



Happy Holidays to our Girl Scout Family!

This holiday season, we are overcome with gratitude for our Girl Scout family. 2020 has been a year for the record books, and we are so thankful to navigate these unprecedented times with all of you. Thank you for your support and partnership now and always. Sending all of you and your families the warmest holiday wishes!

System Upgrade: We're LIVE!



This week, Girl Scouts released our new member management portal as part of the My GS community of online member resources, and introduced several new updates making it easier than ever to manage your household's Girl Scout membership. Some of you may have caught the email last week inviting you to reset your password and welcoming you to the system; others may have missed it. That's ok! You can still get started.

From our website (gshom.org), click on My GS and follow the system-provided prompts and guidance. Of course, if you have any trouble, be sure to reach out to the Help Desk (1-800-497-2688 or helpdesk@gshom.org) and we'll be happy to support and welcome you to our refreshed Girl Scout member platform!

We need your help!

Many people don't realize that Girl Scouting is happening this year, and that it's still an amazing, exhilarating experience that girls need now more than ever. Help us spread the word! Reach out to your local Membership Specialist if you'd like to lend a hand so that no girl has to miss out on the best part of 2020: Girl Scouting.

[How you can help »](#)



Retail Updates

- Retail shops are currently closed to the public.
- Curbside pick-up and Zoom shopping are still available. Please call the Help Desk (1-800-497-2688) or email helpdesk@gshom.org to set up your order and schedule your pick-up.
- Retail shops and offices will be closed beginning Monday, December 21 and will re-open on Monday, January 4.
- SNOWBALL SALE! December 7 - December 18 (*deadline extended!*)
 - 10-25% off your purchase
 - Excludes earned recognition and troop t-shirts

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Product Program Updates

Whats her goal?



Take a look below at how you can help and set her up for success!

We've tried to think of everything to help you and your Girl Scout have an amazing experience this year! Contactless pick-up, upgraded cookie app (eBudde), door hangers, and porch drops. We know 2020 has been tough. Our Cookie Program is a safe way for your Girl Scout to connect with others, grow emotionally, and build leadership skills. We are here to support each other in building a world of girls with courage, confidence, and character.

The Saginaw Cookie Program is underway! Promote your troop's drive-through Cookie Booths and bling it up! Share your troop's pictures with us on Facebook and get ready for our annual competitions. Weekly winners will earn a new patch this year! Plus, a special grand prize at the end, so stay tuned! Girl Scouts in Saginaw should place rewards orders by January 11, 2021.

December 15, 2020: All GSHOM Girl Scout digital cookie stores will be opening! Customers who order cookies to be shipped could get cookies by the holidays!

#VirtualCookieBooth

Wonder what that hashtag means? Attend live, virtual Troop Cookie Training! Register on our [website](#) today!

Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lansing, and Ann Arbor Girl Scouts begin official cookie order taking on December 24, 2020.

Don't forget! Our Cookie Kick-Off event is this coming Monday, December 14 at 6:00 PM! Registration closes TODAY, Friday, December 11 at 11:59 PM. [Register now!](#)

What is your goal in 2021? We've heard a lot of our Girl Scouts really hoping to make it to camp this summer! New this year: 1,000 Club will be a virtual experience with Disney Broadway! Meet some of the Disney characters and learn to tell a story on Broadway. For our older 1,000 Club Girl Scouts, you will virtually meet Disney Broadway characters and learn the business of bringing a show to

life. We are so excited!

Treats and Reads make the best gifts this December. Be sure to thank your postal carrier, FedEx and UPS drivers, teachers, and more with a box of Pecan Clusters or a bag of the Peanut Butter Trail Mix! Check out the whole line-up on our [website](#). Call your local Regional Center to pick up these goodies now! 1-800-497-2688.

Watch our website for updates!



Save the Date!

Join us for our annual Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 6:00 PM as we review the 2020 membership year! Save the date and register below - Log in information will be sent closer to the event!

[Town Hall Registration »](#)

We are also planning a panel featuring a variety of girl experts, including our CEO, Jan Barker, for Thursday, January 21. Save the date, and get ready to help us spread the word to potential Girl Scouts after the new year!

Girl Marketing Squad - Information Night

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Does your Cadette, Senior, or Ambassador Girl Scout have an interest in marketing and communications? Would she enjoy taking over the social media accounts here at Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan? Would she be the star of the show in a local news interview? Perhaps she wants to build her photography,

graphic design, or public speaking skills?

If these topics are calling her name, invite her to join us on Wednesday, December 16 at 5:00 PM for an information session where she'll learn all about the girl-led Girl Marketing Squad - a group of Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts who work hand in hand with the Marketing & Communications Team to spread the word about Girl Scouting.

Email us today if she's interested!

Adult Award Nominations

Our volunteers are amazing, and we are grateful for their time, skills, and devotion to our girls. We also know that there are some who go above and beyond, who are always ready to step in, to share even more of themselves, and maybe even bleed green. Our Adult Awards are designed to provide special recognition for these top of the heap individuals and groups. Take a look at the different categories and the requirements for each award -- it is quite likely that you know one or more volunteers who fit that description and deserve to be nominated! All it takes is a quick nomination letter to go with the form, and a couple of other folks to write a short note of support for the nomination. You can nominate as many people as you like! This is also a perfect opportunity to have girls and/or parents show gratitude for their leaders, as they are certainly welcome to nominate or support nominations.

Check out the nomination forms on our website. You can nominate as many volunteers as you'd like! We plan to honor the council and national awardees at a lunch in the spring. Please send your nominations in by Friday, January 15, 2021.

[Questions? Email the Adult Education Team! education@gshom.org »](mailto:education@gshom.org)



Programs & Events Update

There's still time to register for amazing Girl Scout Programs that are coming up soon!

- STEM Careers at Google 1.0 and 2.0

- Family Puberty Workshop presented by MOASH
- Rooted in Michigan at the Chippewa Nature Center
- Super Science Saturday presented by the Kalamazoo Air Zoo
- Program Aide Training

Every month we have scheduled sessions for Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award Trainings for adults and girls.

[Check out our website for event details & registration! »](#)

Sister to Sister Fund Updates - October 2020 Donors

Thank you to all of our Girl Scout sisters who have already contributed to the Sister to Sister Fund! By donating to this fund, you can personally help another Girl Scout sister in Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan. If you haven't had a chance yet, you can **support a Girl Scout today!**

Ann Arbor Region Donors: Bobak Family, Boyer Family, Briggs Family, Carlisle Family, Christianson Family, Dyer Family, Francis Family, Garvey Family, Gilmore Family, Hatcher Family, Hicks Family, Ireland Family, Jefferies Family, Lake Family, Massey-Bowens Family, Meadow Family, Mookoni Family, Precht Family, Price Family, Sahl Family, Schneider Family, Schroeder Family, Wilkinson Family, Zaleski Family.

Jackson Region Donors: Cherry Family, Troop 60138.

Kalamazoo Region Donors: Dupay Family, Japinga Family, Marshall Family, Nicholson Family, Ziehm Family.

Lansing Region Donors: Louks Family, Polce Scheetz Family, Schultz Family.

Saginaw Region Donors: Huebel Family, Skym Family.

Give to a Girl Scout sister today! »



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