

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Newsletter August 2019



Ready or not, here school comes!

We can't believe how quickly summer has gone by, but we are so excited to be getting ready for a brand new Girl Scout year! There is lots of excitement coming our way, and we look forward to another year of building girls of courage, confidence and character. Join us this month as we get our year started with Volunteer Kick-Off Events!

Volunteer Kick-Offs

- [Saginaw](#): Thursday, August 1
- [Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor](#): Monday, August 5
- [Kalamazoo](#): Monday, August 12
- [Lansing](#): Tuesday, August 13

Please note: Feel free to join us at whatever event works best for your schedule.

More training opportunities, events, and programs are added all the time, so keep your eye on our [Event Calendar](#). A few highlights include:

August Training Opportunities

- Daisy Grade Level:
 - Saturday, August 17 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM in [Saginaw](#)
 - Wednesday, August 28 from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM in [Ypsilanti](#)
- Brownie Grade Level:
 - Tuesday, August 6 from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM in [Marshall](#)
 - Saturday, August 10 from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM in [Wacousta](#)
 - Saturday, August 17 from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM in [Saginaw](#)
 - Monday, August 19 from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM in [Saginaw](#)
 - Thursday, August 22 from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM in [Ypsilanti](#)
 - Tuesday, August 27 from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM in [Canton](#)
- Daisy/Brownie Grade Level:
 - Sunday, August 18 from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM in [Brooklyn](#)
- Junior Grade Level
 - Saturday, August 10 from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM in [Wacousta](#)
 - Tuesday, August 13 from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM in [Marshall](#)
 - Saturday, August 17 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM in [Saginaw](#)
 - Sunday, August 18 from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM in [Brooklyn](#)
 - Wednesday, August 21 from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM in [Canton](#)
- Cadette Grade Level
 - Tuesday, August 6 from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM in [Ypsilanti](#)
 - Saturday, August 17 from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM in [Saginaw](#)
 - Sunday, August 18 from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM in [Brooklyn](#)
 - Monday, August 19 from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM in [Hartland](#)
- Senior/Ambassador Grade Level Webinars - Registration coming soon!
 - Monday, September 16 from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
 - Wednesday, November 20 from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
- Troop Management Training
 - Friday, August 2 from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM in [Lansing](#)
 - Wednesday, August 7 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM in [Jackson](#)
 - Wednesday, August 7 from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM in [Jackson](#)
 - Wednesday, August 7 from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM in [Jackson](#)
 - Monday, August 12 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in [Saginaw](#)
 - Tuesday, August 13 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in [Ypsilanti](#)
 - Wednesday, August 14 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM in [Adrian](#)
 - Wednesday, August 14 from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM in [Adrian](#)
 - Monday, August 26 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in [Saginaw](#)
 - Monday, August 26 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in [Ypsilanti](#)

Save the Date!

- Outdoor Skills 1 & 2
 - Saturday, September 21 - Sunday, September 22 at [Camp Merrie Woode](#).
- Volunteer Boot Camp: There are two options this year! Complete schedules and registration packets will be available at kick-offs!
 - Camp Merrie Woode, October 4 - 6, 2019
 - Camp Linden, November 1 - 3, 2019

Events & Programs

Save the date for these super cool summer events and programs!

- **Sunday, August 18: Mad Hatter Tea Party at the Kalamazoo Regional Center and the Saginaw Regional Center.** 1:00 - 3:00 PM. For Daisies & Brownies.
- **Saturday, September 21: Space Science Badge Extravaganza* at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum.** 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM. For Daisies, Brownies, & Juniors.
- **Thursdays, September 26, October 3, October 10, October 17: Build it Better with U of M Series* at the Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor Regional Center.** 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM. For Juniors.
- **Saturday, September 28: Exploring Nature Through Photography* at Camp Merrie Woode.** 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. For Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, & Seniors.
- **Saturday, September 28: Bird Brains* at Corey Marsh Ecological Research Station.** 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. For Brownies.
- **Sunday, September 29: Maker Madness - Fiber Fun* at the Kalamazoo Regional Center.** 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. For Juniors, Cadettes, & Seniors.

**Registration is not yet available for these events, but will be coming to [EventSmart](#) soon.*

International Day of the Girl

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan will be hosting an event to celebrate International Day of the Girl in each of our regions! Mark your calendar now, because you won't want to miss these girl-led events, planned by Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors. Kalamazoo, Jackson, Lansing, & Saginaw will host their events on Saturday, October 12. Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor will host its event on Sunday, October 13. More information to follow!

GSHOM Event Calendar

Membership Update

Volunteer Kick-Off

Kick-Off is a Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan event held annually before the start of the new Girl Scout year in celebration of Girl Scouting. All volunteers are invited and encouraged to attend. If in attendance, you'll be the first to hear exciting news and updates, meet your regional staff members, connect and network with other volunteers, and pick up your spring renewal t-shirts! Childcare will be provided for potty-trained children. Refreshments will be served from 5:30 - 6:00 PM. Join us at any location that works for you. Please try to car pool and bring any adult you think would enjoy learning more about the upcoming year.

