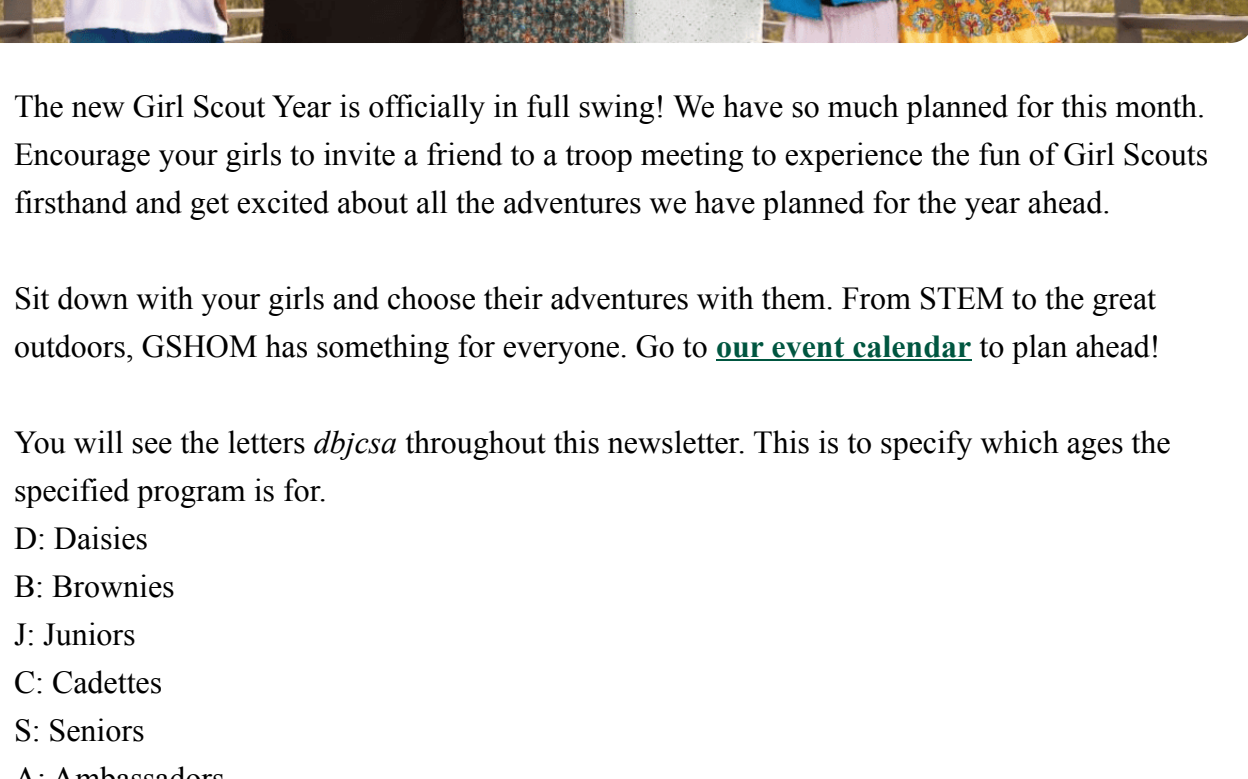


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We are *thankful* for our Girl Scout family 🦉



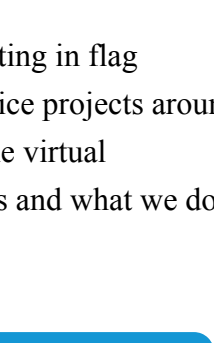
The new Girl Scout Year is officially in full swing! We have so much planned for this month. Encourage your girls to invite a friend to a troop meeting to experience the fun of Girl Scouts firsthand and get excited about all the adventures we have planned for the year ahead.

Sit down with your girls and choose their adventures with them. From STEM to the great outdoors, GSHOM has something for everyone. Go to [our event calendar](#) to plan ahead!

