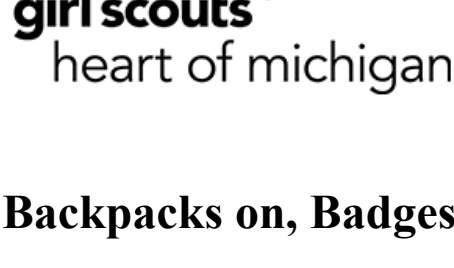
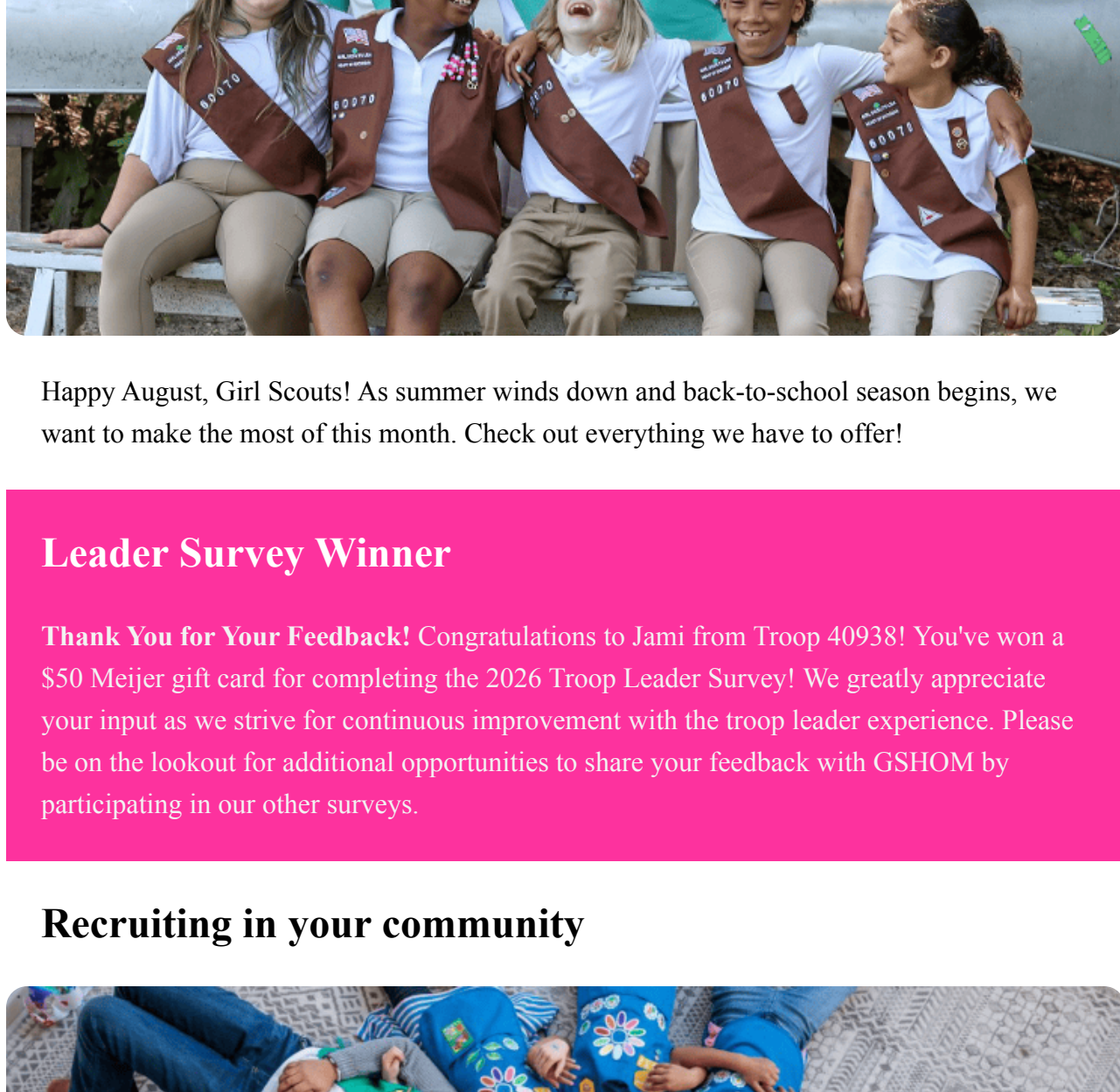


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Backpacks on, Badges Ahead!



