

GS Backpack

May 2025

Make this your summer of adventure!

Hey, Girl Scout! What an amazing year it's been! Now get ready for another one filled with unforgettable field trips, energizing community projects, and new passions to share with forever friends. Is this your first year as a Girl Scout? Then you have discovered what it's like to be a caring member of your community, made new friends, and tried new skills. There is so much more for you to enjoy this summer and in the coming year.

If you've been a Girl Scout for a while, you already know it's a sisterhood that only gets stronger. As you bridge to new levels, you have our support to become a confident and courageous leader in your own way.

Speaking of bridging, congratulations to those of you leveling up! Whether you're flying up to Juniors or graduating high school to become a Girl Scout alum, we celebrate your achievements. Share your bridging photos with us!

This summer, you can stay active with Girl Scouts by taking on the Get Outdoors More challenge, plant a tree for the Girl Scout Tree Promise, or explore your local park with Girl Scouts Love State Parks. Join your sister Girl Scouts for a baseball game with the Fisher Cats, Silver Knights, or Lake Monsters.

And, of course, there's summer camp! Have you signed up yet? Don't wait! We offer day camp weeks, overnight camp weeks, half-day campette weeks, and family and troop camping opportunities. Camp is where you can make a lifelong friend, learn to shoot an arrow, maybe even come out of your shell a little bit as you play games and help other campers. When you're outdoors, you're free to get dirty, share your interests with others, and climb that wall that always seemed so tall. Imagine yourself singing songs around a campfire that you helped light, giggling at a picnic table with your squad while you eat lunch, and feeling proud of yourself for mastering a new outdoor skill.

Now's the time to sign up for another year of endless possibilities with Girl Scouts, where you can chase your biggest dreams with your friends by your side. Let's get started!





One of the coolest things about being a Girl Scout is all the opportunities you get to try new things, explore the world, and gain skills that will pay off as you grow up!



When you conquer your fears by climbing a bouldering wall, learning to swim, or speaking up for what you believe in, you gain confidence and the ability to be successful in the world.

girl scouts

of the green and
white mountains

Girl Scout camp is the place for you!

It's where you'll feel welcome, learn new skills, make new friends, and have a great time outdoors.

There's nothing better than fresh air and outdoor spaces to learn about nature and appreciate our environment.

You'll amaze yourself at the challenges you meet and the confidence you'll gain at camp.

Go on, get dirty, have fun! You'll find new ways to grow into the person you always wanted to be!



Girl Scouts get outside!

Technology and structured activities leave less time to get outside and enjoy nature. But as a Girl Scout, you'll have plenty of opportunities to create your own outdoor adventures and develop a lifelong appreciation for nature and the out-of-doors—whether with your troop, at camp, or with friends and family.

When Girl Scouts are outdoors, they:

Discover that they can better solve problems and overcome challenges.

Develop leadership skills, build social bonds, and are happier overall. Become team players and care more about protecting our environment.

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Family Camping

Family Fourth Fest

Price: \$215 per family, platform tent camping; \$240 per family, cabin camping

Camp with your family for the weekend at Camp Farnsworth! Spend the day trying all the activities camp has to offer, then continue the Fourth of July celebration with a family float parade. You'll design your own float and other families and camp staff will vote on their favorites! Program includes meals served in the dining hall.

July 4-6

Camp Farnsworth

Wizarding University

Price: \$135 per family

Invite your family for a weekend of wizarding adventure. Create wands and learn spells, make potions and so much more! In addition to themed games and activities, participants will be able to enjoy camp activities including archery, and singing. Families will live in their Adirondack and make their own meals over a campfire.

July 12-July 13

Camp Seawood

Troop Camping

Carnival

Price: \$25 per person

Spend an overnight with your troop in a carnival atmosphere! Play games, put on a talent show, and more! You and your troop will spend the weekend in an Adirondack cabin, make your own meals over a campfire, and enjoy a day of carnival activities led by staff.

July 19-July 20 July 26-July 27 Camp Kettleford Camps Seawood & Twin Hills

Girl Scouts Got Talent

Price: \$85 per person, platform tent camping; \$95 per person, cabin camping

Camp with your troop for a weekend at Camp Farnsworth! Spend the day trying all the activities camp has to offer, then get up on stage and perform with your troop. Share your talent and enjoy everyone else's unique talents - perhaps you'll sing, dance, recite pi to the 200th digit, or show off your comedic side!

June 27-June 29

Camp Farnsworth

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Save the date for these events!



