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Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc.
Family Newsletter



Girl Scouts Love School Bus Drivers

School Bus Driver Appreciation Day is on April 28, and it's a time to say "thank you" to the heroes behind the wheel who help keep students safe on their way to and from school. Girl Scouts can join the fun, and earn a patch, by filling out thank you cards with messages of appreciation and giving them to their local bus driver(s) during the week of April 27 through May 1. It's a wonderful opportunity to make a difference and brighten a bus driver's day.

For more information about School Bus Driver Appreciation Day including registering for your Bus Driver Appreciation Patch, click the More Info button

below to be redirected to [Rallyhood](#) or contact customer care at customercare@gsgcf.org. To print out thank you cards, click on the [Thank You Cards button](#) below. Also, don't forget to share those special moments in Rallyhood on our [Girl Scouts in Actions Rally](#).

[More Info](#)

[Thank You Cards](#)



Thank You Volunteers

Our fantastic Girl Scout volunteers bring heart, energy, and creativity to everything they do, and they make a lasting difference as role models for Girl Scouts. Let's take a moment to say thank you and celebrate volunteers who help make Girl Scouting so special! Here are a few easy and meaningful ways to show your appreciation:

- Nominate an adult volunteer for a GSUSA or GSGCF Adult Award
- Send a FREE e-card or printable thank you card
- Create a one-of-a-kind DIY gift
- Download and color a "Thank You" coloring sheet

Keep an eye out for outstanding volunteer moments throughout the year! To submit a nomination, click the [Nominate Here](#) button below, scroll to Adult Awards, and select the award(s) you'd like to nominate a volunteer for. Nominations are due online by May 1.

[Nominate Here](#)



An island-inspired evening just for Girl Scout Alum is on the way! You're invited to a laid-back, adults-only evening at our **Tropical Trefoils GSGCF Alum Association Event**! Whether you've stayed connected to Girl Scouts or are curious about getting involved again, this is a great chance to connect with other alum and enjoy the Girl Scout sisterhood with some light bites, refreshing drinks, meaningful conversation, and optional hands-on crafts in a fun tropical setting.

Tropical Trefoils is happening on Thursday, May 7, 2026, from 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. at the Collier Girl Scout House in Naples, and it's the perfect excuse to enjoy a little island inspired fun with fellow Girl Scout alum. Be sure to RSVP by April 30, and get ready for a relaxed, Aloha night out you won't want to miss! Tropical or island-casual attire are encouraged but not required. We hope to see you there!

[RSVP Here](#)



RSVP to Young Women of Distinction
Sunday May 17, 2026 • 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center

75 Taylor Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Join us at **Young Women of Distinction** as we celebrate the outstanding achievements of Girl Scouts throughout the council. Together we will celebrate girls receiving 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.

To ensure adequate seating, please **RSVP** by **May 8, 2026**.

If you have any questions, contact **Customer Care**, or call 941-921-5358.

[RSVP Here](#)