Happy August, Girl Scouts! As summer winds down and back-to-school season begins, we want to make the most of this month. Check out everything we have to offer!

Leader Survey Winner

Thank You for Your Feedback! Congratulations to Jami from Troop 40938! You've won a \$50 Meijer gift card for completing the 2026 Troop Leader Survey! We greatly appreciate your input as we strive for continuous improvement with the troop leader experience. Please be on the lookout for additional opportunities to share your feedback with GSHOM by participating in our other surveys.

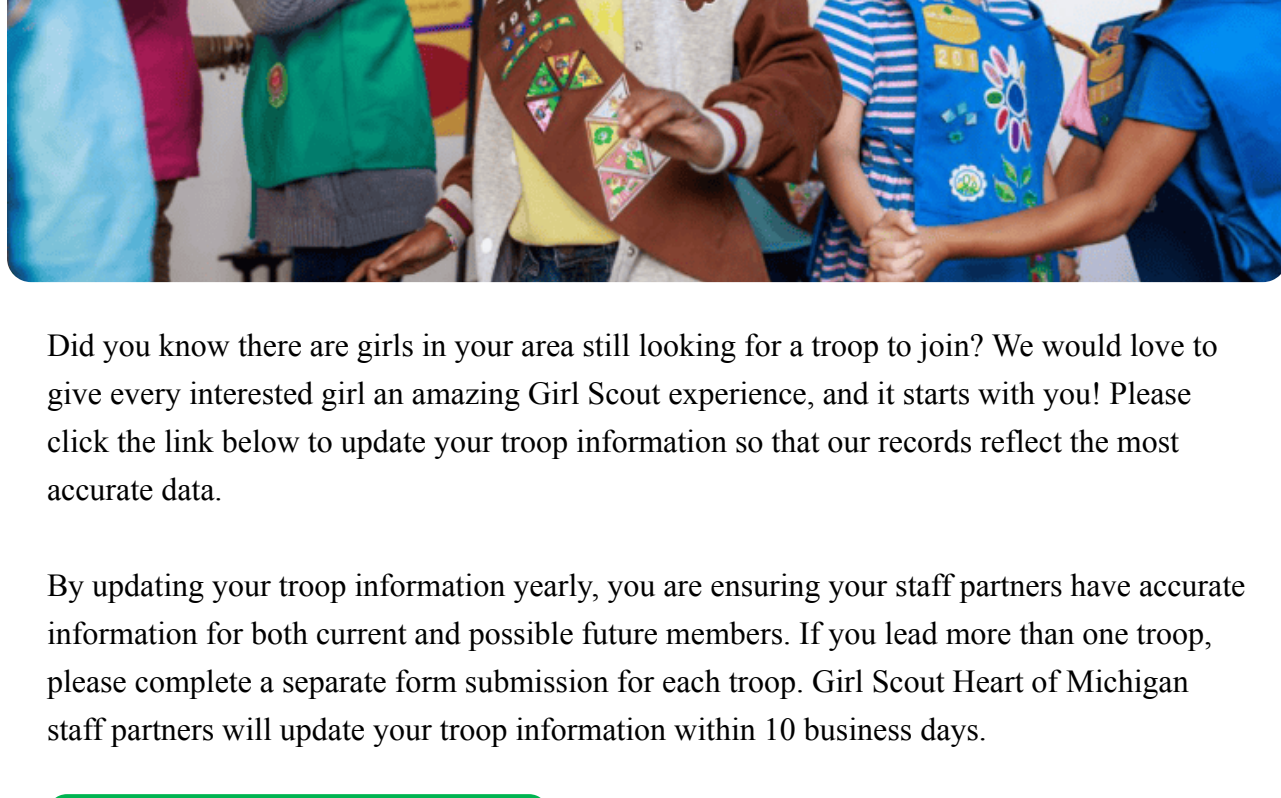
Recruiting in your community



As a Girl Scout caregiver, you understand how Girl Scouts can help build the courage, confidence, and character in your girl while giving her experiences she can't get anywhere else. Now you can help Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan grow Girl Scouts in your community! This fall, partner with your Service Unit to help with local open houses or even mentor a troop starting at your school! If you're ready to hop in and help, reach out to the **Help Desk** and let us know how you want to help!

Membership Renewal

Don't forget to renew your membership by September 30th, 2026, for the next Girl Scout year! The new Girl Scout year starts on October 1st. Not sure how to renew? Take a look at our step-by-step instructions for **troop leaders to renew** the entire troop or for **caregivers to renew** Girl Scout members in their household.



Join us September 19 for Discover Girl Scouts! Whether your girl is new to the world of Girl Scouts and excited to discover what it's all about, or already part of our Girl Scout community and ready for her next adventure, this event is the perfect way to experience it all in one place. Register today and save time the day of at check-in!

