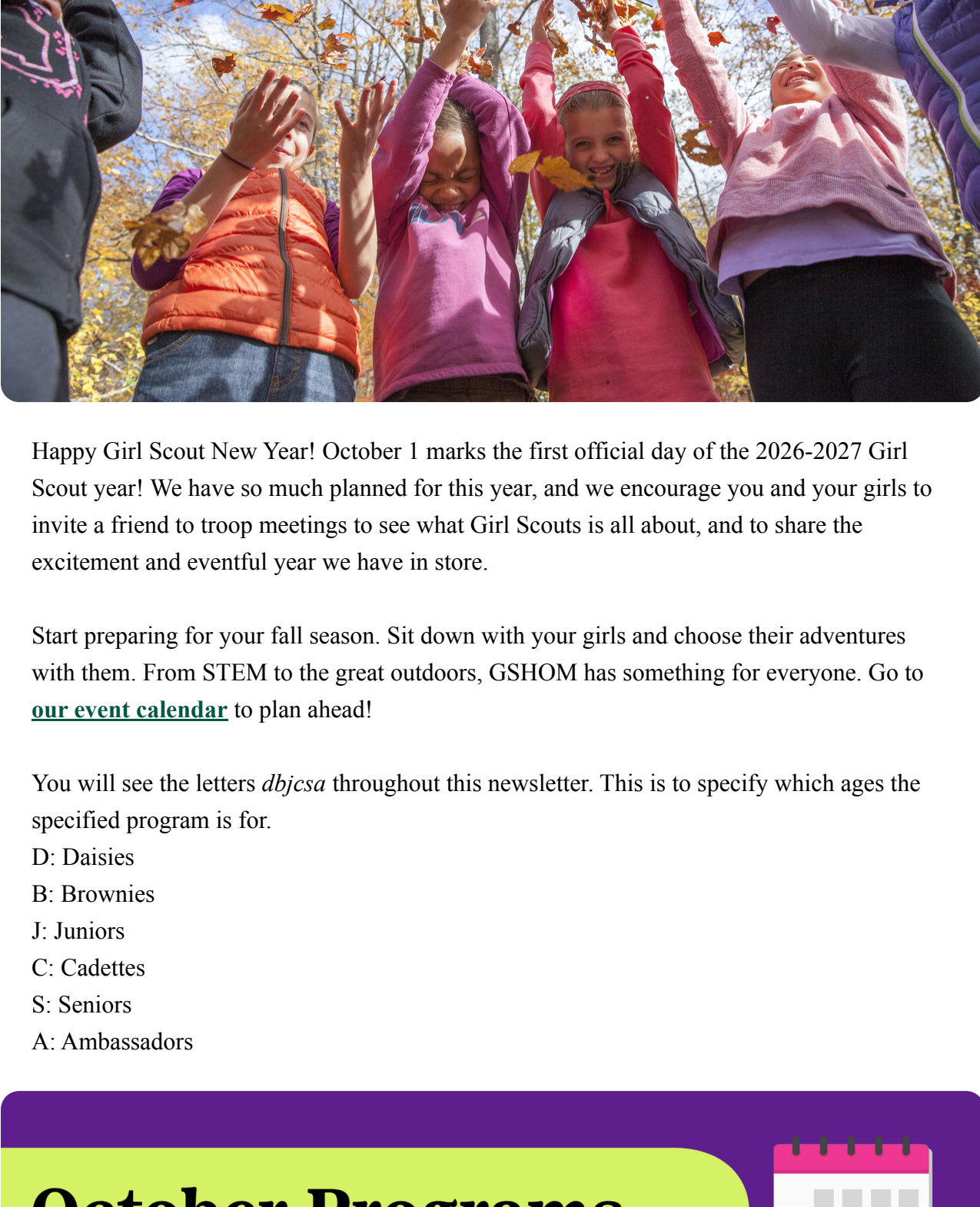




Fall into the new Girl Scout year with us!



