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September 2026
Volunteer Spotlight
Juanita Childress
SU 181 - Stateline

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For all 2026 Fall Product Program
resources visit:

<https://www.girlscoutshs.org/fallproduct>

For all program and event registrations,
see our GSHS Event Calendar at
www.girlscoutshs.org/calendar



On August 22 & 29, 2026, Girl Scouts Heart of the South proudly presented the following awards to deserving volunteers during our Regional Volunteer Leadership Summits. We are grateful to each and every one of these individuals for their continued dedication and service to Girl Scouts and to our mission to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Thank you, and congratulations!

2025-2026 GSHS Awards

Development & Community Engagement Award

Priscilla Corley ~ SU 426
Mary Hogan ~ SU 243
Vanessa Walker ~ SU 245

Development Through Service Award

Amber Milam ~ SU 183
Lindsey Waugh ~ SU 178

Distinguished Leader - Service Unit Level

Sarah Dockstader ~ SU 175
Angela Getz ~ SU 184
Denis Pounders ~ SU 181
Patty Rainey ~ SU 171

Distinguished Leader - Troop Level

Charity Butler ~ Troop 40124
Courtney Conaway ~ Troop 23989
Amanda Deason ~ Troop 43264
Ashley Hosford ~ Troop 40108
Donnika Hunter ~ Troop 13222
Renee Leith ~ Troop 10380
Regina Morris ~ Troop 40212
Janet Partridge ~ Troops 10608 & 10068
Debbie Sanders ~ Troop 23997
Jessie Tomlinson ~ Troop 20090
Linda Trice ~ Troop 13222

Enduring Excellence Award

Anita Ambrose ~ SU 239

Friendraiser Award

Samiayah Britton ~ SU 327

Labor of Love Award

Deon and Annetta Bates
Austin and Jennifer Smith
The Todd Family
The Wimberley Family

Living Legacy Award

Carolyn Ochanda ~ SU 175
Helen York ~ SU 424

New Community Partner Award

Danver's Restaurant - April Cardenas and
Jessie Tomlinson
The Myers Group, LLC
Ripley Parks & Recreation
Elois Smith - Mississippi State Dpt. of Health
Todd's Big Star

One Heart Award

April Cardenas ~ SU 239
Claire Barnett ~ SU 180
Lauren Holmes ~ SU 239
Chelsea Johnson ~ SU 235
Jessica Stevens ~ SU 239

Outdoor Enthusiast Award

Kathy Marsh ~ SU 181
Jean Ann McBride ~ SU 177

Rising Star of the Year - Service Unit Level

Kathryn Dunn ~ SU 182
Skye Haggerty ~ SU 182
Lindsey Nanney ~ SU 424
Meg Thompson ~ SU 174

Rising Star of the Year - Troop Level

Brandy Adams ~ Troop 20055
Rozina Bhagat ~ Troop 10734
MacKenzie Fountain ~ Troop 13262
Alexis Glidewell ~ Troop 20503
Kaylee Grammer ~ Troop 40187
Martha Gunter ~ Troop 10380
Sara Hinton ~ Troop 40142
Summer Kientz Park ~ Troop 10168
Ashton Montgomery ~ Troop 40237
Filsun Moussa ~ Troop 10732
Brittany Rutherford ~ Troop 20109
Lacy Scarborough ~ Troop 10613

Spirit Award

Erica Abercrombie ~ SU 424
Christy Houston ~ SU 237
Gina Stephens ~ SU 178

TROOPS OF THE YEAR

Troop 10214
SU 175 Collierville/South Fayette
Troop 20400
SU 245 Noxubee/Lowndes
Troop 40313
SU 424 Madison/S. Gibson

SERVICE UNIT OF THE YEAR

SU 424 Madison/South Gibson

2025-2026 GSUSA Awards

Volunteer of Excellence

Amanda Beaty
Priscilla Corley
Amanda Inman
Helen Mackey
Hattie Miller

Pam Needham
Kylie Scott
Kayla Tutor
Angela Watson

Appreciation Pin

Crystal Bigham
Sally Gillum

Carrie Sandlin
Brenda Storey

Honor Pin

Heather Ciaramitaro

Thanks Badge II

Jean Ann McBride

YEARS OF SERVICE PINS

5 Years of Service

Leslie Arp
Brandi Alston
Peggy Bass
Elaina Bordelon
Heather Brewer
Lauren Buxton
Alauntra Dockery
LeAnn Dudenhofer
Stacey Duncan
Tonya Fisk
Megan Gaylord-Cole
Martha Gunter
Chantay Harris
Donnika Hunter

Lauren King
Ashley N. Lawrence
Melanie Lewis
Christi Logan
Charity Mackey
Paula May
Sara Moore
Judith Newman
Eliza Ray
Jeanette Rempel
Chelsea Richardson
Kylie Scott
Allison Summar
Meredith Webb