Register now:

Whitmore Lake

Saginaw

Plainwell

Brooklyn

Grand Ledge

Digital Toolkit

Start planning for your year today with the Volunteer Toolkit! Log into myGS and check out the Volunteer Toolkit tab to start planning your year with fun activities for your troop. There, you will learn more about badges, awards, and ceremonies for the upcoming year!

Update Troop Catalog



Did you know there are girls in your area still looking for a troop to join? We would love to give every interested girl an amazing Girl Scout experience, and it starts with you! Please click the link below to update your troop information so that our records reflect the most accurate data.

By updating your troop information yearly, you are ensuring your staff partners have accurate information for both current and possible future members. If you lead more than one troop, please complete a separate form submission for each troop. Girl Scout Heart of Michigan staff partners will update your troop information within 10 business days.

UPDATE INFO HERE

Volunteer Summit

Registration is now open for the 2026 Virtual Volunteer Summit on August 15th! This virtual summit is open to all volunteers, whether you're a troop leader or a troop volunteer, there's something for everyone during this event! This interactive online experience is your opportunity to connect, learn, and get energized for the upcoming Girl Scout year. **Register now!**



Adult Education

The Adult Education and Training team is planning rewarding adult/volunteer programs and educational trainings to enrich your Girl Scout year! Keep an eye out for these coming to our event calendar soon!

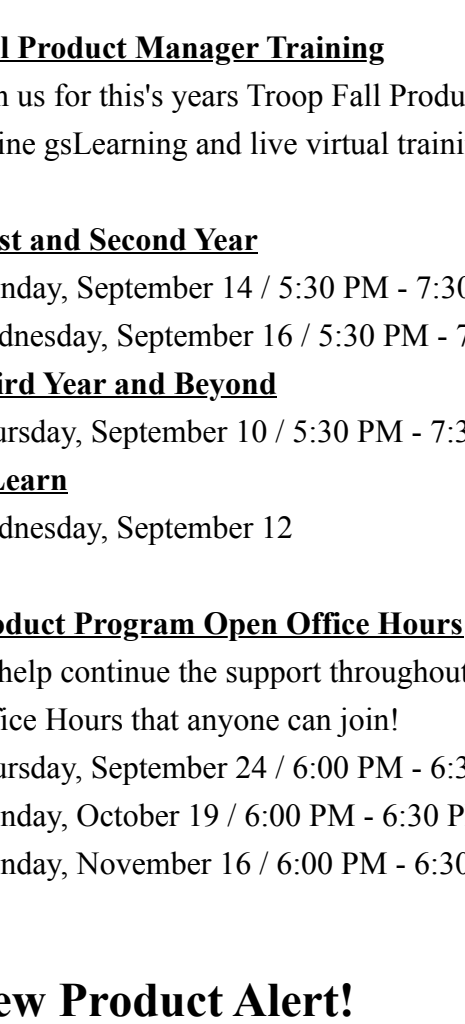
- Youth Mental Health First Aid
- First Aid/CPR/AED Training
- Outdoor Skills
- Outdoor Enrichment Programs