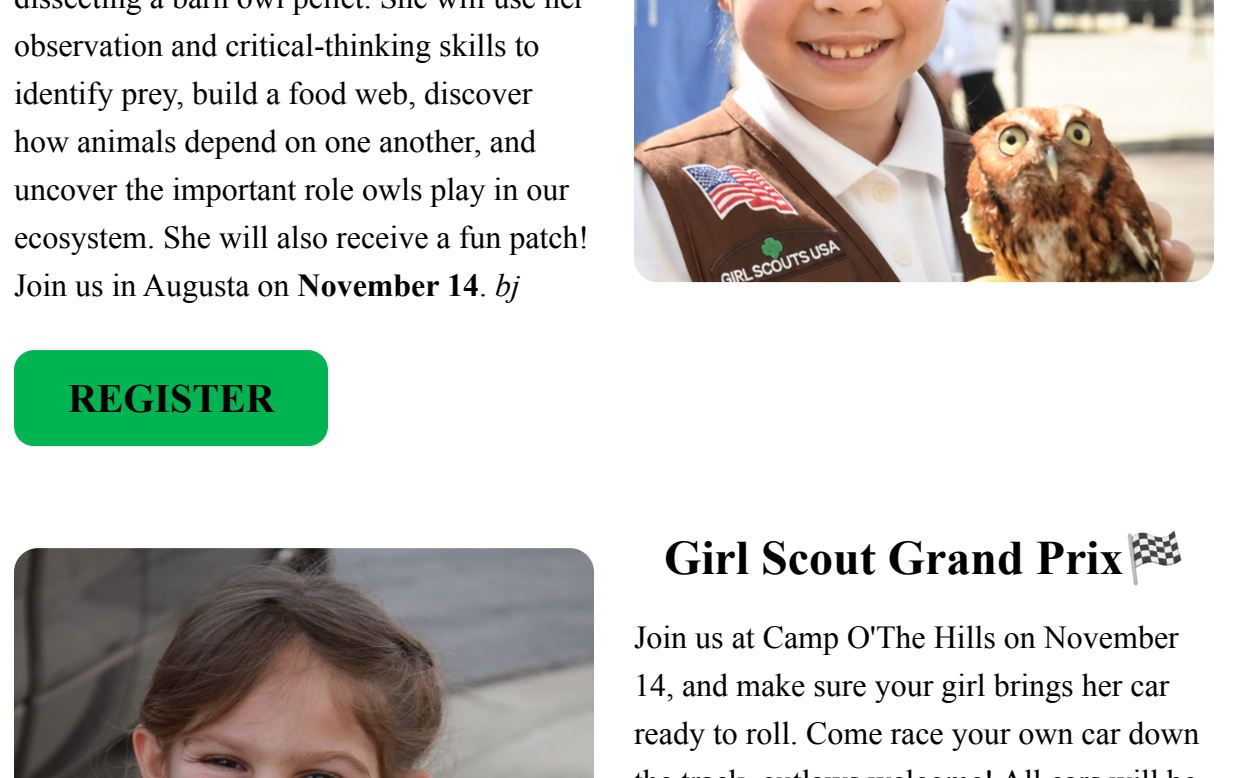
You will see the letters *dhjcsa* throughout this newsletter. This is to specify which ages the specified program is for.

D: Daisies
B: Brownies
J: Juniors
C: Cadettes
S: Seniors
A: Ambassadors

November Programs



Mackinac Island Scout Service Program Troop 7901 Info Nights



Since 1974, Girl Scouts have had the distinguished honor of serving through the Mackinac Island Service Program. This one-of-a-kind opportunity invites girls to play a meaningful role on one of Michigan's most historic destinations. GSHOM has two troops that participate in this program. Troop 7901 info nights are listed below, and keep an eye out for info nights for troop 609 in the new year!

