

girl scouts of gulfcoast florida

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S'more News

Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc.
Family Newsletter



SRQ's 2026 SMARTgirl Mentorship Summit

The SMARTgirl Mentorship Summit is back! In collaboration with SRQ Magazine's SMARTgirl Summit, we are calling all Girl Scouts in 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades to be part of this inspiring opportunity. We encourage all Girl Scout's who are interested in exploring their futures through a special half-day mentorship experience to apply. The deadline to apply is January 23, 2026.

The summit will take place on Friday, March 13, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Sarasota Art Museum. Participants will engage with and learn from leading women from across the region, including members of the Women Who Roar Leadership Circle, during this impactful event. For more information about the event and to apply, click on the button below.



Cookie Season is Here!

Girl Scout Cookie Season 2026 is here! Girls are officially on their cookie selling journey and are now accepting orders as they work toward reaching their goals. Orders can be placed through Digital Cookie for Girl Delivery or Shipped, as well as Gift of Caring and in-person sales. Cookie booths will begin on February 6!

For helpful cookie resources, be sure to [visit our website](#). If you need additional support, contact your troop leader or the [customer care team](#).

[Learn More](#)



Annual Meeting of the Council Thursday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Guests and members of Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc. are cordially invited to join the Voting Members of the Council at this year's virtual 63rd Annual

Meeting of the Council.

The Annual Meeting agenda includes the Gulfcoast Stewardship Report, Treasurer's Report, and a single slate of nominees for the Board of Directors presented for election by the voting members.

[Click Here to Register](#)



Share the Gift of Girl Scouts

This Galentine's Day, share the fun of Girl Scouts by inviting a friend to join your troop! Welcoming someone new means building friendships, creating memories, and being entered for a chance to win a Girl Scout Birthday Party Box, a fun way to celebrate your Girl Scout spirit together.

Make this Galentine's Day extra special! Celebrate friendship and pass along the gift of Girl Scouts this season. For more information, click the link below or email membership@gsgcf.org.

[Invite a Friend](#)

Dr. Elinor Crawford
Girl Scout College
Scholarship Fund



Dr. Elinor Crawford College Scholarship Fund

Applications due March 11, 2026

Since 1989, Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc. Board of Directors has awarded college scholarships to graduating high school senior Girl Scouts! Girl Scouting offers opportunities for girls to excel in skills, leadership, and citizenship. The Board of Directors established the college scholarship fund to recognize young women of these achievements and their academic successes, as well as to encourage them to continue their education.

The guidelines providing eligibility criteria for the 2026 award year are available on the [council website](#). The completed application, including required attachments and letters of recommendation, must be received by March 11, 2026.

Scholarship recipients will be honored at the Young Women of Distinction celebration on May 17, 2026. For assistance, contact Marie Graziosi at marieg@gsgcf.org or 941.921.5358 ext. 338 or 800.232.4475.

[Apply Here](#)

Interested in exploring more scholarship opportunities you can apply for? Here are a few additional options that may support your educational goals.

- [The Selby Scholarship](#) – Supports students pursuing postsecondary education with an emphasis on academic achievement and community involvement.
- [Education Foundation Scholarships](#) – A variety of scholarships offered to help students fund their education across different fields of study.



Juliette Gordon Low
Birthplace Museum



**Roots of
Sisterhood**

Where Sisterhood Began: A Girl Scout Getaway

We're thrilled to look ahead to an exciting journey this year, the [Roots of Sisterhood](#), our upcoming five-day trip to Savannah, Georgia from March 18 - 26, 2026. This unforgettable experience invites Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida (Juniors through Ambassadors, grades 4–12) to step into the birthplace of Girl

Scouting alongside Mary Anne Servian, CEO and Chief Girl Champion. From exploring the life and legacy of Juliette Gordon Low to strengthening friendships and sisterhood, this trip offers a meaningful connection through the history that continues to inspire today's Girl Scouts.

During this five-day adventure, travelers 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. Remember the deadline to register is coming up soon on February 12, 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](#)

Young Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony

A Celebration of Leadership

Young Women of Distinction Award Registration Deadline - March 15

Our annual **Young Women of Distinction Ceremony** will be here before we know it! To be recognized at this year's event, a **Girl Award Worksheet** must be submitted for each award recipient by March 15, 2026. **No deadline extensions can be made.**

Girl Scouts are celebrated 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.

RSVPs to attend will be accepted closer to the event date. Stay tuned!

Kappa Delta Programs



Kappa Delta Partners with Girl Scouts

We're thrilled to partner with the Kappa Delta Sorority at Florida Gulf Coast University to offer Girl Scouts three engaging, confidence-building programs focused on friendship, connection, and community, all while creating unforgettable memories along the way.

1/31 Galentine's Day - An afternoon dedicated to celebrating friendship with fun games, hands-on activities, and plenty of shared smiles.

3/14 St. Patrick's Day Celebration - Get ready for festive fun filled with games, laughter, and lots of green-themed excitement.

3/21 In Full Bloom - A spring-inspired event that encourages creativity, personal growth, and new beginnings.

Kappa Delta has been a vital partner of Girl Scouts since 1998 and is proud to continue mentoring girls as they grow into confident leaders, while reinforcing the importance of integrity, friendship, and community.

Click below to register for upcoming Kappa Delta programs, or contact **Customer Care** for more information.



We are excited to have you as part of the Rallyhood community. If you're already using Rallyhood, thank you for being part of the council's communication hub. If you're just getting started, welcome aboard! You should have received an invitation to join our **Council News & Events Hub** on Rallyhood, our primary way to share timely updates, events, and important information.

You can also find helpful resources and event details on our **website at GSGCF.org**, with many events shared in Rallyhood for easy access. Stay connected with us beyond Rallyhood by following GSGCF on **Facebook**, **Instagram**, and **LinkedIn**. Thank you for staying connected and we look forward to supporting you throughout your Girl Scout journey!

[Learn More](#)

GSGCF Event Calendar



Upcoming Events

Save the Date

Stay updated on the latest council programs and learning opportunities on our **events page**. Remember that some activities may require registration several weeks in advance and may fill up quickly.

Event Calendar



Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc. is chartered by Girl Scouts of the USA and serves girls in Manatee, Hardee, Highlands, Sarasota, DeSoto, Charlotte, Glades, Lee, Hendry, and Collier Counties.

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