Archery at Camp Wacousta

Whether you or your Girl Scout have never shot a bow and arrow or you're both experts, come out and learn more about archery at Camp Wacousta! You will develop skills based on proper procedures and form, such as stringing the bow, nocking the arrow, getting the right stance, sighting, and observing safety practices. Join us **August 7, September 4, and/or October 2**.



Girl Scout Day with the Detroit Tigers



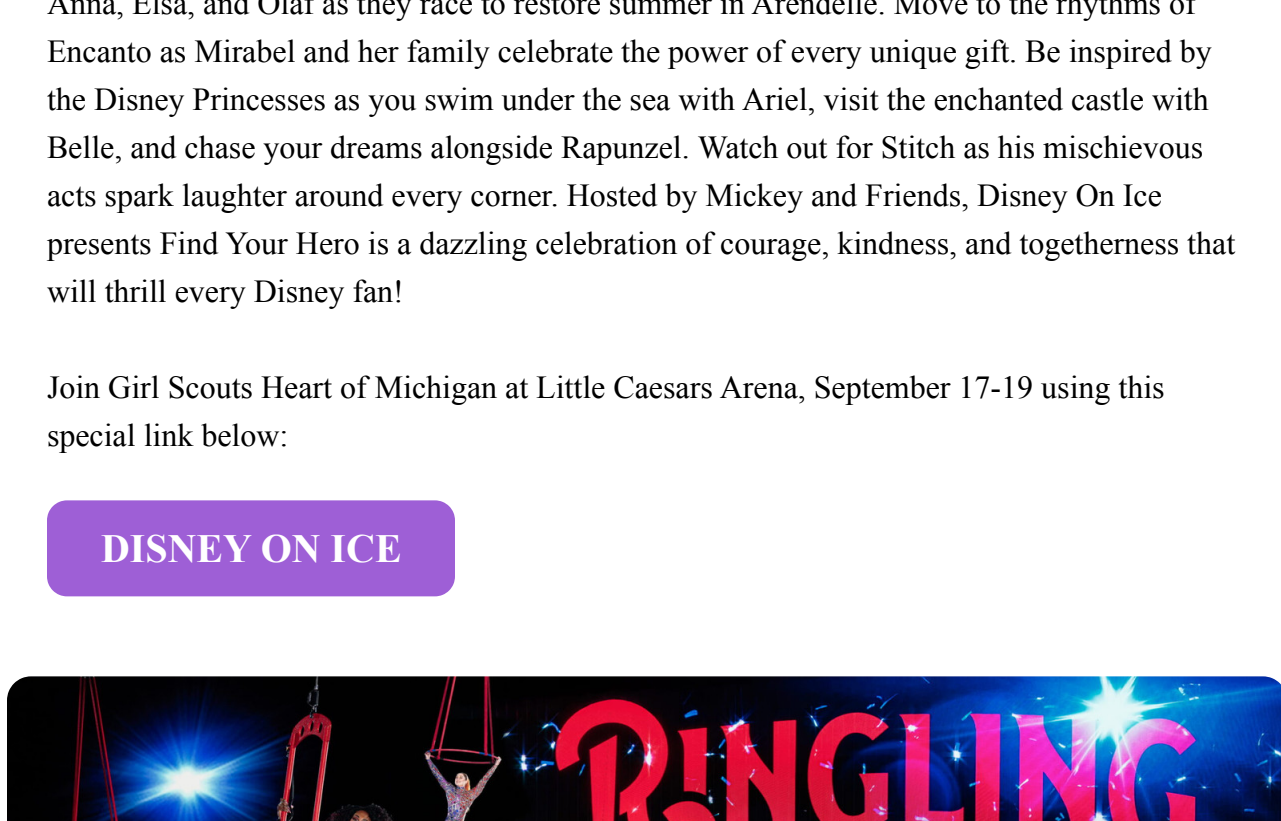
Grab a Special Ticket Package which includes a ticket to the game and a custom Girl Scout-themed collectible! All Girl Scouts and Troop Leaders in uniform will also get to participate in a pre-game experience on the field on August 16.