Would your girl love to spend a week on Mackinac Island? Does participating in flag ceremonies, working as Guides in Fort Mackinac and participating in service projects around the island sound like an amazing experience? Well it is! Come to any of the virtual information night to learn more about the application process, the trainings and what we do on Mackinac Island! *csa*

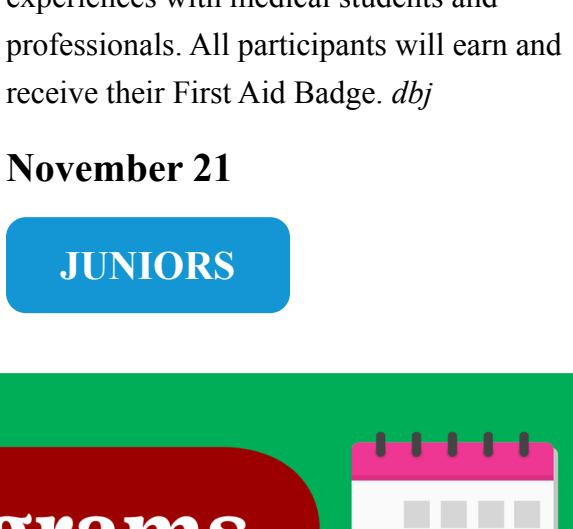
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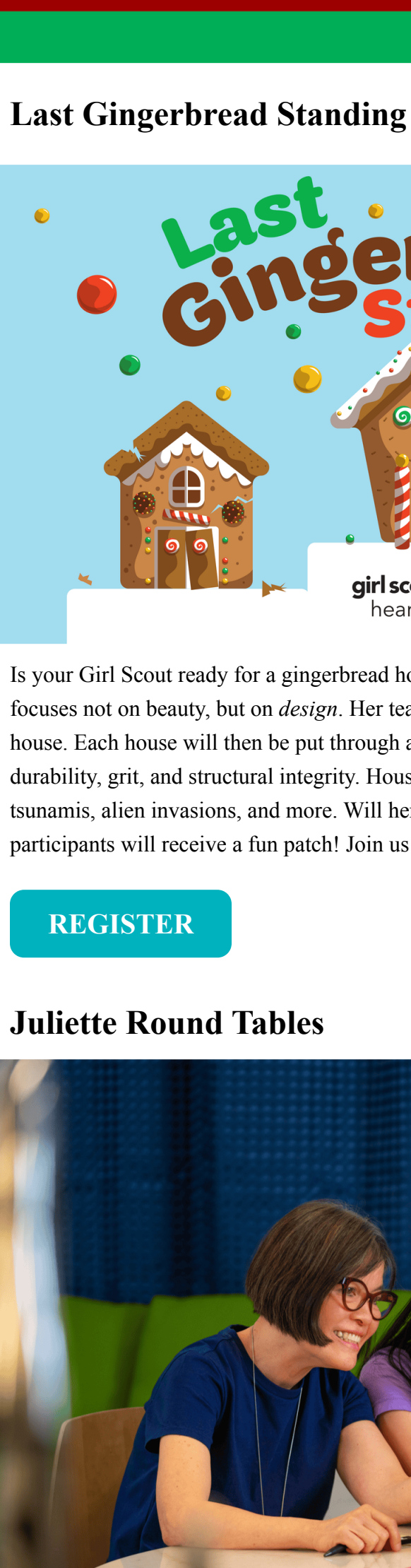
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All About Owls 🦉

Get ready to explore the world of owls and other amazing raptors! Your girl will meet an ambassador owl up close, tour the Raptor Loop, and investigate what owls eat by dissecting a barn owl pellet. She will use her observation and critical-thinking skills to identify prey, build a food web, discover how animals depend on one another, and uncover the important role owls play in our ecosystem. She will also receive a fun patch! Join us in August on **November 14**. *bj*



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Girl Scout Grand Prix 🏁

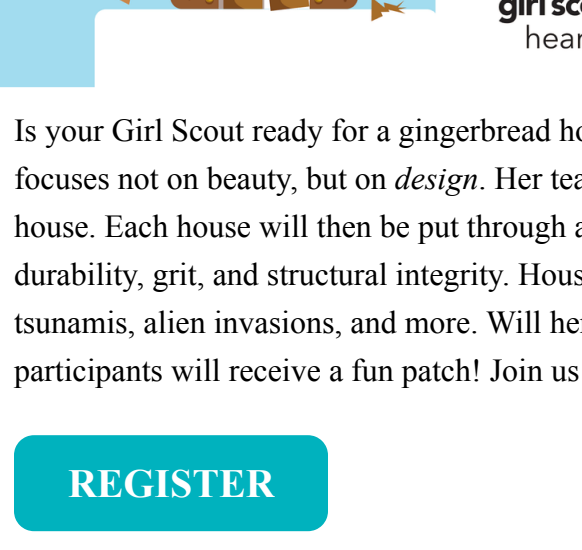
Join us at Camp O'The Hills on November 14, and make sure your girl brings her car ready to roll. Come race your own car down the track, outlaws welcome! All cars will be checked before the race begins.

