Witha Patch
- Camp Tik-A-Witha Photo Postcard with stamp
- 7" Plush Animal

All items come packed in a cute Camp Tik-A-Witha drawstring bag - for only \$35! (Retail value of \$45 - \$50!)

QUANTITIES ARE LIMITED!

NOT AVAILABLE IN-STORE! Click [HERE](#) for more info and to order!

MY27 Bridging Kits NOW AVAILABLE! \$9 each



Kits include:
Girl Scout bridging certificate, Bridge-To iron-on award, Membership Disc, Girl Scout Membership Star pin, Bridging Fun Patch, and Rainbow Coil Hair Tie packaged in a resealable bag.

Trading Post for Camp 2026

Complete and submit [THIS FORM](#) to add funds for your camper to spend at the Trading Post this summer.

NOW IS THE TIME!

NO PAYMENTS will be accepted at camp, and PAYMENT MUST be received

TWO WEEKS BEFORE camper arrives at camp.

Please answer a couple of questions, and we will be sure they receive these funds. ALL UNUSED funds will be refunded, unless you decide to donate to camp. (Unused Passport Bucks will go back into their Passport Bucks account and cannot be redeemed for cash.)

PAYMENT WILL BE REQUIRED UPON COMPLETION OF [THIS FORM](#). YOU WILL BE REDIRECTED TO PAY THROUGH PAYPAL.

No funds are added unless payment is completed.

Council Hours

Monday - Thursday ♦ 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM | Friday ♦ 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM