

The Trefoil Times

A publication of Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan



Back to school, back to Girl Scouts!

Summer has flown by, and we are gearing up for an exceptional new Girl Scout year! Throughout this edition of *The Trefoil Times*, you'll find lots of information about how you can begin the upcoming Girl Scout year strong!

Have you renewed your membership yet?

Don't forget that for every 100 members who join or renew before September 30, 2024, we will draw a winner for a Stanley tumbler and a Lululemon belt bag!



Sneak peek
of everything
inside this edition:

Step-by-step guide to your
best Girl Scout year yet.

Important dates to save
in your calendar.

Must-have Girl Scout
fashion items.

Events and programs you
won't want to miss.

And more!

Email
marketing@gshom.org
to let us know what
you'd like to see in
future editions or for
your troop to be
spotlighted!



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Foundational Elements

Your Step-by-Step Guide to Your Best Girl Scout Year Yet!



You may have heard about the Foundational Elements of Girl Scouting – but did you know that when you plan your Girl Scout year in a way that incorporates all of these elements, research shows that girls get more out of their Girl Scout experience and have more fun?! Sign us up!

Use this as your checklist for ensuring you do each of these elements this upcoming Girl Scout year!



Offer travel, field trips and events.





Host regular meetings with your troop.





Spend time in the great outdoors and at Girl Scout camp.





Participate in the Product Programs.





Participate in Girl Scout traditions.





Be involved in community service and Take Action projects.





Earn badges and highest awards.



Hey, Troop Leaders! While you're planning for a year filled with the Foundational Elements of Girl Scouting, be sure to **use this Back to Troop Checklist** to ensure you are ready to go for the new Girl Scout year by September 30, 2024.



Treats & Reads Starting Soon!

Treats & Reads is our fall Product Program, giving our Girl Scouts the chance to start their entrepreneurial experience at the beginning of the Girl Scout year!

Treats & Reads provides troops with a way to fund their Girl Scout experience at the very beginning of the Girl Scout year, and it also helps girls practice their business skills before cookie season begins.

Product Manager Agreement



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Volunteer Resources



To participate in the Treats & Reads Program, troops **MUST**:

- ☐ Have at least two fully appointed leaders registered with the troop.
- ☐ Have a bank account and current ACH information on file.
- ☐ Have each girl's caregiver sign the Product Program Parent Permission Form.
- ☐ Complete the electronic Troop Product Manager Agreement.
- ☐ Attend a live virtual or gsLearn training.



Save the Date

Volunteer Kick-Off!

*Saturday,
Sept 7th*

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Hey, hey, Girl Scout volunteers! You won't want to miss Volunteer Kick-Off at a location near you! Join this event to get prepped for the new Girl Scout year, hear from your staff partners, and network with other volunteers. Register today by scanning the QR code!





Sister to Sister Fund

Did you know that Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan has a member-funded scholarship fund that allows fellow Girl Scout sisters to experience the magic of Girl Scouting?

Your family can help ensure that all girls get the chance to be Girl Scouts, regardless of their financial circumstances. Pay it forward and share some love by donating to the Sister to Sister fund!

Scan here
to donate



MAC Spotlight: Use Your Voice!

Did you know that Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan has a Member Advisory Committee (MAC)?



This committee is made up of volunteers who gather feedback from other members, and pass along that feedback to the Executive Staff and Board of Trustees.

Members are welcome to submit feedback to the MAC via a form on our website.



Preferred Program Partners



New this year, we are proud to present our Preferred Program Partners! These are local businesses and organizations who we have partnered with to facilitate Girl Scout programming. We highly recommend that you check out our new webpage, which lists all of our Preferred Program Partners, and how you can connect with them! Know a business you have worked with in the past who should be listed? Reach out to us by emailing helpdesk@gshom.org!



Retail Corner

New

Sisterhood T-Shirt

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This new sisterhood t-shirt is a powerful symbol of the Girl Scout movement, representing the bond and camaraderie that exists among girls who share a common goal of empowering and uplifting one another. **Wear it with pride!**

Available in adult and youth sizes at your local GSHOM Retail Shop.



Retail Shop Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday:
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday:
10:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**Kalamazoo Retail Shop is closed
for inventory August 19th - 23rd**

To place a large order ahead of time for pickup, reach out by email at helpdesk@gshom.org or call 1-800-497-2688.

Shout-out to all Girl
Scouts from Soaring
Eagle Waterpark
and Hotel!

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Upcoming Programs

**Oct
1**

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Juliette Monthly Meeting *Virtual*

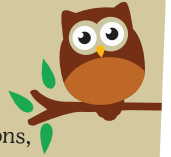
Meet with other Juliettes throughout our council. Learn about council-sponsored events, earning badges, and how to participate in the Girl Scout product programs.

**Nov
1**

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Bump in the Night Hike *Camp O'the Hills*

We'll prepare for our hike with a Leave No Trace craft, dissect owl pellets, and search for nocturnal animals in their native habitat. Learn about constellations, build a campfire, and enjoy a s'more!



**Oct
5**

j, adults

Bronze Award Training *Virtual*

While earning your Bronze Award, you will learn to build a team, plan your budget, and plan a Take Action project.