10 Years of Service

Mary Blanton
Sally Gillum
Stacy Harrell

Jessica Minton
Richelle Wills
Michelle Woy

15 Years of Service

Pamela Evans
Emma Gifford Kist
Marcy Webb

20 Years of Service

Juanita Valentine

25 Years of Service

Linda Trice

30 Years of Service

Becky Joyner
Helen York

55 Years of Service

Dee Dee Rives

2025-2026 GSHS Product Program Awards

Fall Product Program Awards

Highest Per Girl Average
SU 243 MS South East

Highest Sales Increase
SU 235 Benton/Tippah

Highest Online Sales - Service Unit Level
SU 172 Bartlett

Highest Online Sales - Troop Level
Troop 13654 ~ SU 175 Collierville/South Fayette

Fall Product Program Troop-to-Troop
Troop 40207 ~ SU 425 TN North East

Girl Scout Cookie Program Awards

Highest Per Girl Average
SU 179 Crit-Ark

Highest Sales Increase
SU 242 Monroe

Highest Digital Cookie Sales - Service Unit Level
SU 174 Germantown

Highest Digital Cookie Sales - Troop Level
Troop 13657 ~ SU 179 Crit-Ark

Cookie Program Troop-to-Troop
Troop 10050 ~ SU 181 Stateline



Greater Memphis VLS



West Tennessee VLS



North MS VLS

A BIG THANK YOU

to everyone who attended their recent
local Volunteer Leadership Summit!

We encourage ALL VOLUNTEERS - whether you attended VLS or not - to complete our **2026 Adult Awards & Volunteer Leadership Summit Survey** and give us your feedback about this important annual event!



**September 2026
Volunteer Spotlight
Juanita
Childress
SU 181 - Stateline**

We caught up with Girl Scout Volunteer Juanita Childress while she was hard at work delivering GS recruitment flyers to schools for her service unit's upcoming recruitment event.

For Juanita, volunteering with Girl Scouts began with a desire to give her daughter an experience she never had herself. She had always wanted to be a Girl Scout growing up, but her family simply didn't have the time.

When her daughter was old enough to join, Juanita knew she wanted to make Girl Scouts part of their lives.

Today, Juanita serves as a troop leader in Stateline Service Unit 181, where she leads a troop of six girls in grades 5-7. She also serves as the Service Unit Recruitment Coordinator and Fall Product Coordinator. Her commitment to helping girls discover their potential is evident in everything she does.

Juanita believes Girl Scouts gives girls a safe place to discover who they are, build confidence and develop leadership skills. Whether they are learning about money during cookie season, earning badges, exploring STEM through field trips, traveling together or simply enjoying an arts-and-crafts activity, she sees the girls growing more independent and capable.

One of her favorite parts of volunteering is watching the girls mature. She recalls one of her youngest Girl Scouts confidently navigating Camporee and realizing that the girl she was trying to "baby" was already incredibly organized and responsible. "She taught me some things," she said.

Although Juanita never expects recognition, her dedication earned her a Distinguished Leader at the Troop Level award last year. Her advice to new volunteers is simple: "Trust your instincts. You are enough. You have all the skills you need for this job."

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!

STAY "IN-THE-KNOW" WITH GSHS!

In our ongoing efforts to enhance communications with members and volunteers, Girl Scouts Heart of the South offers automated text messaging! Click the button and fill out the linked form to opt-in to this additional communications platform!

**GSHS TEXT
MESSAGING SERVICE
OPT-IN FORM**



Guest Speaker - Kristina Joy Carlson

2026 Women of Distinction Luncheon

Benefitting Girl Scouts Heart of the South

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Oxford Conference Center

Oxford, Mississippi

Tickets: \$60 each

Join us as we celebrate inspiring female leaders who are making amazing things happen in the Lafayette-Oxford-University area!

Since 2011, Girl Scouts Heart of the South has been pleased to present the Women of Distinction luncheon event in the Lafayette-Oxford-University area, and more than 100 women have been honored. We look forward to carrying on this tradition and honoring more Women of Distinction for many years to come!

2026 Women of Distinction Nominees

- **Dr. Erica Avent** - Undergraduate Retention Coordinator, Department of Teacher Education, University of Mississippi
- **Whitney Bolen** - Bridal Consultant, Oxford Floral
- **Kristina Joy Carlson** - Founder & CEO, Outrageous Kindness
- **Marlee Carpenter** - Executive Director, Stronger Together Oxford Community Volunteer Hub
- **Laura Frazier** - Director of Membership and Community Relations, Oxford Lafayette County Chamber of Commerce
- **Kathleen Hamilton** - Teacher, Lafayette Elementary School
- **Danielle King** - Partner/CFO Client Accounting and Advisory Services, GranthamPoole PLLC
- **Michelle Strauss Mason** - Senior Mortgage Advisor, Story Financial Partners
- **Lee Pryor Mullen** - Teacher, Oxford School District
- **Dr. Shanika Ward** - Executive Director, Empower Advocacy Oxford Incorporated
- **Barbara Mathis Wortham** - Director, Oxford Learning Center

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR TICKETS AND SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION!