Continue Your Girl Scout Journey

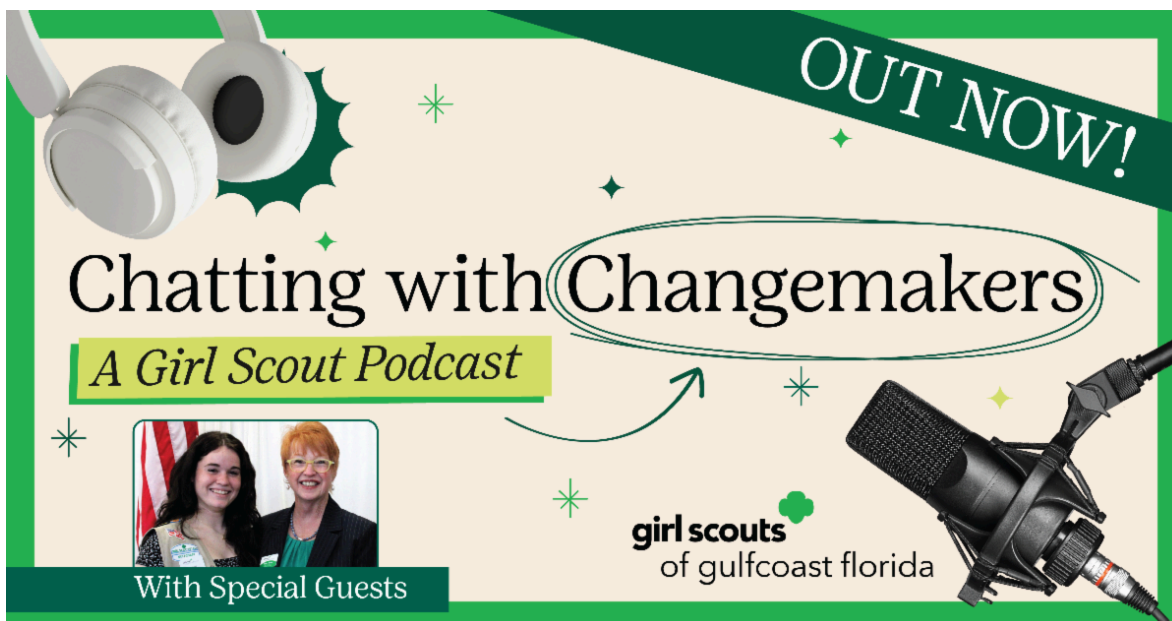
Renewing her Girl Scout membership means another year of new adventures, new skills, and new chances to shine. Her friends are ready to welcome her back as she explores and grows through meaningful Girl Scout experiences. Watch her confidence soar as she continues her journey of courage, confidence, and character!



Enrolling by May 30 opens the door to **special incentives** and helps troops, service units, and GSGCF reach new goals. Girls will receive the exclusive GSGCF Early Renewal Patch, featuring the Limpkin.

Renewing your Girl Scout membership is the first step in continuing your journey! Renew now and give her another year to grow, lead, and shine.

[Renew Today](#)



Listen Now! Chatting with Changemakers: A Girl Scout Podcast

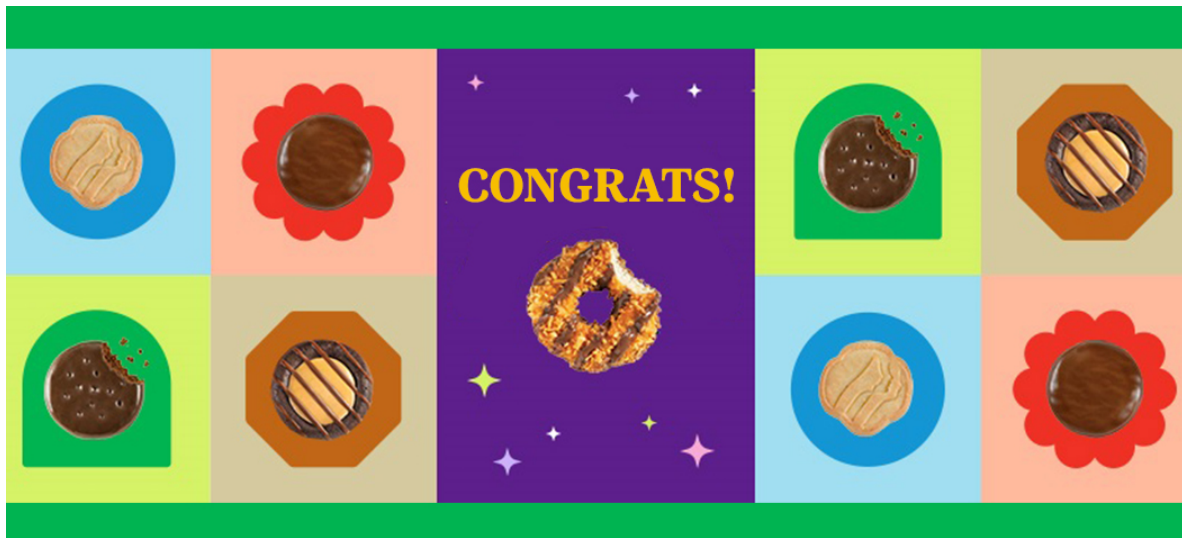
We are excited to share our very first episode of Chatting with Changemakers: A Girl Scout Podcast! We're kicking off the podcast with an episode you won't want to miss!