Missed the deadline to prep? That's okay! We've got you covered. There will be an add-on option to purchase a car kit prior to the event. Arrange to pick up the kits after purchase by emailing helpdesk@gshom.org.

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REGISTER

First Aid Fanatics



Does your girl now how to use everything in a first aid kit? Could she help out in a medical emergency? Come to this state-of-the-art simulation center at Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine for hands-on learning experiences with medical students and professionals. All participants will earn and receive their First Aid Badge. *dbj*

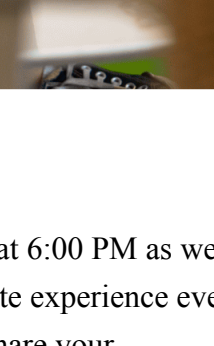
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DAISIES & BROWNIES

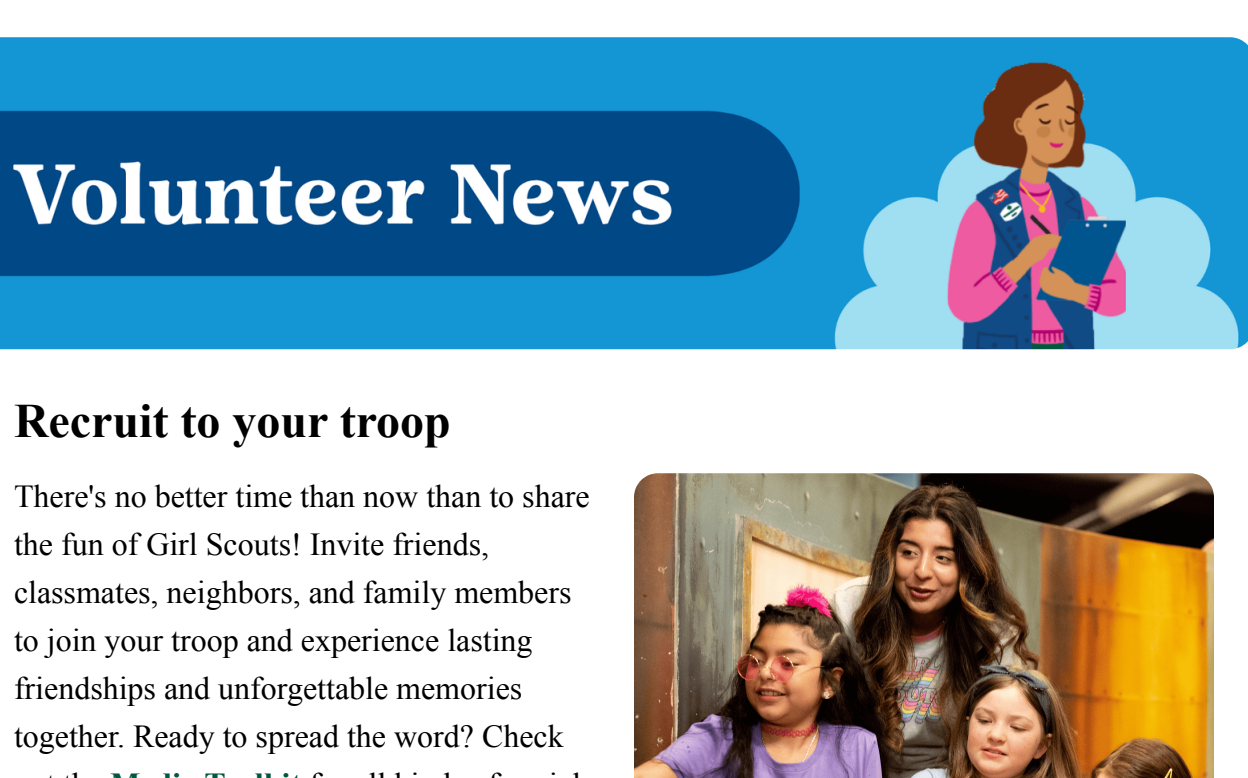
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December Programs