Trefoils & TRAILBLAZERS

celebrating leaders who light the way

Tuesday, October 6, 2026 ♦ 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Memphis Botanic Garden

Join us in celebrating trailblazing leaders who are making a difference and inspiring the next generation. Together, we'll explore how opportunity, encouragement, and mentorship can help girls and women discover their strengths, find their voices, and find their power within - *to thrive!*

This year's event will feature a panel of trailblazers who are using their **Power Within** to make an impact for girls, women, and our community at large! Join us and be inspired!

Featuring our *Finding the Power Within* Panelists

Shante Avant

President & CEO

Women's Foundation
for a Greater Memphis

Rose Jackson

Flenorl

Global Citizenship Manager
FedEx Corporation

Ann Marie Watkins

Wallace Peoples

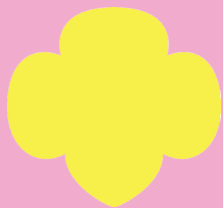
System Community
Outreach Coordinator
Baptist Memorial
Health Care

Click [HERE](#) for Tickets & Sponsorship Information.

Your everyday purchases can make a BIG difference!

Click **HERE** to find out how you can **RoundUp** to support Girl Scouts Heart of the South!

Sign up by September 20 to earn an extra \$25 for GSHS!



GSHS Programs & Events

MEMPHIS REDBIRDS



**WOMEN
EMPOWERMENT**

WED. DAY SEPT. 9

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Rotate through interactive career stations focused on male-dominated fields with guidance from mentors

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Dugout leadership panel featuring women sharing their journey to success
Presented by Cecilia Fay Creative



All Ages, Families, Volunteers
Wednesday, September 9, 2026
Event Activities: 10:00 - 11:30 AM
Redbirds Game: 12:05

GSHS CEO Venus Chaney will take part in the Dugout Leadership Panel Discussion AND throw out the Ceremonial First Pitch!

\$13 TICKET INCLUDES

Women Empowerment Event Access
Redbirds Game at 12:05 PM
Hot Dog & Soda Voucher

**CLICK FOR MORE INFO
AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS**



presented by

AutoZone®

**Join us for
TOTALLY TREFOIL 2026!**

September 19, 2026

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Landers Center

4560 Venture Drive, Southaven, MS

This exciting, annual, all-ages event is totally FREE for EVERYONE! Bring a friend! Girl Scouts and Non-Girl Scouts are ALL welcome!

The event style is come and go, with tons of activities happening throughout the day! Girl Scouts Heart of the South is partnering with many local organizations to bring this event to the community to show girls all about the exciting things Girl Scouts has to offer, as well as meeting new faces from across our 59 counties!

Vendors from across our council will be on hand to have fun with you and show off all the amazing things girls can do!

Click [HERE](#) to register today!

GSHS MY27 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](https://www.girlscoutshs.org) on our website at www.girlscoutshs.org.



Girl Scout Gold Award Training

MY27 Girl Scout Gold Award Training Opportunities

Thursday, September 3, 2026, 6:00-8:00 PM [REGISTER](#)

Registration for the 9/3 training CLOSES at midnight 9/1/26.

Thursday, September 24, 2026, 6:00-8:00 PM [REGISTER](#)

Tuesday, October 6, 2026, 6:00-8:00 PM [REGISTER](#)

Sunday, October 18, 2026, 2:00-4:00 PM [REGISTER](#)

Sunday, November 8, 2026, 2:00-4:00 PM [REGISTER](#)

Thursday, November 19, 2026, 6:00-8:00 PM [REGISTER](#)

Thursday, December 3, 2026, 6:00-8:00 PM [REGISTER](#)

Monday, December 7, 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

SEPTEMBER 2026



WOMEN EMPOWERMENT DAY
WED. DAY SEPT. 9
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Rotate through interactive career stations focused on male-dominated fields with guidance from mentors
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Dugout leadership panel featuring women sharing their journey to success
Presented by Venus Chaney, GSHS CEO

All Ages, Families, Volunteers
Wednesday, September 9, 2026
Event Activities: 10:00 - 11:30 AM
Redbirds Game: 12:05

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\$13 TICKET INCLUDES
Women Empowerment Event Access
Redbirds Game at 12:05 PM
Hot Dog & Soda Voucher

Women Empowerment Day with the Memphis Redbirds

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

Event Activities: 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Redbirds Game: 12:05 PM

Tickets \$13 each

All Ages, Families, Volunteers

AutoZone Park Memphis, TN

For more information and to purchase tickets, click [HERE](#).

A DAY TO UNITE FOR GOOD

For the 25th anniversary of 9/11, join our movement to generate 1,000,000 good deeds between now and September 11.

September 11th is a National Day of Service, and this year marks the 25th anniversary of the attacks. The 9.11 Day Foundation aspires to unify Americans in a day of doing good, demonstrating kindness and honoring those lost on that tragic day.

"UNITE for Good" is the foundation's campaign to inspire 1 million good deeds by September 11th. The foundation's main event is a nationwide project to pack 18 million meals in one day across 50 U.S. cities. This ambitious initiative is being supported by over 800 corporations and nonprofits including GSUSA. Click here for more information about the project.

