

girl scouts of gulfcoast florida

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S'more News

Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc.
Family Newsletter



This is their
“we stick together”
moment.

A photograph of two girls working on a project, possibly a craft or science experiment, with various materials on a table. The image is framed by a rainbow arch.

**Renew
Today!**

It's Time for a New Girl Scout Year

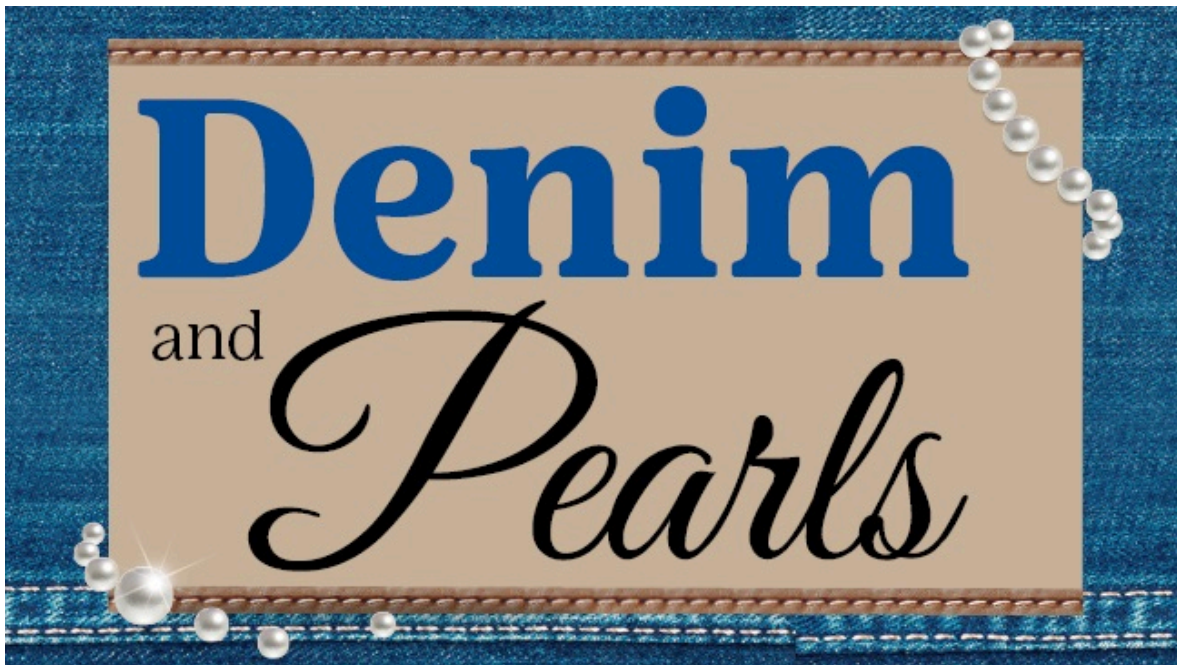
Your Girl Scout membership renewal opens the door to another year of discovery, growth, and adventure. From trying new things and making new friends to leading projects that make a difference, every experience is an opportunity to learn more about who they are and what they can achieve. Thank you for helping create a space where girls can shine, grow, and Find What's Within.

Remember to check out our annual Girl Scouts Love State Parks weekend on September 12-13! **Download the activity sheet**, unlock a new patch, and remember you have everything it takes to lead the way!



Don't miss out on another year of Girl Scout adventures. If you haven't renewed yet, now is the perfect time to continue the journey. **Renew today**. For more information, contact customer care at customercare@gsgcf.org.

Renew Today



You're Invited: Denim & Pearls Lifetime of Leadership Celebration

The countdown is on! We invite Girl Scout alums, volunteers, supporters, friends, and family to join Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida for **Denim & Pearls: A Lifetime of Leadership Celebration & Fundraiser**.

Gather with us for an inspiring afternoon of connection, recognition, and community. Dress in your favorite denim and pearls and enjoy a relaxed afternoon tea as we celebrate the remarkable leaders who embody the Girl Scout spirit of courage, confidence, and character.

Together, we'll honor outstanding women whose leadership and service have made a lasting impact while raising support for programs that empower girls to discover their strengths, pursue their dreams, and become the leaders of tomorrow.

Date: Wednesday, September 9, 2026

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Location: GROVE - 10670 Boardwalk Loop, Lakewood Ranch

We are proud to recognize this year's distinguished honorees for their exceptional leadership, dedication, and contributions to our community. We hope you'll join us for this special celebration as we honor their achievements and invest in the next generation of Girl Scout leaders.



Linda Carson

ABC 7 Sarasota, co-host
of the Suncoast View



Angel Colonnese, Esq.

Clerk of the Circuit
Court and Comptroller
for Manatee County



Carolyn J. Mason

Former Chair, Sarasota
County Commission;
Former Mayor, City of
Sarasota; and Community
Leader

To purchase tickets for this inspiring and impactful event, click the link below. We also invite you to consider **sponsoring Denim & Pearls** or sharing this opportunity with a potential partner to help empower girls to lead with courage, confidence, and character. For more information, please contact customer care at customercare@gsgcf.org.