Last Gingerbread Standing



Is your Girl Scout ready for a gingerbread house making event like no other? This contest focuses not on beauty, but on *design*. Her team will have one hour to build a gingerbread house. Each house will then be put through a series of trials that will test the houses' strength, durability, grit, and structural integrity. Houses may be subject to sinkholes, earthquakes, tsunamis, alien invasions, and more. Will her gingerbread house be the last one standing? All participants will receive a fun patch! Join us at Camp Linden on **December 5**. *fbjcsa*

REGISTER

Juliette Round Tables



Juliette families and Juliette Mentors, we want to hear from you!

Join us for a virtual Juliette Roundtable on December 16 or December 17 at 6:00 PM as we discuss the program, gather feedback, and explore ways to make the Juliette experience even better. This is a great opportunity to connect with other Juliette families, share your experiences, and help shape future opportunities.

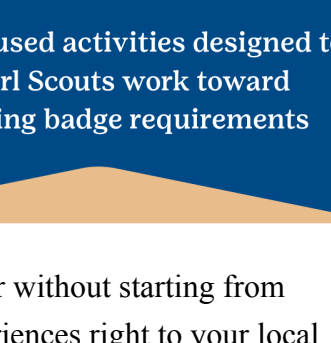
Targeted towards Daisy, Brownie, and Junior Juliettes

DECEMBER 16

Targeted towards Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Juliettes

DECEMBER 17

Volunteer News



Recruit to your troop

There's no better time than now than to share the fun of Girl Scouts! Invite friends, classmates, neighbors, and family members to join your troop and experience lasting friendships and unforgettable memories together. Ready to spread the word? Check out the [Media Toolkit](#) for all kinds of social media posts, graphics, and more to help invite families to join your troop! Want to host an event in your community? Reach out to the [Help Desk](#) team to learn more about our grab-n-go parties for Service Units!