UNITE for Good is looking for additional volunteers in Memphis! Click [HERE](#) to find the location nearest to you and select a meal packing shift. There are also roles as floor managers and other volunteer needs. This is an all-ages volunteer opportunity so we encourage troops to get involved and UNITE for Good!

9.11 DAY

Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend

All Grade Levels,
Families & Volunteers

September 11 - 13, 2026
Mississippi River State Park
Pickwick Landing State Park
T.O. Fuller State Park



Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend

September 11 - 13, 2026

Experience Dates, Times and Pricing vary by location

All Ages, Families, Volunteers

Mississippi River State Park

Pickwick Landing State Park

T.O. Fuller State Park

For more information about the events being offered at Mississippi River State Park, click [HERE](#).

For more information about the events being offered at Pickwick Landing State Park, click [HERE](#).

For more information about the 9/12 event at T.O. Fuller State Park, click [HERE](#).

For more information about the 9/13 event at T.O. Fuller State Park, click [HERE](#).



2026 Women of Distinction Luncheon - Lafayette-Oxford-University Area
Tuesday, September 15, 2026 • 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Oxford Conference Center • 102 Ed Perry Blvd., Oxford, MS

2026 Lafayette-Oxford-University Women of Distinction Luncheon

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Tickets \$60 each

Adults, Volunteers

Oxford Conference Center

102 Ed Perry Blvd. • Oxford, MS

For more information and to purchase tickets, click [HERE](#).



FREE for All Ages!
Bring a Friend!

Saturday, September 19, 2026
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Landers Center
4560 Venture Dr.
Southaven, MS

presented by
AutoZone

C.A.M.P. Skills Training OVERNIGHT - FALL 2026

Age Level: Volunteers

7:00 PM Friday, September 25 - 5:00 PM Saturday, September 26, 2026
Jackson Service Center • Jackson, TN

C.A.M.P. Skills Training Overnight - Fall 2026

7:00 PM - Friday, September 25 -

5:00 PM Saturday, September 26, 2026

\$35 per registered GSHS volunteer

Volunteers

GSHS Jackson Leadership Center

Jackson, TN

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

Registration ENDS at Midnight, Saturday, September 12, 2026.

MIN/MAX: 5/15



Ducks Unlimited Outdoor Discovery Day

All Ages, Friends & Family
Saturday, September 26, 2026
9:00 AM - 1 PM
Ducks Unlimited • Memphis, TN

DUCKS UNLIMITED
girlscouts heart of the south

Ducks Unlimited Outdoor Discovery Day

Saturday, September 26, 2026

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

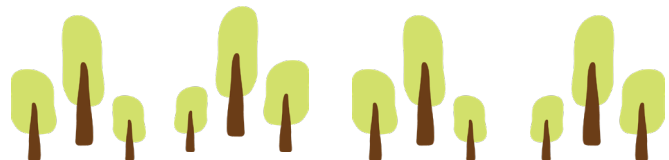
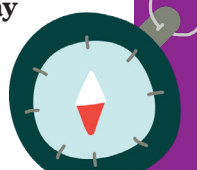
FREE for all participants

All Ages, Friends & Family

Ducks Unlimited Headquarters

Memphis, TN

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



Totally Trefoil 2026

Saturday, September 19, 2026

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

FREE

All Ages, Friends, Families, Volunteers

Landers Center • Southaven, MS

For more information, see page 6.

To register, click [HERE](#).



**September
Community
Partner
Organization
Events**



**Click each
graphic
for more
information.**



OCTOBER 2026



2026 Trefoils & Trailblazers Luncheon

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Tickets \$150 each

Adults, Volunteers

Memphis Botanic Garden

750 Cherry Rd. ♦ Memphis, TN

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



University of Memphis Volleyball Clinic

Sunday, October 18, 2026

12:00 - 5:00 PM

\$10 per registered Girl Scout, \$5 per adult

Elma Roane Field House

University of Memphis Campus

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

Registration ENDS at Midnight,

Monday, October 12, 2026.

MINIMUM: 10

MAX # GIRLS: 50 ♦ MAX # ADULTS: 50

MAX # FAMILY/GUESTS: 30



Girl Scout Day with University of Memphis Football

Saturday, October 10, 2026

Kickoff Time TBD

Ticket prices vary

All Ages, Families & Friends

Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium

Memphis, TN

For tickets and more information, click [HERE](#).



Day With Your Favorite Guy

Saturday, October 24, 2026 ♦ 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM

\$19 per attendee ♦ All Ages + Male Caregiver

Camp Fisherville ♦ Collierville, TN

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

Registration ENDS at 5:00 PM,

Friday, October 16, 2026.

