

S'more News

Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc.
Family Newsletter



Girl Scout Cookie Season 2026



Exciting New Incentives for the 2026 Cookie Program!

We're thrilled to announce a magical reward opportunity for this year's Cookie Program! We can't wait to see our girls set big goals, work hard, and make this year's Cookie Program the most successful one yet!

Two Chances to Win!

Be Brave: Every Girl Scout who sells **500 or more packages of cookies**, as recorded in eBudde during the 2026 Cookie Program, will be entered into a

special drawing to win a **4-pack of One-Day passes** to the theme park of her choice. (Please note: transportation, lodging, and food are not included in the prize package.)

Be Fierce: Every Girl Scout who sells **750 or more packages of cookies**, as recorded in eBudde during the 2026 Cookie Program, will be entered into a special drawing to win a **4-pack of Two-Day passes** to the theme park of her choice. (Please note: transportation, lodging, and food are not included in the prize package.)

Have Fun! At one of the following theme park options to choose from:

✨ **Walt Disney World Resort**

-or-

🎢 **Universal Orlando Resort**



Don't forget to enter our **Bling Your Booth** contest. Showcase how your Girl Scout Troop is able to Explore-more as a result of the Cookie Program. Five troops will receive a special **Exploremores™ patch** and a **\$25 Amazon Business Voucher** for use in the GSGCF Troop storefront. Submit a photo of your booth using the link below.

[Enter Bling Your Booth Contest](#)

✨ **Congratulations! The Initial Order T-Shirt Contest Winner is:**

Addilyn D. - Troop 217 - Entry #1



✨ Also, **Congratulations** to this year's winners of the **Walkabout Incentive**. You will be receiving a prize in the mail soon!

Rose P. from Troop 379, Madelyn E. from Troop 485, and Sophie G. from Troop 245. Way to go Girl Scouts!



Scholarship Opportunities



Attention Girl Scout Ambassadors and Families!

Exciting opportunities await our graduating Girl Scouts. The **Dr. Elinor Crawford College Scholarship Fund** through Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, along with several additional scholarship opportunities, are available to help support her higher education dreams and future goals.

Whether your Girl Scout is planning to attend college or pursue another educational path, these scholarships are a wonderful way to invest in her next chapter. Deadlines begin as early as February 28. Don't let this opportunity pass by, her bright future is calling!

[Learn More](#)



It's Girl Scout Week!



Girl Scout Week 2026

Let's Make the World a Better Place!

It's time to celebrate seven special days dedicated to celebrating Girl Scout spirit and sisterhood. From Sunday, March 8, through Saturday, March 14, we

encourage you to take part in each day's featured activity for a simple and meaningful way to show your Girl Scout pride, connect with your community, and make the world a better place.

Girls are invited to participate in as many of our council-wide spirit days:

March 8 – Spirit Sunday

March 9 – Affirmation Monday

March 10 – Troop Tuesday

March 11 – Wisdom Wednesday

March 12 – National Girl Scout Day

March 13 – Flash Forward Friday

March 14 – Service Saturday

Be sure to share how you're celebrating Girl Scout Week on the [Girls in Action Rallyhood Rally](#).

[Visit Girl Scout Week Blog](#)



Celebrating Faith with Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts isn't just about badges and cookies; it's also about growing spiritually! Girl Scouts can earn the My Promise, My Faith pin, by celebrating their faith! It's available for all grade levels, and it's a chance for her to connect the dots between the Girl Scout Law and her own religious beliefs.

Girl Scout Sunday: Sunday, March 6, 2026

Girl Scout Birthday: Thursday, March 12, 2026

Girl Scout Jummah: Friday, March 13, 2026

Girl Scout Sabbath/Shabbat: Friday, March 13 – Saturday, March 14, 2026

With the help of her faith community and GSGCF, she'll be on an journey that strengthens both her faith and her leadership skills.

[Click Here for More Info](#)



2026 Young Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony



A Celebration of Leadership

YWOD Award Registration Deadline - March 15th

This year's Young Women of Distinction Ceremony is Sunday May 17, 2026, at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center! To be recognized at the event, a **Girl Award Worksheet** must be submitted for each award recipient by March 15, 2026. **No deadline extensions can be made!**

Girl Scouts will be recognized with the following awards, which can be achieved throughout the year: the Girl Scout Gold, Silver, and Bronze Awards, Journey Summit, Religious Recognitions, Program Aide/Cadette Leadership, Counselor in Training, and 10-Year Pins, along with graduating Girl Scouts, Girl Scout College Scholarship recipients, and Mags & Munchies and Cookie Entrepreneurs.

*The Girl Scout College Scholarship and top cookie and fall product entrepreneurs do not require a completed Girl Award Worksheet.

RSVP's to attend will be accepted closer to the event date. Stay tuned!

[Girl Award Worksheet](#)



Girl Scouts Day at JetBlue Park

Get ready for a fun-filled evening as the Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida team up with the Boston Red Sox Spring Training at JetBlue Park in Fort Myers, FL on Friday March 14, 2026, at 1:05pm.

Join in and cheer on fellow Girl Scouts as they take over the field during pre-game festivities! Then enjoy the "Futures at Fenway" game, featuring top MLB prospects in a baseball game against the Boston Red Sox.

Head to the link below to purchase tickets to attend the game and show your Girl Scout of Gulfcoast Florida Spirit and Support (a portion of all proceeds will benefit GSGCF)!

[Purchase Tickets](#)



Presented by the
Community Foundation of Sarasota County

Save the Date!

APRIL 15-16, 2026

NOON to NOON

Celebrating the 10th Giving Challenge

Save the Date

The **2026 Giving Challenge**, presented by the **Community Foundation of Sarasota County** with giving strengthened by **The Patterson Foundation** gives us the opportunity to connect with passionate donors and community members in support of **Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida** and our mission to build girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.

Every contribution makes a difference as we empower the next generation of leaders to reach their full potential! To strengthen giving during the Giving Challenge, **The Patterson Foundation will MATCH donations up to \$100 per donor 1:1** doubling the impact of your gift!

Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to enhance current and new programs and help offset program fees. **#BeTheOne** to Give Her Courage to Face Tomorrow on April 15 & 16 from noon to noon!

Learn more about the [Giving Challenge!](#)

[Visit our Website](#)



Save the Date

Are you ready for another **Outdoor Weekend of Learning and Sisterhood**? Make sure to **save the date** for this year's O.W.L.S. event on October 9 - October 11. Stay tuned for more details.

GSGCF Event Calendar



Upcoming Events

Don't miss out on the fun! Stay tuned for future events and programs by checking out Camp Chronicles at the beginning of every month, and on the [events page](#) of our GSGCF website.

[Visit Event Calendar](#)

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