REGISTER HERE

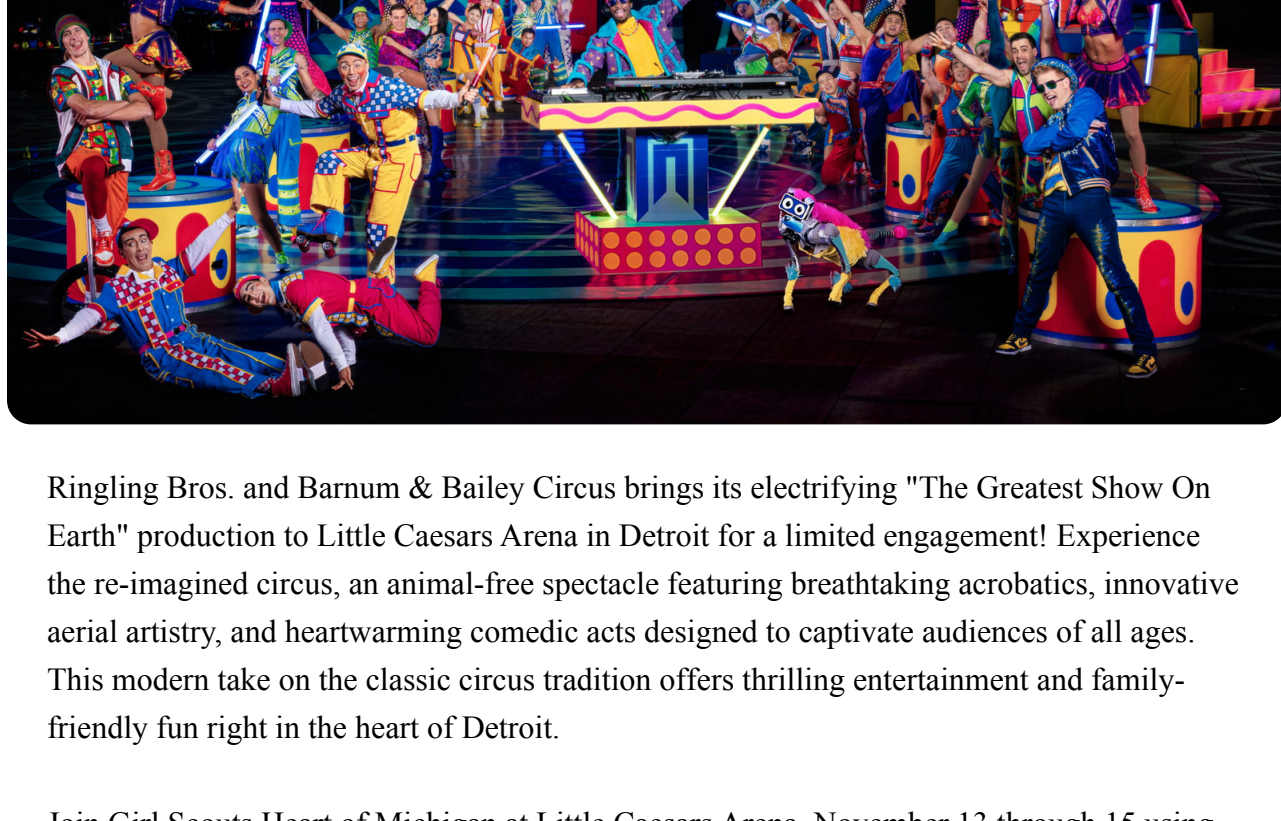
August Troop & Family Camp Opportunities



- August 19 **Camp Your Way!** - Camp Linden *dbjsca & adults*
- August 20 **Camp Your Way!** - Camp Linden *dbjsca & adults*
- August 21 **Tubing Through the Looking Glass River** - Camp Wacousta *bjsca & adults*
- August 22 **Tubing Through the Looking Glass River** - Camp Wacousta *bjsca & adults*
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Coming soon to the Event Calendar...