MINIMUM: 25

MAX # GIRLS: 100 ♦ MAX # ADULTS: 200



Rhodes STEM Day
 Saturday, October 24, 2026 ♦ 1:00 - 4:30 PM
 FREE event ♦ 4th-6th grade girls, ages 9-11
 Rhodes College Campus ♦ Memphis, TN
 For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).
Registration ENDS at Midnight,
Monday, October 19, 2026.
MIN/MAX: 15/30

NOVEMBER 2026



HERo Day 2026
 Saturday, November 7, 2026
 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
 \$25 per GSHS registered girl member ♦ \$7 per adult
 Age Level: Juniors - Ambassadors, Adults
 Chester Anderson Fire Training Academy
 Memphis, TN
 For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).
Registration ENDS at Midnight,
Monday, October 19, 2026.
MINIMUM: 75
MAX # GIRLS: 115 ♦ MAX # ADULTS: 50
MAX # FAMILY/GUESTS: 20



Powderpuff Derby
with the Jackson Service Unit
 Saturday, November 7, 2026
 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
 \$15 per GSHS registered girl member
 All Ages, Family & Friends
 Northside Church ♦ Jackson, TN
 For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).
Registration ENDS at Midnight,
Saturday, October 31, 2026.
MIN/MAX: 25/125



Memphis Botanic Garden
Girl ScOUTing Events
Harvest Time: Sunday, November 15, 2026
Pollinators: Sunday, April 25, 2027
 2:00 - 4:00 PM
 \$8 per GSHS girl member
 \$12 per accompanying adult
 Age Level: Daisies - Cadettes
 Memphis Botanic Garden
 750 Cherry Road
 Memphis, TN

For more information and to register for the
 November 15, 2026 event, click [HERE](#).

For more information and to register for the
 April 25, 2027 event, click [HERE](#).

SISTERHOOD



WINTER/SPRING 2027



C.A.M.P. Skills Training Overnight - Winter 2027

9:00 AM - Saturday, January 30 -
2:00 PM Sunday, January 31, 2027
\$45 per registered GSHS volunteer
For Volunteers

Camp Fisherville ~ Collierville, TN

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

**Registration ENDS at Midnight,
Wednesday, January 13, 2027.
MIN/MAX: 5/15**



C.A.M.P. Skills Training Overnight - Spring 2027

7:00 PM - Friday, March 19 -
5:00 PM Saturday, March 20, 2027
\$45 per registered GSHS volunteer
For Volunteers

GSHS Jackson Leadership Center
Jackson, TN

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

**Registration ENDS at Midnight,
Monday, March 1, 2027.
MIN/MAX: 5/15**

**Save
the Date!**

2027 Girl Scouts Heart of the South
Annual Meeting
featuring our
2026-2027 Girl Scout Gold Award
and Council Scholarship Recipients

**Saturday,
April 24, 2027**

Members / The Girl Scouts / Community Partner Programs

Community Partner Programs



Community Partners offer program opportunities to troops throughout our council. Click [HERE](#) to browse the list of Community Partner businesses and organizations that your troop can contact and connect with!

We are grateful to our Community Partners for opening their doors and programs so Girl Scouts can discover new opportunities and connect the possibilities in their local region.



Are you ready for the ultimate adventure?

Girl Scout Destinations are the ultimate adventure for individual Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts. Push past your comfort zone by applying for a trip on your own, and make friends from all over the country as you travel with new Girl Scout friends. There's a unique, life-changing experience for everyone.

Several 2027 travel opportunities are available to apply for now! More opportunities will be added soon!

**Click [HERE](#) to search
for your next adventure today!**



Our friends at the University of Memphis are excited to offer **FREE MEMBERSHIP** to their awesome **POUNCER'S PALS KIDS CLUB** to ALL registered Girl Scouts ages 12 and younger!

Pouncer's Pals Kids Club is the official kids club of the Memphis Tigers for kids 12 and younger. Members will enjoy special benefits such as:

- ♦ FREE admission to select home events for all sports plus TWO free tickets for parents/guardians
- ♦ Special messages from Pouncer ♦ Unique opportunities to win exclusive prizes throughout the year
- ♦ One select Pouncer's Pals member will have the opportunity to be the Tee Kid at each football game!

2026-27 POUNCER'S PALS DAY SCHEDULE:

Football – Sat. 9/19 Vs. UT Martin - 6 p.m.

Men's Soccer – Sat. 10/3 Vs. Missouri State - 7 p.m.

Women's Soccer – Sun. 10/11 Vs. Charlotte - 11 a.m.

Volleyball – Sun. 10/18 Vs. East Carolina - Noon

Men's Basketball - TBD

Women's Basketball - TBD

Baseball - TBD

Softball - TBD

Men's Tennis - TBD

Women's Tennis - TBD

Click **HERE**
to join the
Pouncer's Pals
Kids Club!



Wear Your "Girl Scout Gear"
to School Day - Fall 2026

Thursday, October 22, 2026

Join Girl Scouts across our council in showing your Girl Scout pride and wear your Girl Scout "gear" to school on Thursday, October 22, 2026!

Wear Your Girl Scout Uniform
(or other Girl Scout-themed apparel) to school on this day
and receive a FREE fun patch!

Girl Scout-themed apparel will be accepted, however, this is a GREAT day to wear your full Girl Scout uniform to proudly show all your badges and awards, and share all the fun you're having in Girl Scouts with your school friends!

More info - including specific entry instructions - will be coming to your email inbox soon. **STAY TUNED!**

**We can't wait to see your smiling faces
all dressed up in your Girl Scout Best!**



GEAR UP FOR GIRL SCOUTS TODAY!