Meet Mackenzie S., a trailblazing Girl Scout whose journey from overcoming personal challenges to attending the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in New York City in March 2023 proves the power of courage, confidence, and character.

She is joined by special guest Mary Anne Servian, CEO and Chief Girl Champion, for an eye-opening conversation exploring the State of the Florida Girl report, which explores girls' physical health, academics, emotional wellness, and social well-being.

Tune in today to hear how Girl Scouts is shaping the next generation of leaders!

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We are excited to recognize our 2026 Top 5 Cookie Sellers in the Council, whose dedication and hard work truly stood out this season. These outstanding Cookie Entrepreneurs demonstrated leadership by setting meaningful goals and working with confidence and determination to achieve them. Their sweet success is an inspiring reminder of how the Girl Scout Cookie Program helps girls grow into confident leaders, one box at a time! Please join us in congratulating the following Top 5 Cookie Entrepreneurs.

- **Liana W. – Juliette – 8,410 boxes**
- **Grace P. – Troop 655 – 6,214 boxes**
- **Julianne A. – Troop 756 – 5,335 boxes**
- **Maya C. – Troop 655 – 5,211 boxes**
- **Zoey V. – Troop 651 – 5,122 boxes**



It's Time to Cross the Bridge

Soon the Girl Scout year will come to a close, which means local Bridging Ceremonies will be taking place. When a girl member moves up to a new Girl Scout program grade level, a traditional ceremony called “Bridging” takes place. This provides an opportunity to celebrate achievements for the year and

demonstrate readiness for new challenges in the new program grade level. We encourage families to ask their troop leader if the troop or local service unit may be hosting a Bridging Ceremony.



Make a Difference

Become a Volunteer Today!



Make a Difference in Girl Scouts

Teamwork really does make the dream work and Girl Scouts wouldn't be the same without the volunteers who show up and help girls see what makes them uniquely amazing. You don't need special experience to get involved, just your willingness to support girls as they learn, grow, and have fun.

Whether you're helping a troop get through a meeting or pitching in at a council event, every extra set of hands makes a difference. If you're ready to jump in and lend a hand? It's simple, just reach out to a troop leader, an active volunteer, or **customer care**, we'd love to have you. Also, remember to check out the **Lend an Occasional Hand Rally** to see what current volunteer opportunities are available.

[Visit our Website](#)



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Stay Connected with Rallyhood

Rallyhood is the council's primary platform for sharing important updates, event information, news, timely reminders and more. We encourage anyone that would like to keep up with all things Girl Scouts to sign up and log in regularly. Don't miss out on new and exciting opportunities across the council.

To help you feel confident using Rallyhood, we offer plenty of tools and resources, including bi-monthly Rallyhood Office Hours where you can learn more about the platform, ask questions, and explore helpful features.

[Visit Rallyhood](#)

GSGCF Event Calendar



Upcoming Events

We have a full calendar of exciting programs and events for Girl Scouts and their families to enjoy throughout the summer, including our fun and educational Summer Camps this June.

Keep an eye out for future events and programs by checking the calendar regularly. Stay updated on the latest council programs and learning opportunities on the GSGCF [events page](#). Also, don't forget to check out the latest edition of Camp Chronicles or login to [Rallyhood](#) for current programs and events.

[Visit Event Calendar](#)

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