August
August 28-30 Backpacking 101 (pre-requisite to COTH Backpacking Trip) - Camp O'The Hills *csa*

September
September 11-13 Backpacking Trip - Camp O'The Hills *csa*
September 19 Night Navigators- Camp O'The Hills *fbjsca*

October
October 4 Badgefest: Coding for Good!- Ann Arbor *bjsca*
October 4 Badgefest: Cybersecurity!- Ann Arbor *bjsca*
October 10 Embers and Exploration- Camp Merrie Woode *jcsa*
October 10 Photography 101- Camp O'The Hills *jcsa*
October 10 Women in STEM: Saving Lives with Charles River- Mattawan *csa*
October 19 Creepy Crawlies - Camp O'The Hills *fbjsca*
October 22 Spooky Science: Fear Factor, a Five Senses Challenge- all regions- *fbjsca*
October 24 Harvest Festival- Camp Linden *fbjsca*
October 31 - November 1 Girl Scouts Lock-in With Soaring Eagle - Mt Pleasant *fbjsca*
Registration opens August 13

Retail Updates

- Retail Shop **SUMMER** Hours:
 - Jackson: Wednesday & Friday, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 - Kalamazoo, Saginaw, Ann Arbor, Lansing: Tuesday - Friday, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Retail Shops **CLOSED** for inventory:
 - Ann Arbor: August 10 - 18
 - Kalamazoo: August 17 - 25

Follow us on Facebook for future updates! »

Are you Ready to Explore the new Product Program Season?

The Fall Product Program (FPP) is here and ready to launch your Girl Scout year! This fun, hands-on experience guides your Girl Scout Troop through the 5 skills and directly supports your beginning activities.

The program is simple. Girl Scouts will receive their launch emails starting September 24. They will be able to take orders in person or online. While the option for girl delivery concludes on October 18, Girl Scouts can continue with the online portion of the program and earn rewards through November 15.

Fall Product Manager Training

Join us for this year's Troop Fall Product Program Trainings. This year, we are offering both online **gsLearn** and live virtual training.

First and Second Year
Monday, September 14 / 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Wednesday, September 16 / 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