Shop online anytime at www.girlscoutshs.org/shop
or visit your local GSHS Trefoil Trunk Location!

**CLOSED FOR
INVENTORY**

All Trefoil Trunk shop locations will be
CLOSED FOR INVENTORY
September 28 – October 2. Shops will reopen
on Monday, October 5th.



Welcome to our Annual Fall Product Program!

This short, fun, and engaging program is a great way for girls to learn important life skills, and to earn money for their Girl Scout activities early in the troop year. The nuts and candy are delicious and designed specifically for the Girl Scouts, and the Magazines and More program is a great opportunity to renew existing subscriptions or suggest friends and family try out new magazines they've been considering while supporting Girl Scouts. Customers can also choose from an amazing array of Tervis Tumblers, candles, items for their favorite pup from BarkBox and a wonderful assortment of personalized products as well!

One of the most important elements of the program is the opportunity for girls to set and achieve goals while earning money for troop activities. Like the

iconic Girl Scout Cookie Program, the Fall Product Program teaches important life skills including goal setting, decision-making, money management, people skills, and business ethics.

Thank you for supporting your girl and Girl Scouts by participating in the Fall Product Program! Every dollar raised stays right here in your local council to provide quality council events, provide training for volunteers, maintain our camp properties and provide service to our members.

For more info, click [HERE](#) to view or download the **2026 Fall Program Family Guide**.

MEET THE MERCHANDISE

NUTS & CANDY

Customers can select from a large variety of premium chocolates, gourmet candies, nuts and snack mixes.

Paper order forms have a limited variety of items offered, but customers can log on to a girl's storefront using her unique code to see additional nut and candy items offered through the [M2 Online System](#).

MAGAZINES

Customers will enjoy browsing through their favorite titles and selecting subscriptions of the most popular paper and digital magazine titles at a drastic savings from newsstand prices.

Publications are available for customers to purchase online.

CANDLES New Vendor!

Options expanded from 8 items to 51!

Original Collection: 9 different fragrances; 26oz, 16oz, 15oz, and 12oz jars available for all scents

Shower Days Company Candles: 12 fragrances, Coconut Soy Wax Blend, Phthalate free, 14.5 oz amber jars or choose the "Discovery Set" - 4 x 6 oz. jars in a decorative gift box

BARKBOX

Girl Scouts can share their passion for animals, generate troop funds, and give customers the option to purchase something fun for every member of the family.

5 fun new options to choose from!

- Cozy Pup Campout Bundle
- Good Dog Goals Bundle
- Happy Trails & Tails (below left)
- Pup Patches & Stickers Kit (below right)
- Stomach the Merrier Kit

PERSONALIZED PRODUCTS

Customers can choose from 33 unique, personalized products including photo frames, tablets, napkins, calendars, memo squares, soap and more!

TERVIS TUMBLERS

Tervis® insulated tumblers and water bottles, ranging from top sellers to your favorite MLB®, NFL®, and collegiate sports teams and more.

NEW America250, military, and seasonal items available!

See page 11 for a fun, printable **Fall Product Program fridge calendar** and checklist you can print out and use to help keep you motivated and achieve those goals! You can also click to download this great resource [HERE](#).

Click [HERE](#) for an awesome, **customizable door hanger** that you can print off, fill in, cut out and take with you as you set off in your neighborhood!

Click [HERE](#) (or on the image) to view our amazing **array of merchandise** - and check out all the fantastic **NEW ITEMS** on offer this year!

Girl Scout Cookie Crossover Personalized Patch



- Send 20+ emails during the Fall Product Program.
- Create your avatar.
- Use the "Share My Site" function in the M2 system to ask friends & family for support during the 2026 Fall Product Program.
- Sell 350+ packages of cookies during the 2027 Girl Scout Cookie Program.

GSJS FALL PRODUCT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION SURVEY WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT THE FALL PRODUCT PROGRAM!

Does your troop participate? Why or why not?
How can we improve the program to make it easier for you?
Let us know how you feel about these important questions and MORE!

Click [HERE](#) to let us know your thoughts!



Quick List of Links to Helpful Resources

- [M2 Online System](#)
- [Girl/Parent M2 Online Resources](#)
- [Troop M2 Online Resources](#)
- [M2 Flyer \(Participation Instructions\)](#)
- [2026 Fall Product Family Guide](#)
- [Fridge Calendar & Checklist](#)
- [Door Hanger](#)
- [Girl Order Summary Form](#)
- [Caregiver Permission & Responsibility Form](#)
- [Family Product Program Policies](#)
- [Volunteer Fall Product Resources \(including online Troop Fall Product Program Guide\)](#)
- [Troop Product Program Manager Agreement & Policies](#)
- [Troop ACH Authorization & Bank Information Form](#)
- [Product Receipt](#)
- [Outstanding Balance Form](#)
- [2026 Fall Product Resources](#)

Submit Required Forms

Troops must submit the following **required** forms (linked below) for the upcoming 2026 Fall Product Program by September 22, 2026.