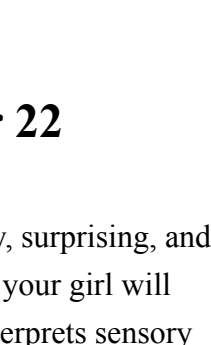
Happy Girl Scout New Year! October 1 marks the first official day of the 2026-2027 Girl Scout year! We have so much planned for this year, and we encourage you and your girls to invite a friend to troop meetings to see what Girl Scouts is all about, and to share the excitement and eventful year we have in store.

Start preparing for your fall season. 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 *dbjsca* throughout this newsletter. This is to specify which ages the specified program is for.

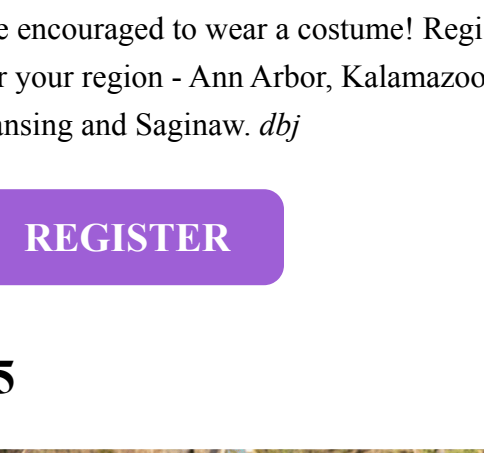
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C: Cadettes
S: Seniors
A: Ambassadors

October Programs



Hispanic Heritage Month

You can celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with your family and friends by recognizing all the histories, cultures, and contributions that Hispanic and Latino people have made. Take this opportunity to learn more about the 21 Spanish-speaking countries and territories' cultures honored - with plenty of activities to choose from, the discovery and fun are endless.



Get your patch and download your activity sheet in [English](#) or [Spanish](#) today!



Mission Monarch

October 17th Whitmore Lake
Explore the life cycle of the monarch butterfly & discover how these tiny travelers embark on one of nature's greatest journeys! fdbjsca

[REGISTER](#)



Creepy Crawlies

October 17th Camp O'The Hills
Explore the world of bugs, spiders, and other fascinating creatures that also reside here in Southern Michigan! fdbjsca

[REGISTER](#)

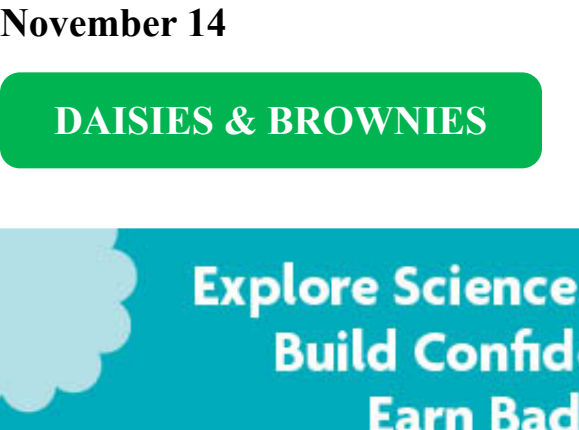
Spooky Science: Fear Factor Edition - October 22



Through a series of creepy, surprising, and science-based challenges, your girl will discover how the brain interprets sensory information and why unfamiliar experiences can sometimes feel scary, and she will learn the science behind your reactions and gain confidence! Can she trust her senses enough to conquer her fears? Join us for a spooky adventure that combines science, bravery, and a little bit of gross-out fun! Participants are encouraged to wear a costume! Register for your region - Ann Arbor, Kalamazoo, Lansing and Saginaw. *dbj*

[REGISTER](#)

Harvest Festival - October 23-25



October 23-25

Camp Linden

Join us for a fun weekend full of Halloween whimsy and camp magic! fdbjsca

[WEEKEND REGISTRATION](#)