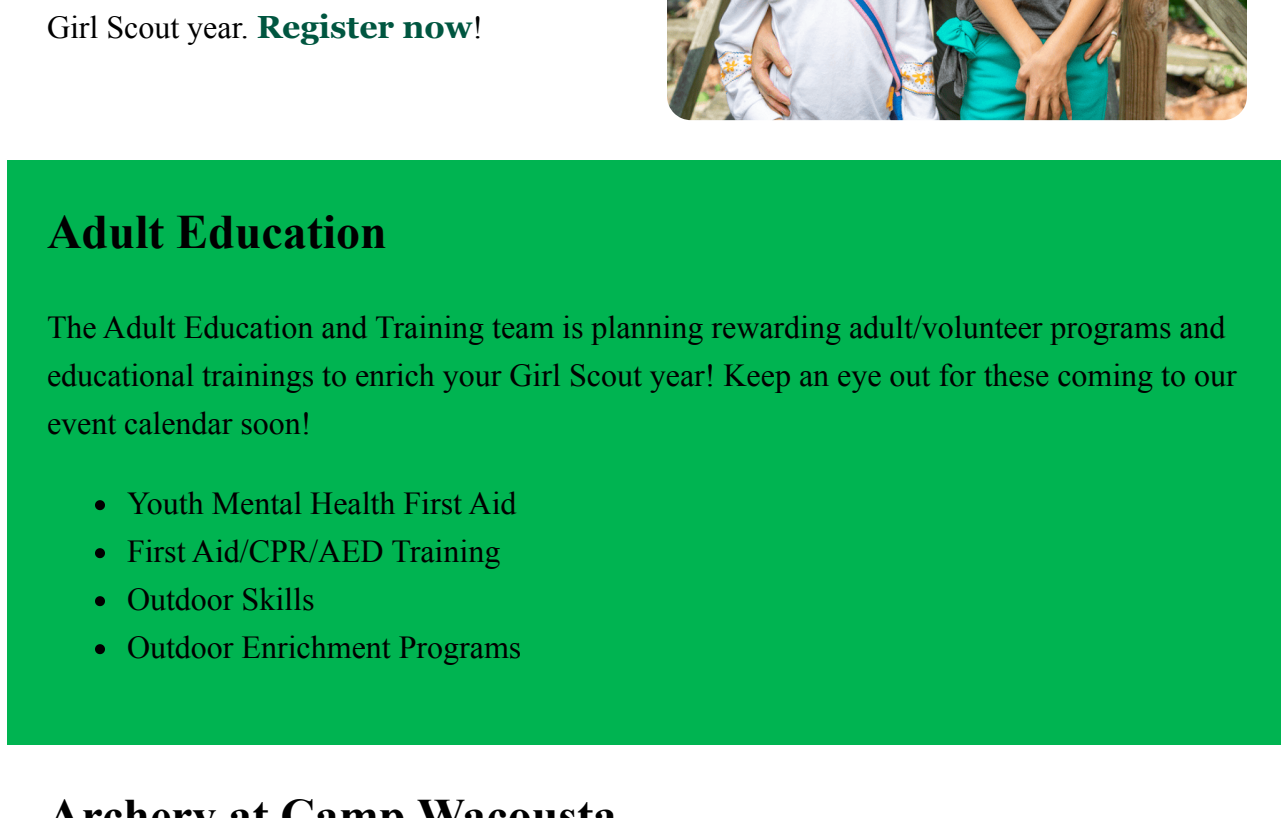
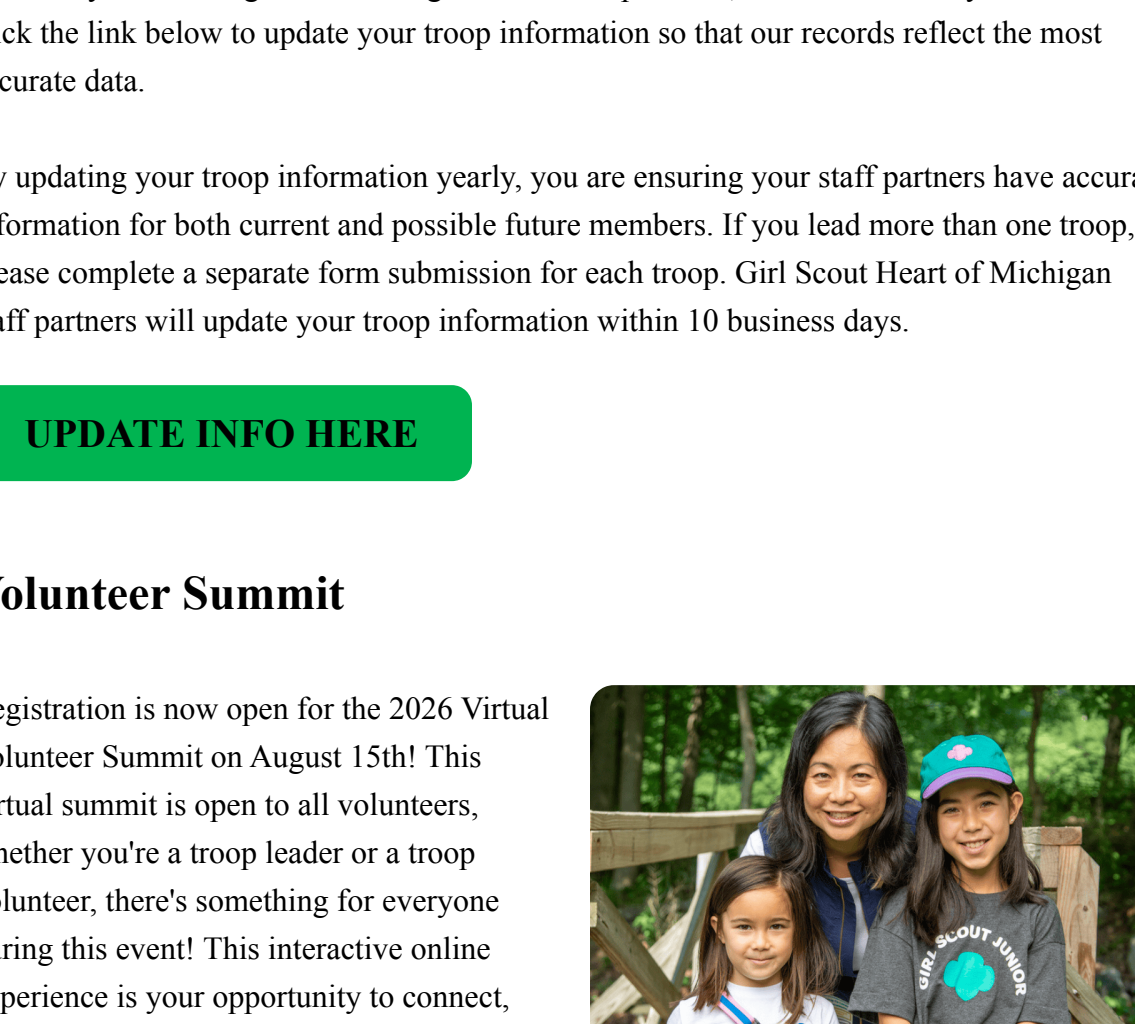
Third Year and Beyond
Thursday, September 10 / 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
gsLearn
Wednesday, September 12