20 The **25** Expo

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Join us Saturday, October 4, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Bedford, NH, for a day of exciting family fun and Girl Scout opportunities! Bring your friends along to enjoy the hands-on activities and performances and explore over 75 vendor booths. Tickets are on sale now – just \$10!



Deciding what you want to be when you grow up can feel overwhelming. Next spring you'll have the chance to explore many possible careers at our FutureFest! Talk to people who are already working in exciting fields like STEM, the environment, business, the outdoors, and more. Join us May 30, 2026 at St. Michael's College in Burlington, VT. Registration opening this fall.

Troop Spotlight

Have photos to share of the fun your troop is having?

Send photos with a description to Customer Care at customercare@girlscoutsgwm.org. Be sure to put Troop Spotlight in the subject line.



Girl Scouts got to meet the cast of the Addams Family after the show in Burlington, VT, March 29.



Troop 60533 in Bedford, NH, were finishing the Cadette Animal Helpers Badge and went to the Manchester Mounted Patrol to visit miniature horse Milly. The patrol has two female officers.



Troop 30463 in Hinesburg, VT, learned how to make a claymation animation during the hands-on Stop Motion Videography program.



Troop 12232 of Plymouth, NH, invited 12 women in various careers to visit, and every Girl Scout got 5-8 minutes with each woman to talk about their careers.



Troop 51726 of Manchester Center, VT, tested out paper airplanes and helicopters in the STEM on-the-go program, Amazing Properties of Paper.

This is just the beginning of forever friendships and a lifetime of fun!



Renew your Girl Scout membership today.





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Upcoming programs

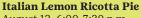
Magical Baking

Daisy-Ambassador | Virtual

Thai Magic Custard Cake June 11, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

American Mini Patriotic Pies

July 9, 6:00-7:30 p.m.



August 13, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Explore the magic of baking as we continue our series of international cooking. Bake along with us at home.

Baked Apple Cider Donuts/Muffins September 10, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Explore the magic of baking as we start our Fall Edition of Magical Baking. Bake along with us at home.

Price: \$10 per girl.

Register by June 4 for June 11, July 2 for July 9, August 6 for August 13, and September 3 for September 10.

Girl Scout Awards Webinar

Junior-Ambassador | Virtual June 12, 6:00-7:00 p.m. July 10, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Learn about all our Girl Scout awards. From Community Service Bars to the Gold Award; there is something for every Girl Scout.

Price: Free. Register by June 5 for June 12, and by July 6 for July 10.

Night at the Museum

Daisy-Cadette | St. Johnsbury, VT June 14, 6:00 p.m.-June 15, 8:00 a.m.

Girl Scouts in Grade 1 and up can spend the night at the Fairbanks Museum! Enjoy a scavenger hunt, explore the cosmos with a show in the planetarium, and end the night with a game of flashlight hide and seek.

Price: \$35 per person. Register by May 29.

For full program details, as well as additions to calendar, visit www.girlscoutsgwm.org/activities.



Play Ball!

Daisy-Ambassador

Girl Scouts and their families enjoy an evening of fun as you cheer on their teams!

Girl Scout Night with the Fisher Cats

Manchester, NH | June 21, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Price: \$17 per person. Register by June 5.

Girl Scout Night with the **Vermont Lake Monsters**

Burlington, VT | June 21, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Price: \$22 per person. Register by June 5.

Craft and Tinker—Getting To Know the Tools of the Trade

Brownie-Junior | Manchester, NH June 22, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Get an introduction to career opportunites in the jewelry industry, tour the store, visit the Goldsmith's Shop and learn about jewelry making tools and the metals used to create beautiful pieces of jewelry. Work towards your Craft and Tinker badge.

Price: \$5 per girl. Register by June 5.

Child and Babysitting Safety Course

Cadette | Virtual June 22, 6:00-8:00 p.m. August 17, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Learn child safety and basic care techniques for children.

Price: \$43 per girl. Register by June 5 for June 22, and by August 7 for August 17.

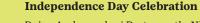
Outdoor Cooking—Pie Iron Lasagna

Daisy-Ambassador | Portsmouth, NH June 24, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Join us for a pie iron dinner of pizza pockets and dessert of smacos (s'more tacos!). This program works toward the Brownie Cabin Camper, Outdoor Adventurer and *Snack* badges; the Junior *Simple Meals* badge, the Cadette

New Cuisines badge, the Senior *Locavore* badge, and the Ambassador Dinner Party badge.

Price: \$10 per girl. Register by June 10.