Purchase Tickets Here



Get Ready for Mags & Munchies
September 10 - October 4

Mags & Munchies is the Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida's fun fall product program, where girls get hands-on experience running their own nut, candy, and

magazine business. Along the way, girls will build valuable skills in goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and entrepreneurship.

We also invite all **Fall Product Managers** to join the **Troop Fall Product Managers Rally** in Rallyhood! Our Product Program Manager, **Jodi Miller**, will keep everyone informed in the Rally with important resources, information, and updates throughout the program. We've included the link below to join!

Troop Fall Product Managers Rally

[Mags & Munchies Info](#)



Girl Champions Wanted: Open to Girl Scouts in Grades 5-12

Girls are invited to Share their passion for Girl Scouting with the community and help us grow by serving as a positive role model and ambassador for Girl Scouts.



As a representative of the organization, girls will have opportunities to promote the values of leadership, service, and sisterhood; encourage girls and families to learn more about the Girl Scout experience; and inspire new members to join. By advocating for Girl Scouts, girls can help raise awareness of the impact the program has and strengthen connections within the local community.

Girl Scouts who are in their second year as Juniors through Ambassadors (grades 5–12) are eligible to earn a patch while participating in this exciting leadership opportunity, which allows them to build communication, public speaking, and advocacy skills while making a meaningful difference.

[Learn More](#)



O.W.L.S Registration Opens September 4! November 6 - November 8

Join us for the return of O.W.L.S – Outdoor Weekend of Learning & Sisterhood at Camp Honi Hanta. Whether you're a seasoned Girl Scout volunteer or new to the movement, this event promises to inspire, educate and ignite your passion for Girl Scouting!

This weekend will be full of workshops for volunteers at every level. Workshops will include outdoor adventure activities, Girl Scout traditions, personal development, leadership mentorship, and tons of opportunities for good ol' fashioned fun!

Our facilitators have a wealth of knowledge, and they are anxious to pass it along to you. This weekend is not just for troop leaders – it's a retreat for all volunteers!

Registration: As soon as the registration link becomes available, you'll be able to find it on the GSGCF Event Calendar. Be on the lookout for O.W.L.S. in November!

[Visit GSGCF Events](#)

Thank you for
Your Year of
Impact



Service Unit Stretch Challenge Winners

Congratulations to our Stretch Challenge winners! Your team has gone above and beyond in responding to the needs of our community and volunteers. Every challenge has been met with thoughtful strategies focused on growing membership, delivering quality programs, strengthening the team, and providing meaningful training and support for volunteers.

Gold Level

Collier 12

Collier 13

Silver Level

Charlotte 11

Hardee

Family
Connection



Girl Scouting is the most fun and rewarding when the whole family gets involved

Take your family to the next level. It doesn't take a lot to be involved and make Girl Scouts a family affair, and the benefits are huge. Here are just a few ways you can make this year the best yet.

- After each meeting, have your Girl Scout share with you what they did and learned. They'll love being the expert, and you'll probably even learn a thing or two! Plus, talking about their experience will help all that new info stick even more.
- Team up to tackle some fun Girl Scout activities together at home. **The Activity Zone** makes getting started a snap.
- Work together to help your Girl Scout earn the special **Cookie Entrepreneur Family pin.**
- Offer to join your troop's camping trip as a volunteer.
- Step up for the troop! Whether you want to organize weekly carpools, take pics at events, organize a cookie booth, or lead the Girl Scouts in some badge activities, tell your troop leader exactly how you'd like to help. Offering "whatever you need" is nice, but troop leaders are often too busy to think up or assign roles to family members. Being specific about how you can contribute will be 100% appreciated!



What's New on Rallyhood

Hi families! Welcome to Rallyhood! If you're returning, thank you for being here. A new Girl Scout year is upon us, and we want to make sure you have everything you need to get started. If you're not already part of our Council News & Events main hub, please join [here](#). This is where our council shares news, events, and important updates, you won't want to miss it!

You can find a Quick Start Guide for families in the [Files](#) tab, along with a Rallyhood Member User Guide. You can also visit the [Links](#) tab for helpful how-to videos about Rallyhood.

If you're wondering which rallies to join, we've included a guide to some [key rallies](#). You can also find it on our website at www.gsgcf.org by clicking the [Rallyhood](#) logo in the top-right corner.

If you have any questions, need assistance navigating Rallyhood, or would like one-on-one support, please contact customercare@gsgcf.org with "Rallyhood" in the subject line. Thank you, and rally on!

[Visit Rallyhood](#)

GSGCF Event Calendar



Upcoming Events

Get ready for the 2026-2027 Girl Scout year! We have a full calendar of programs and events for Girl Scouts and their families to enjoy. Keep an eye out for future events and programs by checking the calendar regularly on the GSGCF [events page](#).

Also, remember to check out the latest edition of Camp Chronicles or login to [Rallyhood](#) for current programs and events.

[Search Events](#)

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