Program Aides are invited to volunteer for Kick-Off. Program Aides will have the opportunity to

help with planning and facilitating children's activities, greeting guests, serving food, being an event guide, and more. If you have any questions, please contact [Julia DeGuise](#) at 989-399-7244.

Area Management Position Spotlight

As we all know, the busiest time in Girl Scouting is right around the corner! School is back in session, many new girls and volunteers are starting their Girl Scout journey, and fall product sales are revving up. With the influx of girls and volunteers joining our organization, many areas are looking for School Organizers. School Organizers are key volunteers who are champions in a particular school or organization. **We are looking for individuals who would enjoy the following:**

- Being active at local recruitment events to help potential new members with questions
- Working with other volunteers and GSHOM staff to plan local recruitment events to make sure the experience of Girl Scouting is always available
- Helping new leaders with onboarding
- Generating family and community support by contacting, establishing, and maintaining positive relationships with GSHOM staff, schools, churches, community centers and other community organizations

If this speaks to you or someone you know, please reach out to your Area Manager or Membership Specialist.

Does your troop have what it takes to be a School Champion?

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan is excited to roll out a new troop program in which troops will lead the way to inform their peers about the Girl Scout experience. **We are looking for troops who want to adopt a school in their area and engage in the following:**

- Promote Girl Scouts by sharing their experience with other girls.
- Learn more about the Girl Scout organization.
- Learn marketing skills.
- Practice leadership skills while working with other girls.

This program is a fun new way to not only earn a school champion patch, but also to work towards many badges such as Good Neighbor, Girl Scout Way, and Social Butterfly. Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts can use this program to work towards earning their Service to Girl Scouting Bar. Learn more [here](#) .

We have lots of girls and not enough troops!

The best way for a girl to embark on her Girl Scout journey is through a troop. However, we don't have enough current troops to support the number of girls we have coming in. For this reason, Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan has implemented a "Starter Troop" program to get troops started while identifying and training new volunteers. **We are looking for volunteers to help get these Starter Troops lifted off the ground. In particular, we are seeking volunteers who:**

- Seek to expand the Girl Scout Mission
- Enjoy working with children
- Can make a short-term commitment to 6 meetings

These volunteers will be given the materials they need to deliver programming for every troop meeting. For more information, please reach out to your Membership Specialist.

Product Program: See us at Kick-Off for tasty treats!



Attend your Area Product training sessions! An online version is coming in September.

Treats and Reads

New Open your online Store and send emails from September 6th through September 15th and be entered in a drawing to win a large plush Fawn!

Cookies

New Earn the slide charms (pictured to the right) through online, booths and gift of caring (Home Town Hero Donations).



Mark your calendars for this year's Product Program schedule!

Jackson/Kalamazoo/Lansing/Ypsilanti Treats & Reads (Fall 2019):

- 9/6/2019: Girl Online Store Launch Email
- 9/27/2019: Initial Order Taking
- 10/20/2019: Girls enter initial orders into Unify
- 10/22/2019: Troops verify/enter initial orders into Unify
- 11/2/2019: ACH Payment
- 11/11/2019-11/13/2019: Delivery to troops
- 11/15/2019-12/01/2019: Delivery to customers

- 11/15/2019-12/16/2019: Booth product available
- 12/15/2019: Online store shuts off
- 12/16/2019: Rewards submitted by troop
- 12/20/2019: Final ACH

Saginaw Cookies (Fall 2019):

- 10/4/2019-10/26/2019: Initial Order Taking
- 10/23/2019: Booth Sign-Up at 7:00 PM
- 11/5/2019: Election Day Booths
- 10/11/2019-3/8/2020: DOC Order Taking
- 10/28/2019: Troops enter cookie order into eBudde
- 10/28/2019: Troops enter initial reward order into eBudde
- 10/27/2019: Continue selling with Goal Getter
- 11/18/2019-11/19/2019: Delivery to Troops
- 11/18/2019-12/2/2019: Delivery to customers
- 12/2/2019: Girl Payment Due
- 12/3/2019: OMR Initial TurnIn
- 12/6/2019: ACH Payment Initial
- 1/7/2020: OMR Final Turn-In
- 1/10/2020: ACH Payment Final
- 11/8/2019-1/6/2020: Cookie Booths
- 1/7/2020: Troops enter reward order & deposits
- 1/24/2020-2/3/2020: Bonus Booths
- 4/28/2020: Gift of Caring Date
- 5/1/2020-5/30/2020: Cookies to Camp
- May 2020: Home Town Heroes Promotions

Jackson/Kalamazoo/Lansing/Ypsilanti Cookies (Winter/Spring 2020):