Daisy-Ambassador | Portsmouth, NH June 28, 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Join us to celebrate Independence Day with a fun filled day at camp with your family or troop!

Price: \$10 per girl, \$5 per adult. Register by June 15.

Circus Smirkus— The 2025 Big Top Tour: Game On!

Daisy-Ambassador | Middlebury, VT July 5, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Girl Scouts and their families enjoy an evening under the Big Top with peformers from Circus Smirkus! This high-energy, action-packed spectacular brings your favorite board games to life with daring circus acts, playful twists, and non-stop fun for all ages!

Price: \$26 for ages 2-12, \$41 for ages 13+. Register by June 22.

Slingshots

Daisy-Brownie July 12, 9:00-10:30 a.m. | Bedford, NH July 19, 9:00-10:30 a.m. | Portsmouth, NH

Try your skills with slingshots! Can you get a bullseye?! This is an introduction to slingshots where participants will be able to shoot 3-5 rounds.



Price: \$10 per girl. Register by June 29 for July 12, and July 6 for July 19.

Archery

Brownie-Ambassador July 12, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. | Bedford, NH July 19, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. | Portsmouth, NH

Try your skills at the archery range - will you get a bullseye? This is an introduction to archery where participants will get a lesson and be able to shoot 2-3 rounds of

Price: \$10 per girl. Register by June 29 for July 12, and July 6 for July 19.

Summer Eco Badge Series

Daisy-Junior | Virtual, Bedford, NH July 15, 6:00 p.m.-August 19, 6:00 p.m.

Earn your *Eco Learner, Eco Friend*, or *Eco Camper* badges as you work at your own pace and on your own schedule.

Price: \$10 per girl. Register by July 8.

Citizen Science Journey Series

Cadette-Ambassador | Virtual, Bedford, NH July 17, 6:00 p.m.-August 21, 6:00 p.m.

Collect data, and help scientists conduct scientific research to find answers to questions and solve problems in the natural world.

Price:\$15 per girl. Register by July 10.

Hatchet Throwing

Cadette-Ambassador | Portsmouth, NH July 19, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Hang out with your friends and try hatchet throwing on our course!

Price: \$10 per girl. Register by July 6.

Daisy Badge Blast

Virtual | September 16, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Meet the stars as you learn about constellations and make your own star patterns. Then, learn how to protect nature with the principles of 'Leave No Trace' and create a piecce of art to share with others. All while working toward the *Space Science Explorer* and *Outdoor Art Maker* badges.

Price: \$10 per girl. Register by September 9.



Junior Detective Badge

Virtual

Part 1 | September 18, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Sharpen your observational skills by practicing focusing on details; write and decipher coded messages and create your own; and study and compare fingerprints to solve clues.



Part 2 | September 25, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Investigate DNA, examining evidence and following clues to solve a real mystery.

Price: \$8 per girl. Register by September 11 for Part 1, and by September 18 for Part 2.

Adventure Weekend

Cadette-Ambassador | Thetford, VT September 19, 6:00 p.m.-September 21, 11:00 a.m.

Choose your own adventure with workshops like pasta making, archery, a puzzle challenge, climbing, crafts, and more. Work on badge steps from the outdoor, life skills, and leadership series. Program Aide training will be available as an afternoon workshop.

Price: \$110 per girl, \$90 per adult. Register by September 7.

Brownie Badge Blast

Virtual | September 23, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Become a kitchen chemist while learning about density by doing hands-on experiments to create a sweet snack and a snack for energy. Work toward earning the *Home Scientist* and *Snacks* badges.

Price: \$10 per girl. Register by September 16.



gsEvents

Visit our website for a complete calendar of events updated weekly. You can see all programs offered in our council from our website, click MYGS in the top, and search for events using Find Events.

Questions? Please contact Customer Care at customercare@girlscoutsgwm.org or 888-474-9686.



New destinations coming August 2025!

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Girl Scouts travel the world!

Independent travel opportunities that are unique and life-changing!

Poacher International

Senior-Ambassador July 24-August 9, 2026

Spend a week exploring all the famous sights of London and then a week camping out under the stars at the Poacher International Jamboree.

Total Fee: \$5,848

Registration Deadline: November 15, 2025

2026 National Convention in Washington, D.C.

Senior-Ambassador July 22-27, 2026

Join 10,000+ Girl Scouts at the 2026 Girl Scout Convention in Washington D.C. as we celebrate what makes Girl Scouts shine. Engage with interactive workshops, inspiring speakers and once-in-a lifetime adventures that spark lifetime friendships.

Total Fee: \$2,500