**Nov
2**

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Program Aide Training *Barbara Osterman Cabin*

Learn tips about being a mentor and sharing your skills, passions and experience with younger Girl Scouts! After completing this training, you will be able to practice by volunteering at some local, regional, and council sponsored events.

**Oct
5**

c, adults

Silver Award Training *Virtual*

Learn how to plan and complete your Silver Award project, build a team, plan your budget, and plan a Take Action project.

**Nov
2**

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Western Paper Engineering Event *WMU*

Visit WMU's paper engineering plant and get an opportunity to talk with women in the industry.

**Oct
5**

sa, adults

Gold Award Training *Virtual*

Learn how to plan and complete all the steps for your Gold Award journey, how to build a team, plan your budget, and plan a Take Action project.

**Nov
7**

sa

Financial Reality Fair *Kalamazoo Regional Center*

Practice budgeting using virtual tools to simulate the costs of running a household. This is a fun, fast-paced, interactive session that makes a lasting impact on the financial understanding of participants.

**Oct
5**

sa, adults

Gold Award Workshopping Session *Virtual*

Workshop your ideas and refine your plan by putting your head together with other Girl Scouts earning their Gold Awards and members of the committee that will approve your project.

**Nov
29**

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Mamma Mia *Grand Rapids*

Take a trip down the aisle you'll never forget! Set on a Greek island paradise where the sun always shines, a tale of love, friendship, and identity is beautifully told through the timeless hits of ABBA.

**Oct
23**

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Spooky Science *All regions*

Make color changing potions and fairy lights, conduct a spooky electricity experiment, decorate cookies and take part in a community service project.



**Dec
7**

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Winter Park Exploration *Ann Arbor Parks*

Learn about winter wildlife with the Ann Arbor Parks Dept. Build houses to keep animals safe from the elements in the coldest time of the year!

This is just a taste of all our program offerings!

Scan the QR code to register for the events listed above and explore all the various programs and activities that Girl Scouts offers. From outdoor adventures to STEM initiatives, community service projects, and more, there's something for every girl to get involved in and make a difference.



www.gshom.org/events

Adult Education Corner



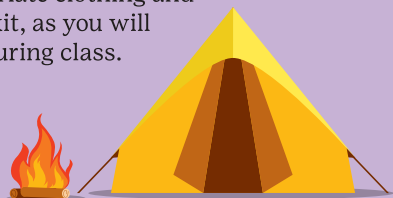
Hey, hey, volunteers! We are hard at work planning out incredible training opportunities for you for the upcoming Girl Scout year. Whether you need to be trained on the new grade level your troop just bridged to, or you need to be certified in outdoor skills, we have the training for you! Check out our new landing page where you can easily find the trainings you'll need to be set up for a successful Girl Scout volunteer experience.

Scan here
for more



Outdoor Skills

This class will prepare you to take your troop on a camping trip. There will be pre-work assigned on gsLearn that must be completed before the class. You will be mostly outdoors, so come prepared for the weather with appropriate clothing and shoes! Bring a mess kit, as you will cook and eat lunch during class.



First Aid/CPR/AED Training

This course will teach you how to recognize and respond appropriately to cardiac, breathing, and first aid emergencies. You'll learn skills necessary to provide immediate care to a suddenly injured or ill person until more advanced medical personnel arrive and take over. Those who successfully complete this course will receive certificates for Standard First Aid and AED with CPR - Adult and Child, which are valid for two years.



*Did you know that any registered adult in the troop can be the designated Outdoor Skills certified or First Aider person for your troop? The Outdoor Skills person and the First Aider must be different people (in case of emergency).

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

This course is designed to assist youth experiencing a mental health or substance-use related crisis. In this course, you will learn risk factors and warning signs for mental health and addiction concerns, strategies for how to help someone in both crisis and non-crisis situations, and where to turn for help.

Important Note: This blended learning class will require 2 hours of necessary pre-work that must be completed before you attend the class.

Adult Awards Nominations



Do you know an incredible Girl Scout volunteer who deserves to be recognized for all the hard work they contribute to making Girl Scouting the incredible experience that it is? Nominate them for an Adult Award! Nominations are due January 15, but we encourage you to think about who deserves to be nominated. Information about how to submit nominations is coming soon!



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Highest Awards

You're ready to make the world a better place.
Show everyone how you'll do it by earning the Girl Scout Gold, Silver, and Bronze Awards. Each award will challenge you and helps you take action in a big way.



Learn
more here



Dates to Remember

September 2

Labor Day
Regional Centers closed

September 7

Kick-Off

September 16

Treats & Reads begins!

September 30

On time renewal ends

October 1

New Girl Scout year starts!

October 31

Juliette Gordon's Low Birthday / Founder's Day

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Save the Date:

Fall Open House!

Saturday, Sept 28th

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Camp Linden, Camp Merrie Woode,
and Camp O'the Hills

Join us at our camps for an afternoon filled with fun, games, archery, learn about the great outdoors and have a s'more (or two) by the campfire.

Invite friends who are not yet Girl Scouts to come and join the fun!



Families
Welcome

Free
event