October 24

Camp Linden

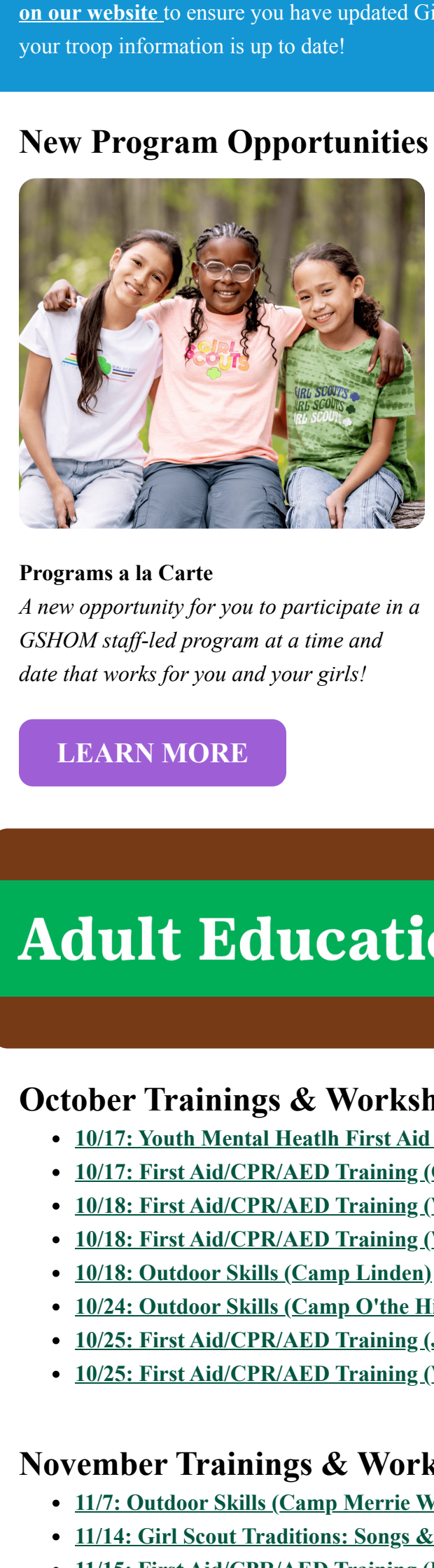
Can't stay all weekend? No worries! Day only options are available for you and your girl(s) too. fdbjsca

[SATURDAY REGISTRATION](#)

November Programs



Grand Prix - November 3 & 14



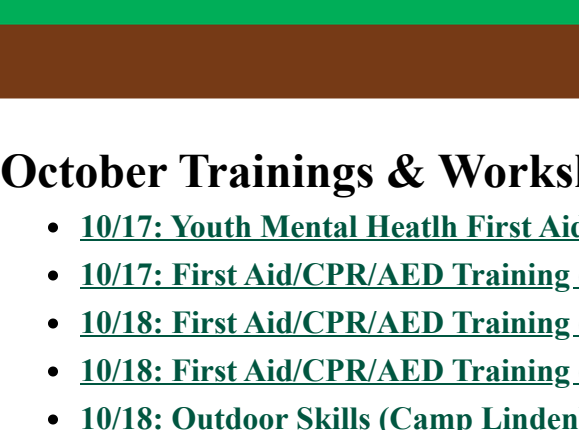
Join us on November 3rd at Camp O'The Hills to prep your race cars!

Can't make it to the 3rd? No problem. Purchase a car kit prior to event, arrange pick up for kits after purchase by calling 734-714-5140.