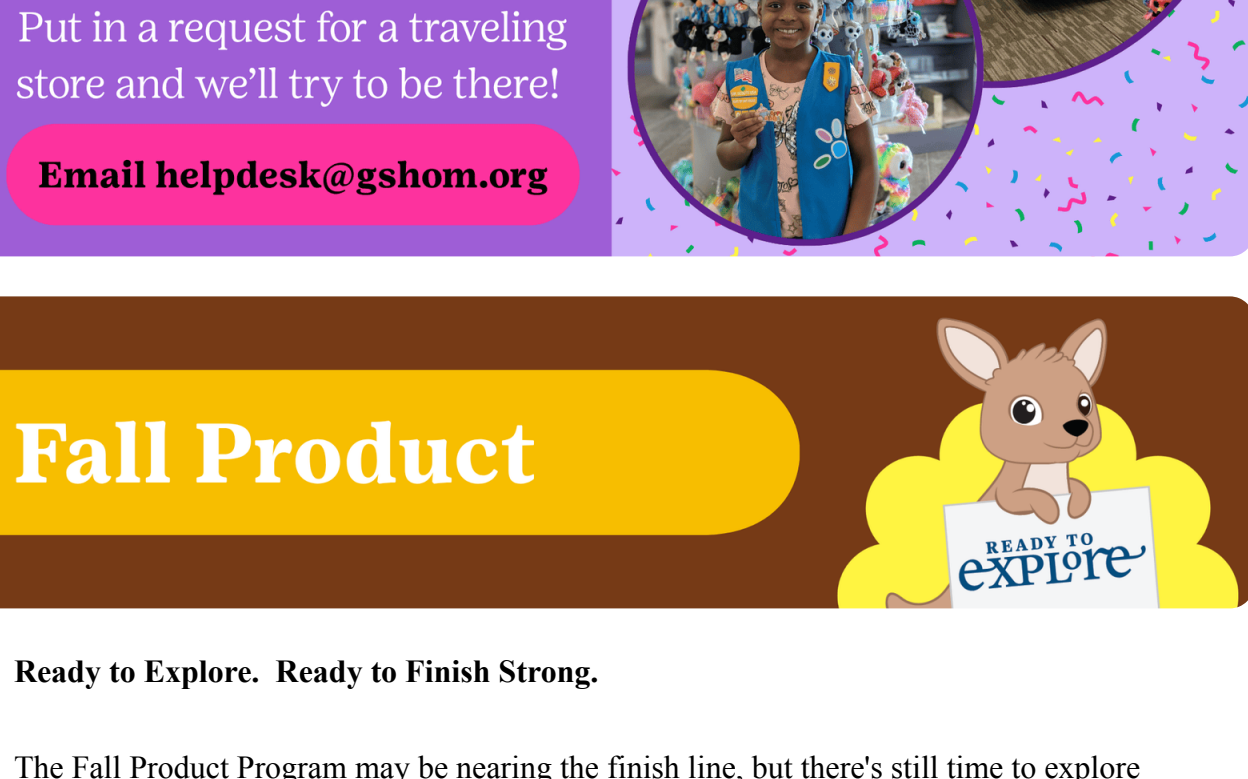
Explore What's Next Webinars



Be among the first to learn what's changing, what's coming next, and how volunteer input is helping create a more connected, flexible, and engaging experience for you, your troop, and the girls we serve. Register for the Explore What's Next Webinar, hosted by GSUSA, happening on **November 7** from 1:00 - 2:00 PM.

REGISTER

Want to Run Your Own Program? We'll Supply the Adventure!



Bring your Service Unit together with **Badge in a Box**! These ready-to-go kits make it easy to host fun, engaging badge experiences for Girl Scouts across multiple troops, without starting from scratch. Each kit includes the resources needed to support four Girl Scouts through their badge-earning experience. Make planning easier, connect troops in your community, and give girls more opportunities to learn and grow together. Each box is built to support four Girl Scouts through their badge earning experience.

HOT OFF THE PRESS: Our Astronomy Badge in a Box will be available to order starting today!

LEARN MORE

Your Next Service Unit Event? Consider It Handled!



Want to add more Girl Scout magic to your Service Unit calendar without starting from scratch? **Program A La Carte** brings ready-to-go program experiences right to your local Girl Scouts. You pick the location, bring the girls, and we'll handle the rest. Staff will come and facilitate! Spend less time planning and more time making memories with your Girl Scouts. Pick your program. Rally your Girl Scouts. Let's make it happen!

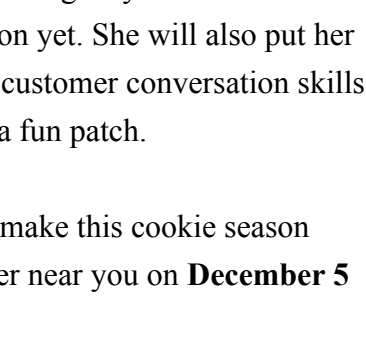
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November Trainings & Workshops

- 11/14: [Girl Scout CPR/AED Trainings \(Whitmore Lake\)](#)
- 11/15: [First Aid/CPR/AED Training \(Kalamazoo\)](#)
- 11/21: [First Aid/CPR/AED Training \(Camp Linden\)](#)
- 11/21: [First Aid/CPR/AED Training \(Wacousta\)](#)

Keep an eye out on our events calendar for more trainings and updates!

