

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Newsletter September 2019

Back to school... Back to Girl Scouts!



With summer behind us and the school year upon us, we are thrilled to begin a new Girl Scout year! Are you and your troop ready for the 2020 Membership Year?!

- **Get renewed!** If you haven't already, make sure to renew your Girl Scout membership. Everyone who renews before October 1st, 2019 will earn their "on-time" registration patch. Make sure you and your troop gets renewed today!
 - **Help spread the word about Girl Scouts!** Check out our latest [blog post](#) for the scoop on all the information shared at this month's Volunteer Kick-Off events. Recruitment materials are available to order, too. The form can be found on the blog post! Order some materials and spread the word to girls in your community.
 - **Product Program is right around the corner!** Getting renewed on time will ensure that your troop is ready to hit the ground running and earn proceeds for their upcoming adventures.
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Events, Trainings, and Programs - Oh, my!

We always have exciting opportunities happening to make the most out of your Girl Scout experience. Mark your calendars and get registered for the following events! Keep your eye on our Event Calendar so that you're always in the loop. New opportunities are added all the time!

September Training Opportunities

- Troop Management Training
 - Thursday, September 5th from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM in **Centreville**
 - Friday, September 6th from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM in **Kalamazoo**
 - Saturday, September 7th from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM in **Adrian**
 - Monday, September 9th from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in **Marshall**
 - Monday, September 9th from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in **Saginaw**
 - Tuesday, September 10th from 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM in **Haslett**
 - Friday, September 13th from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM in **Ypsilanti**
 - Sunday, September 15th from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM in **Jackson**
 - Monday, September 16th from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in **Kalamazoo**
 - Monday, September 16th from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in **Saginaw**
 - Monday, September 16th from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in **Ypsilanti**
 - Saturday, September 21st from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM in **Adrian**
 - Monday, September 23rd from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in **Saginaw**
 - Monday, September 23rd from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in **Ypsilanti**
 - Tuesday, September 24th from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in **Marshall**
 - Sunday, September 29th from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM in **Jackson**
 - Monday, September 30th from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in **Saginaw**
 - Monday, September 30th from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in **Ypsilanti**
- Daisy Grade Level
 - Tuesday, September 3rd from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM in **Marshall**
 - Sunday, September 15th from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM in the **Thumb Area**
 - Tuesday, September 17th from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM in **Saginaw**
 - Monday, September 23rd from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM in **Kalamazoo**
 - Thursday, September 26th from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM in **Ypsilanti**
- Brownie Grade Level
 - Tuesday, September 10th from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM in **Saginaw**
 - Sunday, September 15th from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM in the **Thumb Area**
 - Wednesday, September 18th from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM in **Ypsilanti**
 - Thursday, September 19th from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM in **Kalamazoo**
- Daisy/Brownie Grade Level
 - Sunday, September 29th from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM in Brooklyn*
 - Sunday, October 27th from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM in Brooklyn*
- Junior Grade Level
 - Monday, September 23rd from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM in **Kalamazoo**
 - Tuesday, September 24th from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM in **Ypsilanti**
 - Tuesday, September 24th from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM in **Saginaw**

- Sunday, September 29th from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM in Brooklyn*
 - Sunday, October 27th from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM in Brooklyn*
- Cadette Grade Level
 - Thursday, September 19th from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM in **Kalamazoo**
 - Sunday, September 29th from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM in Brooklyn*
 - Sunday, October 27th from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM in Brooklyn*
- Senior/Ambassador Level Webinar
 - Monday, September 16th from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM - **Online**
- Outdoor Skills 1
 - Saturday, September 14th from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM in **Ypsilanti**
 - Saturday, September 21st from 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM in **Kalamazoo**
 - Saturday, September 21st - Overnight Option in **Kalamazoo**
- Outdoor Skills 2
 - Sunday, September 22nd from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM in **Kalamazoo**
 - Saturday, September 28th from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM in **Linden**