Product Program Open Office Hours

To help continue the support throughout the Fall Product Program, we have our Product Office Hours that anyone can join!

Thursday, September 24 / 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Monday, October 19 / 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Monday, November 16 / 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM

New Product Alert!



Unlock your inner hero when Disney On Ice brings your favorite stories to the ice! Sail away with Moana and Maui on their epic voyage to return the heart of Te Fiti. Feel the chill with Anna, Elsa, and Olaf as they race to restore summer in Arendelle. Move to the rhythms of Encanto as Mirabel and her family celebrate the power of every unique gift. Be inspired by the Disney Princesses as you swim under the sea with Ariel, visit the enchanted castle with Belle, and chase your dreams alongside Rapunzel. Watch out for Stitch as his mischievous acts spark laughter around every corner. Hosted by Mickey and Friends, Disney On Ice presents Find Your Hero is a dazzling celebration of courage, kindness, and togetherness that will thrill every Disney fan!

Join Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan at Little Caesars Arena, September 17-19 using this special link below:

DISNEY ON ICE



Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus brings its electrifying "The Greatest Show On Earth" production to Little Caesars Arena in Detroit for a limited engagement! Experience the re-imagined circus, an animal-free spectacle featuring breathtaking acrobatics, innovative aerial artistry, and heartwarming comedic acts designed to captivate audiences of all ages.

This modern take on the classic circus tradition offers thrilling entertainment and family-friendly fun right in the heart of Detroit.

Join Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan at Little Caesars Arena, November 13 through 15 using this special link: **GSHOM Nights at Little Caesars Arena**.

Summer Fun with Product Program

Shoutout to all our Girl Scouts that entered our ticket giveaway to Kidz Bop Live in July!

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS for our ticket winners:

Amelia, Troop 40064 and Caylin, Troop 60325

Important links for your Fall Product Program

M2 STOREFRONT

RALLYHOOD



Have a special event coming up?

Put in a traveling store request at helpdesk@gshom.org and we will do our best to be there!

Have a question or need assistance?
[Contact us](#) for more information.