

S'more News

Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc.
Family Newsletter



Cookie Season Congrats and Thank You

A very big Thank You to all the Girl Scouts, volunteers, leaders, and families for your hard work and dedication during this year's Cookie Season! Your commitment and dedication are greatly appreciated!

We hope the Girl Scouts enjoyed learning new skills, building confidence, and created lasting memories, all while gaining valuable entrepreneurial experiences that they can use beyond Cookie Season.

Congratulations to all girls who sold 325+ packages of Girl Scout Cookies and will continue to Grow with Girl Scouts by earning their 2026-2027 Girl Scout membership renewal!

These girl-earned memberships will be renewed in mid-April by council representatives. If your Girl Scout has earned this reward, please do not renew her membership, as refunds and credits cannot be processed for troops or families who purchase renewal memberships prior to council's renewal process. Please send any questions to customercare@gsgcf.org.



Celebrating Girl Scout Volunteers

Volunteers are the heart and soul of Girl Scouts, and it's time to recognize their creativity, care, and dedication.

This April, let's show our appreciation by sending a FREE customizable thank you [print card](#) or [coloring sheet](#) to the incredible volunteers in your life. These delightful cards make it easy to send a heartfelt thank you from your Girl Scout to their special volunteer!

Throughout the year, keep an eye out for remarkable volunteer contributions. Encourage your service unit to acknowledge these efforts by nominating adults for an GSUSA/GSGCF adult award. It's a wonderful way to honor your exceptional peers. Simply click the Nominate Here button below, scroll to Adult Awards, and select the award(s) for your nominations. Nominations are due online by May 1.

[Nominate Here](#)



2026 Young Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony



A Celebration of Leadership

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

Make sure you submit your **Girl Award Worksheet** and then **RSVP** to 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.

The Girl Award Worksheet deadline has been extended! To be recognized during this year's event, make sure to submit a **Girl Award Worksheet** by **March 25, 2026**.

To ensure adequate seating, please **RSVP** by **May 8, 2026**.
If you have any questions, contact **Customer Care**, or call 941-921-5358.

RSVP Today



Where
Confidence
Grows

Adventure Awaits, Renew Today!

Don't miss out on another adventure-packed year of Girl Scouts! Her friends are ready to cheer her on as she tries new things and explores the world. Get ready to watch her confidence soar as she discovers her voice and leads the way.



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.

Girl Scout membership must be renewed annually. Membership year is October 1–September 30. Annual membership dues are \$45 for girl members and \$30 for adult members.

[Renew Today](#)



Scholarship
Opportunities

Exciting Opportunities for Graduating Girl Scouts

Gold Award Girl Scouts may now apply for the **GSUSA Gold Award Scholarship!** Eligible applicants include current high school seniors who have earned, or will earn their Gold Award by April 1, 2026, as well as recent graduates who earned their award during their senior year after March 31, 2025. Applications for the Gold Award Scholarship are open through April 14.

Several scholarship opportunities are also 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. Don't let this opportunity pass by, her bright future is calling! Click below to learn more.

[Learn More](#)



— 2026 —
GIVING CHALLENGE
Be The One

Save the Date!
APRIL 15-16, 2026
NOON to NOON

Presented by the
Community Foundation of Sarasota County

Celebrating the 10th Giving Challenge

The **2026 Giving Challenge** is 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**. This supports 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](#)



Juliette Gordon Low
Birthplace Museum



Roots of Sisterhood

An Unforgettable Girl Scout Getaway

Roots of Sisterhood, an exciting five-day Girl Scout experience to Savannah, Georgia from June 2 - 6, 2026 is still open for registration. This unforgettable experience invites Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida (Brownies through Ambassadors, grades 3–12) to step into the birthplace of Girl Scouting alongside Mary Anne Servian, CEO and Chief Girl Champion.

During this five-day adventure, participants will enjoy immersive, hands-on experiences that bring Girl Scout history to life. Highlights include time at the Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace, visits to the First Girl Scout Headquarters and Savannah History Museum, creative explorations at SCAD, and fun local favorites like the Fraidy Cat Ghost Tour and Savannah Square Pops. With guided programs, special patches, and memorable moments around every corner, **Roots of Sisterhood** promises to be a perfect blend of learning, laughter, and lasting memories, an experience your Girl Scout will treasure for years to come.

The deadline to register is coming up soon on April 15, 2026, there is a partial deposit required at the time of registration. Contact **Customer Care** for more information or click below to register.

[Register for Roots of Sisterhood](#)

Brightly Reservation System



Join our complimentary class to learn how to efficiently book and manage reservations in our property system Brightly! This walkthrough tutorial is for all GSGCF adult leaders, co-leaders, service unit managers and volunteer troop support members. In this one-hour presentation we will cover the fundamentals of the Brightly Reservation System. Sign up now and let the FUN begin!

[Wed, April 1, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.](#)

[Tue, April 7, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.](#)

[Thur, April 16, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.](#)

[Thur, April 23, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.](#)

[Register Now](#)

GSGCF Event Calendar



Upcoming Events

Stay tuned 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 for current programs and events.

[Visit Event Calendar](#)

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