Bring your own car on November 14th! All cars will get inspected before the race begins. *fdbjsca*

[PREP 11/3 REGISTRATION](#)

[RACE 11/14 REGISTRATION](#)



MSU Top Chef: Simple Meals

November 7th
Girls will work with the MSU Food Lab to learn about food safety, and chow down on their own culinary creations! j

[REGISTER](#)



MSU Top Chef: New Cuisines

November 7th
She will get her hands in the dough, learn about food chemistry and science, and more with the MSU Food Lab! csa

[REGISTER](#)

First Aid Fanatics



Do you know how to use everything in a first aid kit? Could you 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. *dbj*

November 14

[DAISIES & BROWNIES](#)

November 21

[JUNIORS](#)

Don't forget to update your annual paperwork with your troop! Visit [Forms and Documents on our website](#) to ensure you have updated Girl Releases, Health History Forms, and that your troop information is up to date!

New Program Opportunities



Programs a la Carte

A new opportunity for you to participate in a GSHOM staff-led program at a time and date that works for you and your girls!

[LEARN MORE](#)

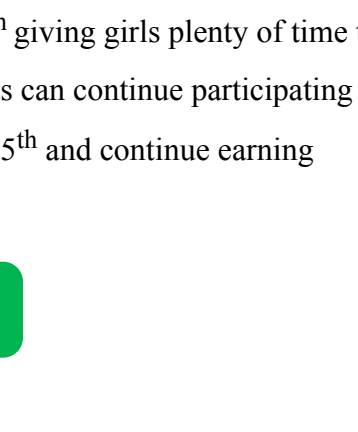


Badge in a Box

Kit includes: Supplies, simple instructions, badges earned, and girl-led activity ideas to help your troop earn three badges!

[LEARN MORE](#)

Adult Education



October Trainings & Workshops

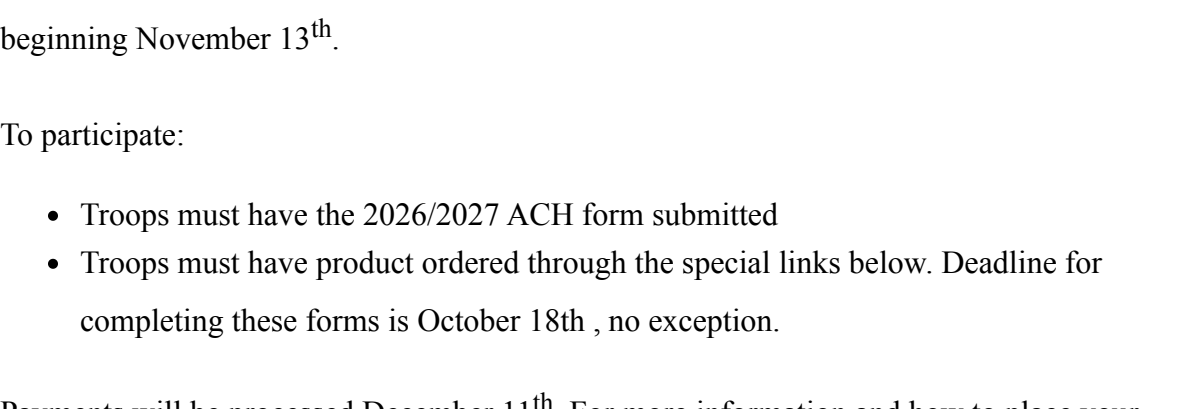
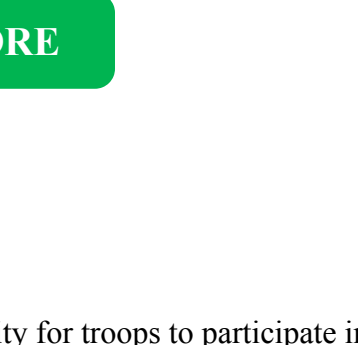
- [10/17: Youth Mental Health First Aid \(virtual\)](#)
- [10/17: First Aid/CPR/AED Training \(Owosso\)](#)
- [10/18: First Aid/CPR/AED Training \(Wacousta\)](#)
- [10/18: First Aid/CPR/AED Training \(Whitmore Lake\)](#)
- [10/18: Outdoor Skills \(Camp Linden\)](#)
- [10/24: Outdoor Skills \(Camp O'the Hills\)](#)
- [10/25: First Aid/CPR/AED Training \(Jackson\)](#)
- [10/25: First Aid/CPR/AED Training \(Wacousta\)](#)

November Trainings & Workshops

- [11/7: Outdoor Skills \(Camp Merrie Woode\)](#)
- [11/14: Girl Scout Traditions: Songs & Games \(Whitmore Lake\)](#)
- [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!