**Registration not yet available.*

October Training Opportunities

- Troop Management Training
 - Saturday, October 5th from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM in **Adrian**
 - Monday, October 7th from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in **Ypsilanti**
 - Thursday, October 10th from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM in **Ypsilanti**
 - Sunday, October 13th from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM in **Jackson**
 - Monday, October 14th from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in **Saginaw**
 - Monday, October 14th from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in **Ypsilanti**
 - Saturday, October 19th from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM in **Saline**
 - Monday, October 21st from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in **Kalamazoo**
 - Monday, October 21st from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in **Saginaw**
 - Sunday, October 27th from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM in **Jackson**
 - Monday, October 28th from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in **Saginaw**
 - Monday, October 28th from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in **Ypsilanti**
- Daisy Grade Level
 - Tuesday, October 8th from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM in **Saginaw**
 - Tuesday, October 15th from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM in **Owosso**
 - Saturday, October 19th from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM in **Saginaw**
 - Saturday, October 19th from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM in **Saline**
 - Tuesday, October 22nd from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM in **Midland**
 - Thursday, October 24th from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM in **Kalamazoo**
 - Friday, October 25th from 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM in **Ypsilanti**
 - Tuesday, October 29th from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM in **Marshall**
- Brownie Grade Level
 - Thursday, October 3rd from 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM in **Ypsilanti**
 - Tuesday, October 15th from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM in **Owosso**
 - Thursday, October 17th from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM in **Midland**
 - Saturday, October 19th from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM in **Saline**
 - Saturday, October 19th from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM in **Saginaw**
- Junior Grade Level

- Tuesday, October 15th from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM in **Owosso**
- Saturday, October 19th from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM in **Saginaw**
- Saturday, October 19th from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM in **Saline**
- Cadette Grade Level
 - Tuesday, October 15th from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM in **Owosso**
 - Saturday, October 19th from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM in **Saline**
 - Saturday, October 19th from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM in **Saginaw**
 - Monday, October 21st from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM in **Marshall**

Please note: More training dates are currently being scheduled for the Lansing Region.

Volunteer Boot Camp

Did you know that we have two entire weekends dedicated to YOU, our amazing volunteers?! Join us at one of our beautiful camps for a weekend of networking, enhancing skills, learning new information, and taking time out for you. Volunteer basics classes, First Aid, CPR, and Grade Level Trainings, along with specialty classes, are offered throughout the weekend. Depending on your schedule, come for the day or stay for the weekend.

- Friday, October 4th through Sunday, October 6th at **Camp Merrie Woode**
- Friday, November 1st through Sunday, November 3rd at **Camp Linden**

Upcoming Programs & Events

- Saturday, September 14th from 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM: **Come From Away at the Warton Center**, East Lansing. Use code "GSHOM" at check-out.
- Tuesday, September 17th from 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM: **Dynamic Daisies** and **Brilliant Brownies** at the Kalamazoo Regional Center.
- Saturday, September 21st from 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM: **Space Science Badge Extravaganza** at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum. For Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors.
- Tuesday, September 24th from 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM: **Dynamic Daisies** and **Brilliant Brownies** at the Jackson Regional Center.
- Thursday, September 26th, October 3rd, October 10th, and October 17th from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM: **Build it Better with U of M Series** at the Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor Regional Center. For Juniors.
- Saturday, September 28th from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM: **Exploring Nature Through Photography** at Camp Merrie Woode. For Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, and Seniors.
- Saturday, September 28th from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM: **Bird Brains** at Corey Marsh Ecological Research Station. For Brownies.
- Saturday, September 28th from 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM: **Dynamic Daisies** and **Brilliant Brownies** at the Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor Regional Center.
- Sunday, September 29th from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM: **Maker Madness - Fiber Fun** at the Kalamazoo Regional Center. For Juniors, Cadettes, and Seniors.

Save the Date - Registration coming soon!

Registration will be available soon for these amazing events and programs, so mark your calendar and keep your eye on our Event Calendar for registration!

- Tuesday, October 1st from 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM: **Dynamic Daisies & Brilliant Brownies** at the Lansing Regional Center.
- Saturday, October 5th from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM: **Build Your Fun** at Orbitform in Jackson. For Brownies and Juniors.
- Tuesday, October 8th from 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM: **Dynamic Daisies & Brilliant Brownies** at the Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor Regional Center.
- Saturday, October 12th: **Top Chef: Simple Meals & New Cuisines** at Michigan State University. For Juniors.
- Saturday, October 12th: **International Day of the Girl!** In Jackson, Lansing, and Saginaw.
- Sunday, October 13th: **International Day of the Girl!** In Kalamazoo and Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor.
- Tuesday, October 15th from 5:30 - 7:00 PM: **Dynamic Daisies & Brilliant Brownies** at the Saginaw Regional Center.
- Saturday, October 19th from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM: **Discover Scuba** at Hartland High School in Hartland. For Cadette, Seniors, and Ambassadors.
- Saturday, October 19th from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM: **Wild About Birds** at the Corey Marsh Ecological Research Station. For Juniors.
- Saturday, October 19th from 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM: **Wild Wetlands** at the Chippewa Nature Center in Midland. For Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors.
- Sunday, October 20th from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM: **Scouting Out the KIA** at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts. For Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors.
- Saturday, October 26th from 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM: **Legoland Adventure** at the Legoland Discovery Center in Auburn Hills. For Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors.
- Saturday, October 26th from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM: **Paint Party** at Painting with a Twist Kalamazoo. For Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors.
- Tuesday, October 29th from 6:30 - 8:30 PM: **Spooky Science** at Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor, and Saginaw Regional Centers. IGORs (Program Aids) will be needed from 5:30 - 9:30 PM, too!