- 12/24/2019-1/24/2020: Initial Order Taking
- 1/31/2020-2/3/2020: Super Bowl Booths
- 12/15/2019-5/3/2020: DOC Order Taking
- 1/24/2020: Troops enter cookie order into eBudde
- 1/24/2020: Troops enter initial reward order into eBudde
- 1/25/2020: Continue selling with Goal Getter
- 2/4/2020: Booth Sign Up
- 2/17/2020-2/22/2020: Delivery to Troops
- 2/17/2020-3/2/2020: Delivery to customers
- 2/27/2020: Girl Payment Due
- 2/27/2020: OMR Initial TurnIn
- 3/6/2020: ACH Payment Initial at 3:00 PM
- 3/27/2020: OMR Final Turn-In
- 3/30/2020: ACH Payment Final
- 2/21/2020-3/23/2020: Cookie Booths
- 3/25/2020: Troops enter reward order & deposits
- 4/3/2020: Bonus Booths
- 4/28/2020: Gift of Caring Date
- 5/1/2020-5/30/2020: Cookies to Camp
- May 2020: Home Town Heroes Promotions

Saginaw Treats & Reads (Winter/Spring 2020):

- 2/3/2020: Girl Online Store Launch Email

- 2/17/2020: Initial Order Taking
 - 3/9/2020: Girls enter initial orders into Unify
 - 3/10/2020: Troops verify/enter initial orders into Unify
 - 3/20/2020: ACH Payment
 - 4/6/2020-4/7/2020: Delivery to troops
 - 4/7/2020-4/20/2020: Delivery to customers
 - 11/15/2019: Booth product available
 - 4/5/2020: Online store shuts off
 - 4/8/2020: Rewards submitted by troop
 - 4/15/2020: Final ACH
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Get her to camp before summer ends!

There are so many benefits of getting girls outside, including benefits to their physical, emotional, and mental health. We still have spots available for our Day Camp and Overnight Camps; give her the summer of a lifetime!

Day Camp - Kalamazoo & Ypsilanti

Did you know that we offer a [Day Camp](#) out of our Kalamazoo and Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor Regional Centers? You can drop your girl off any time between 7:45 AM and 9:00 AM, Monday through Friday. Programming runs from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM, and then you can pick her up any time between 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM. Every session includes a field trip, and every camper receives a 2019 Day Camp patch. So many fun options for girls!

Sessions:

- August 5 - 9: Splish Splash (K-8)
- August 12 - 16: Animal Planet (K-8)
- August 19 - 23: Art Extravaganza (K-8)
- August 26 - 30: Fashion Show (K-8)

Overnight Camp: Camp Linden & Camp Merrie Woode

There are so many opportunities for girls to try out Overnight Camp. Girls live in four-season lodges with other All Around camp participants in their same age group.

It's Girl's Choice! Every evening, girls are presented with 4-5 activities to consider for the next day's activity blocks. They sign up on an individual basis for those that interest them the most. Girls will meet and learn with girls in the same activities, along with the girls in their lodge and unit. Making friends throughout the whole camp is such fun!

Examples of possible activities: indoor/outdoor climbing wall lesson, archery lesson, lesson at the rifle range, wood burning, boating, leather crafts, compass skills, outdoor cooking, friendship bracelets, acting basics, and more!

Conserving Camp o' the Hills: Thank you, Consumers Energy Foundation!



Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan received a \$26,300 grant from Consumers Energy Foundation supporting establishment of a conservation easement at its Camp o' the Hills in Brooklyn. This conservation easement, managed in partnership with Legacy Land Conservancy, gives the Scouts continued use and ownership of Camp O' the Hills while protecting the site's natural resources. While the environmental benefits of protecting this camp are substantial, this effort brings significant benefits beyond the ecological gains. By working with Legacy Land Conservancy, the Girl Scouts are making a commitment to protecting this unique site for young people to experience the natural world, and for girls to develop leadership skills for life.

Employment Openings

At Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, we are always looking for great talent. Are you a friendly, organized person who enjoys building relationships and connecting people? Would you like to do it on the behalf of girls? Check the [GSHOM career page](#) to see if we are a good fit!

Regular, Full-Time Positions:

- Chief Development Officer – Preferred location (Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lansing/Grand Ledge, Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor or Saginaw)
- Fund Development Specialist – Lansing/Jackson
- Fund Development Team Leader – Jackson/Kalamazoo
- Membership Specialist – Jackson/Hillsdale
- Membership Specialist - Arenac, Iosco, Ogemaw and Roscommon Counties
- Customer Support Specialist – Saginaw

Regular, Part-time Position (Up to 25 hours per week):

- Outreach Specialist – Jackson
- Outreach Specialist - Lansing

We also have multiple temporary and seasonal positions available.

Please visit our [website](#) for the part-time/seasonal position openings.



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