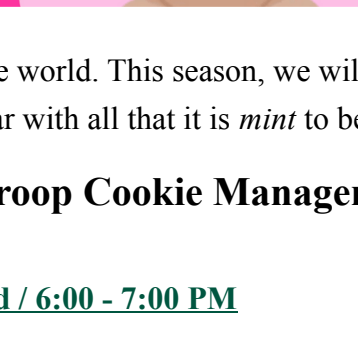
GSHOM Updates



On October 14, 2026, Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan invites you to join us for our annual Barrels & Badges event, in collaboration with St. Julian Winery in Frankenmuth. Enjoy thoughtfully paired wines and Girl Scout Fall Product favorites, explore a charcuterie cart filled with savory and sweet selections, and take your chance at winning something special in our raffle. Throughout the evening, connect with fellow Girl Scout supporters and enjoy a one-of-a-kind experience that celebrates our shared commitment to helping girls discover their limitless potential.

[BUY TICKETS](#)

Retail Updates

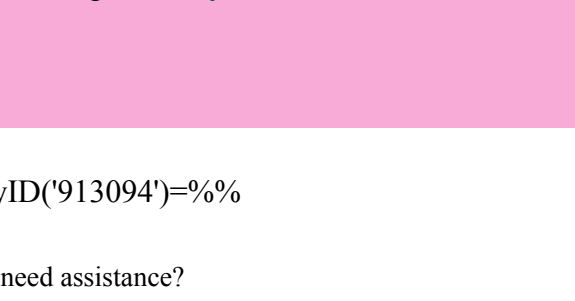


✨ **Extended Thursday Hours:** Our Kalamazoo, Saginaw, Ann Arbor, and Lansing shops are now open until **6:30 PM on Thursdays** to give you a little extra time to shop!

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



The Fall Product Program (FPP) is here! 🍂

It's a fun, hands-on way to kick off your Girl Scout year while helping girls build the Five Skills and earn proceeds to support their troop activities and adventures.

The Girl Delivery ordering period is open through October 18th giving girls plenty of time to take orders and reach their goals. After October 18th Girl Scouts can continue participating through the online portion of the program through November 15th and continue earning rewards.

[FIND RESOURCES](#)

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!

- [Monday, October 19 / 6:00 - 6:30 PM](#)
- [Monday, November 16 / 6:00 - 6:30 PM](#)

Girl Scout families can get ready to dance, cheer, and celebrate from their seats some of the most jaw-dropping moments and world class performances from Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus!

Purchase your tickets and receive the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Patch, available only through GSHOM's link.

[PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

Media Toolkit

Looking to promote your girl's Fall Product Program store? Visit the Media Toolkit on our website to access ready-to-use graphics, social media captions, and other resources that make it easy to share Fall Product Program with your community.

[EXPLORE](#)

Special Booth Opportunities

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan is pleased to share the opportunity for troops to participate in our Early Cookie Booths November 13th-November 23rd and Candy & Nut Booths beginning November 13th.

To participate:

- Troops must have the 2026/2027 ACH form submitted
- Troops must have product ordered through the special links below. Deadline for completing these forms is October 18th, no exception.

Payments will be processed December 11th. For more information and how to place your orders, follow the links below:

[LIMITED CANDY & NUT BOOTHS](#)

[EARLY COOKIE BOOTHS](#)

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 *meant* to be.

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

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

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