- *Panda Doc electronic versions of the Troop Product Program Manager Agreement & Policies form were automatically sent to all volunteers listed in the Troop Fall Product Manager and Troop Cookie Manager roles.*
- *Panda Doc electronic versions of the Troop ACH Authorization & Bank Info form were automatically sent to all volunteers listed in the Troop Treasurer role.*

Troop Product Program Manager Agreement & Policies

Troop ACH Authorization & Bank Information Form

Troops that have not submitted the required Product Program forms to the council will have orders (not paid for online) REMOVED from the council online ordering systems (M2OS/eBudde) prior to council submitting orders to vendors.

If orders are removed, once the troop submits the required forms, they can then pick up product from an office or cupboard prior to program deadlines and troop/girls will receive proper credit.

Product Program Requirements & Required Forms:

Fall Product:

- Troop Product Program Manager Agreement & Policies (linked above)
- Troop ACH Authorization & Bank Info (linked above)
- Two fully-screened volunteers listed in myGS

Cookies:

- Troop Product Program Manager Agreement & Policies
If the same volunteer is responsible and submitted for Fall Product with Cookies marked, it is not necessary to submit again.
- Troop ACH Authorization & Bank Info
If submitted for Fall Product and there are no bank changes, it is not necessary to submit again.
- Two fully-screened volunteers listed in myGS
- MY26 Financial Report & Bank Statements *If not submitted through VTK before Sept. 30, submit through a Wufoo form link.*



Click [HERE](#) for a downloadable, printable version of our full **2026 Service Unit Product Program Calendar**.

Click [HERE](#) for a downloadable, printable version of our full **2026 Troop Fall Product Program Calendar**.

FRIDAY, AUG. 28
SATURDAY, SEPT. 5
THURSDAY, OCT. 8
SATURDAY, OCT. 10
SUNDAY, OCT. 11
SUNDAY, OCT. 11
THURS. 10/29 - SAT. 10/31
MONDAY, NOV. 2
SATURDAY, NOV. 7
SUNDAY, NOV. 15
SUNDAY, NOV. 15
SUNDAY, NOV. 15
MONDAY, NOV. 16
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18
MONDAY, NOV. 23

SU & Troop access to M2OS
Girls begin taking orders in person and online
Girls submit Nut/Candy orders to Troop or through M2OS
Troop submits Nut/Candy order in M2OS – Locked out at midnight
Last Day for online Girl Delivered orders
SUFPC finalizes Nut/Candy order in M2OS – Locked out at midnight
SU Nut/Candy Delivery
Additional product available for pickup at council
Digital Day
Final Day for Online Program
Girls submit payments to Troop
Final Day for girls to select rewards online
Troops finalize reward orders in M2OS – locked out at midnight
Troop ACH Shortage Form & Outstanding Balance Forms Due
ACH payment from Troop bank accounts

**FOR MORE INFO AND
RESOURCES,
CLICK TO VISIT
OUR GSHS VOLUNTEER
FALL PRODUCTS
RESOURCE PAGE**

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2026 FALL PRODUCT CALENDAR

SATURDAY, SEPT. 5

Girls begin taking orders in person and online.

THURSDAY, OCT. 8

Girls submit orders to Troop Fall Product Manager or online.

- Nut & Candy Orders
- Reward Choices (selected on **Girl Order Summary** or online).
- Girls can continue taking online orders.

SUNDAY, OCT. 11

Last day for online Girl Delivered orders.

THURS.-SAT., OCT. 29 - 31

Service Unit Nut & Candy Delivery.

- Your troop will notify you when to pick up your products.
- Upon pickup, girls immediately begin delivering product and collecting money.

MONDAY, NOV. 2

Additional product available for pickup at the council.

SATURDAY, NOV. 7 - Digital Day

- Send 20+ emails through the M2 Online System to be entered to win a hanging toiletry bag. Of those qualifying, ten (10) girls will be drawn to win.
- Sell \$20+ in online sales and be entered to win \$50 in Passport Bucks. Of those qualifying, one (1) girl will be drawn to win.

SUNDAY, NOV. 15

Final day for online program.

- Girls submit full payment to Troop Fall Product Manager.

SUCCESS CHECKLIST

TURN IN CAREGIVER PAPERWORK

Complete the **Caregiver Responsibility and Permission Form** and return to your troop leader.

SET A GOAL!

Whether it be a reward, Passport Bucks, or enough to fund your community service project, you'll stay motivated with a goal in mind.

CREATE AN M2 ONLINE SYSTEM ACCOUNT

www.gsnutsandmags.com/gshs

Create a personalized site, complete with an avatar, and enjoy the opportunity of participating totally online with no money to collect or items to deliver!

SEND OUT AT LEAST 20+ EMAILS

Make a list of family and friends that you can ask to support you by purchasing nuts, candy, magazines and more.

SHARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Ask your adult to share on their social media accounts to reach more potential customers.