Miller Auditorium Shows

We are excited to partner with Miller Auditorium this year for three exciting shows: *Cats*, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, and *BLUEMAN GROUP*. For every ticket purchased through Miller Auditorium, \$5 of the ticket sales will go to Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan. Tickets are available for purchase through the **Miller Auditorium**.

[Event Calendar](#)

Product Program Updates



Are your girls setting big goals and making smart decisions? It's time for Product Programs! For Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lansing, and Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor Regions, Treats and Reads begins September 2nd. Online stores open September 6th! For Saginaw, Cookie Season begins October 4th.

New Contest! Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lansing and Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor Regions: Set up your online store and send out 15 emails by September 15th, 2019 and be automatically entered to win the Fawn Large Plush! Saginaw Region: Set up your online store and send out 15 emails by February 15th, 2020 and be automatically entered to win the Fawn Large Plush! Drawings will be held near the reward submit time. Girl Scout Troop Product Managers will be notified of their winning Girl Scout by their local regional center.

New this year with our Treats and Reads Program, Girl Scouts can earn rewards through our Nut Huts! We are very excited to offer more opportunities for our Girl Scouts to earn rewards and invites to our 600 and 1,000 Club events. Have questions, need more forms? Visit our website for more information on both [Treats & Reads](#) and the [Cookie Program](#).

Product Program Info

Action Volunteers - New position available!

Do you want to take action to help grow Girl Scouting throughout our footprint? Look no further! The newly-announced Action Volunteer opportunity will allow you to advance the goals of Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan by partnering with staff and the Member Advisory Committee to build council growth in areas like membership growth and retention, leader recruitment, education, and more!

Apply today!

Spread the Girl Scout love with Family Partnership

Did you know that Family Partnerships help make Girl Scouting more accessible for girls in our community, offset the costs of events and programs, and support our beautiful camp properties? Your girl can earn the Family Partnership Patch, and her troop will receive 15% of your donation back in the form of council credit. What an amazing way to ensure that every girl can have the amazing benefits of Girl Scouts!

Family Partnership

Are you getting your JOANN discount?

We're kicking off our third year of partnership with JOANN this September!

JOANN offers all Girl Scout members, including volunteers, parents, lifetime members, and staff, a Girl Scout Rewards Card good for a 15% discount at JOANN stores and online. JOANN stores also host space for Girl Scout troop meetings, events, and cookie booths.

Get your discount card today!



Retail Shop Updates

Summer hours are coming to an end. After September 10th, store hours in Kalamazoo and Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor are as follows:

- 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays
- 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM on Tuesdays
- Super Saturdays (Dates vary by location) 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Don't forget! Early registration t-shirts are available for pick up at each of our Regional Centers. Please come prepared with t-shirt sizes. The last day to pick up shirts is November 1, 2019.

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 behalf of girls? Check the [GSHOM Career Page](#) to see if we are a good fit.

Regular, Full-Time Positions

- Camp Director at Camp O' The Hills - Brooklyn
- Camp Ranger at Camp Merrie Woode - Plainwell
- Customer Support Specialist - Saginaw
- Fund Development Specialist - Lansing/Jackson

- Fund Development Specialist - Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor
- Membership Specialist - Jackson/Hillsdale
- Membership Specialist - Saginaw
- Program Specialist - Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor
- Program/Product Specialist - Lansing

Regular, Part-Time Positions

- Outreach Specialist - Jackson
- Outreach Specialist - Lansing
- Product Program Assistant - Saginaw

Seasonal, Part-Time Positions

- Community Organizer - Grand Ledge, Kalamazoo, Saginaw, Ypsilanti
- Cookie Cupboard Assistant - Saginaw
- Outreach Facilitator - Jackson, Battle Creek, Ypsilanti, Lansing, Kalamazoo, Saginaw

Careers



Have a question? Don't be shy!
[Contact us](#) for more information.