Retail Updates



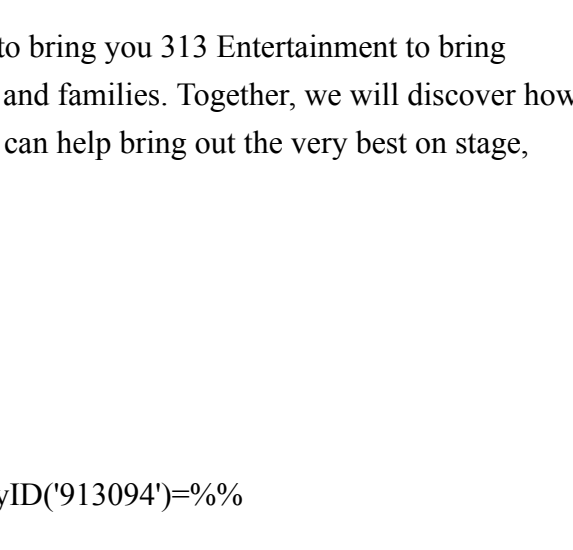
Get started on your holiday shopping with these exciting updates:

- Retail Shops will be open 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM on Saturday, December 5!
- 20% OFF all GSHOM branded items for the month of November \$
- Reminder: all GSHOM Offices and Retail Shops will be closed November 26 & 27 in observance of Thanksgiving 🦃

Traveling GSHOM Store

Have a special event coming up? Put in a request for a traveling store and we'll try to be there!

Email helpdesk@gshom.org



Fall Product



Ready to Explore. Ready to Finish Strong.

The Fall Product Program may be nearing the finish line, but there's still time to explore what's possible.

Is your Girl Scout just a few orders away from her goal? Does your troop have one more milestone to reach? Now is the perfect time to make one more connection, share her M2 link, and see where her work can take her.

Rally your Girl Scout during the final countdown to rewards!

- 10 Days Left**
Choose your adventure
Check your goals.
Where do you want to go?
- 7 Days Left**
Explore your customers
Who have you yet to reach out to?
- 5 Days Left**
Make your move
Share your M2 link with a text and post on social media.
- 3 Days Left**
Discover what's possible
Three days can make a difference!
Take one more step toward your goal!
- 24 Hours Left**
The finish line
One last share.
One last order.
One last push.

Product Program Open Office Hours

To help continue the support throughout the season, we have been offering Product Office Hours that anyone can join! Join us for our last one of the season on:

- Monday, November 16 / 6:00 - 6:30 PM

Ready to Explore Your Rewards? Reward Wrap Up is near.

Take one last look, make your selections, and submit your rewards before the deadline. Let's make sure that every Girl Scout gets to enjoy the rewards she earned on her Fall Product adventure!

Girl Scout Reward Selections: Due November 15
Troop Reward Submit: Due November 17

Cookies

Join us as we prepare for the LARGEST girl-led business in the world. This season, we will be offering virtual and in-person training courses to fill this year with all that it is *mint* to be. Digital Cookie opens on December 8! Girls can create their stores **BIG** and **BOLD**!

1st/2nd Year Troop Cookie Manager Trainings

December 3rd / 6:00 - 7:30 PM

(virtual or in person)

December 9th, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

(virtual)

3rd Year Troop Cookie Manager Trainings

December 2nd / 6:00 - 7:00 PM

(virtual)

December 10th / 6:00 - 7:00 PM

(virtual)

To Receive Training Link:

- Be registered for the 2027 Girl Scout Membership Year [myGS](#)
- Have troop's 2027 [ACH form](#) submitted

Cookie Kick Off

Bring the Five Skills to Life! Is your girl ready to become a Cookie Mogul and set goals, unleash her creativity, and take her Girl Scout Cookie business to the next level?!

Your girl will join her Girl Scout sisters for a hands-on experience packed with teamwork, creativity, friendly competition, and entrepreneurial fun. From mastering digital marketing to creating her very own cookie commercial, she will discover exciting ways to connect with customers, grow her business, and make this the sweetest season yet. She will also put her creativity to work designing a marketing video, practicing her customer conversation skills, and tackling our Cookie Boss challenge. All girls will receive a fun patch.

Ready to explore what her cookie business can become? Let's make this cookie season unforgettable! Join us for Cookie Kick Off in a Regional Center near you on **December 5** from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

REGISTER

From Girl Scout Cookies to Girl Scout Curtain Calls

The GSHOM Product Program team is pleased to bring you 313 Entertainment to bring exclusive opportunities to our Girl Scout troops and families. Together, we will discover how the teamwork we build behind the cookie booth can help bring out the very best on stage, time and time again.

LEARN MORE

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