2026 MASCOT THE KANGAROO



Scientific Name: *Macropus rufus*

Life Span: Up to 23 years

Maximum Jump Height: 10 ft

Maximum Jump Length: 30 ft

Weight: 200 pounds

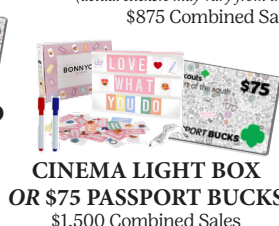
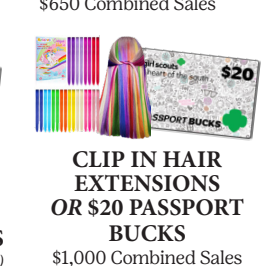
FUN FACTS

- Kangaroos use their strong tails for balance while jumping. They are the tallest of all marsupials, standing over 6 feet tall.
- Kangaroos live in Eastern Australia in small groups called troops or herds ("mobs" by Australians), typically made up of 50 or more animals.
- Female kangaroos sport a pouch on their belly, made by a fold in the skin, to cradle baby kangaroos called joeys.
- Newborn joeys are just one inch long (2.5 centimeters) at birth, or about the size of a grape.

SET YOUR GOAL!

FILL IN THE CHART AS YOU PASS EACH LEVEL.

View all rewards online at bit.ly/gshs_FPRewards. All rewards are cumulative!





Passport Bucks EXPIRE September 4th!

How to spend your Passport Bucks in the Trefoil Trunk locations or online shop: Purchasing items at your local Trefoil Trunk using Passport Bucks is easy! Just tell the GSHS staff member helping you at the register that you would like to apply your available Passport Bucks to your purchase, and they will process your purchase accordingly.

Many of our Fall Programs offer Passport Bucks as a payment option! Just select "Program Credits" as your payment when registering for an event. *This option will disappear as a payment choice on September 4th at midnight when Passport Bucks expire.*

Passport Bucks earned during the 2025 Fall Product and 2026 Cookie Programs expire on September 4, 2026.

For additional information, contact our Customer Care team at info@girlscoutshs.org.

2027 GIRL SCOUT COOKIE PROGRAM CALENDAR

WED., DEC. 16, 2026	Digital Cookie order taking begins
SAT., DEC. 19, 2026	Digital Day #1
SAT., DEC. 26, 2026	In-person order taking begins
SAT., JAN. 9, 2027	Cookiepalooza - All locations
SAT., JAN. 16, 2027	Digital Day #2
SAT., JAN. 16, 2027	Girls submit initial orders to troops
MON., JAN. 18, 2027	Troops submit initial cookie & reward orders in eBudde
MON, FEB. 1 - THURS, FEB. 4, 2027	Large Order Memphis Area Count-N-Go
FRI, FEB. 5 - SAT, FEB. 6, 2027	Memphis Area Count-N-Go
SAT., FEB. 6, 2027	Jackson Area Count-N-Go
MON, FEB. 8 - THURS., FEB. 11, 2027	Service Unit and Cupboard Deliveries
FRI., FEB. 12, 2027	Cookie Booths Begin
FRI., FEB. 19 - SUN., FEB. 21, 2027	National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend
WED., MAR. 10, 2027	Digital Cookie Girl Delivery option ends
SUN., MAR. 14, 2027	Last Day for Cookie Booths and Digital Cookie Sales
THURS., MAR. 18, 2027	Troops submit reward orders in eBudde

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NEW GSHS COUNCIL MERCHANDISE!

**NEW GSHS
COUNCIL
PATCH
\$2.50 EACH**



Our newest GSHS council t-shirt and NEW GSHS council patch feature the State Flowers of Tennessee (the iris), Mississippi (the magnolia), and Arkansas (the apple blossom)! Available in youth sizes S-L and adult sizes S-3XL, this new shirt is sure to be a hit with girls and volunteers alike!

GSHS State Flower Tee Prices:

YS - AXL: \$22.00

A2XL: \$23.00

A3XL: \$25.00



**I ♥ Girl Scout
COOKIES
40 oz. Tumbler
\$30.00 each**



Show the world just what it means to be a #girlscoutvolunteer as you sport our awesome, new, Heather Navy, long-sleeved adult tee!

#girlscoutvolunteer Tee Prices:

AS - AXL: \$25.00

A2XL: \$26.00

A3XL: \$28.00

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.*



FREE BAG

when you spend
\$60 on qualifying
merchandise
while
supplies last

NEW Senior and Ambassador
uniform pieces coming to
shops in October! Stay tuned
for more info!!!



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HATBAR PARTY

Let GSHS host your
Troop or Group for this unique
and unforgettable event!



GSHS HatBar Parties Include:

- Exclusive use of the Possibility Place for your party! Or we can bring the party to YOU (for an additional fee).
- Each attendee will have their choice of a bucket or trucker-style hat (various colors) and a choice of three premium patches - chenille letters, fun sayings, and more - to design their hat.
- Each guest will get to lay out their items on a Design Page before our staff heat presses their patches to their hat.
- All Girl Scout Troop/Group parties are tax exempt. (Groups/Troops must meet girl-adult ratios for their group.)

To request your party, fill out the
HatBar Party booking form via the
QR code or the link below.
Our coordinator will reach out to
you within 3 business days.



bit.ly/gshs_HatBarParty

All costs will be provided when booking your party.

