

The Trefoil Times

A publication of Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan



It's time for Spring Renewal!

Spring is here, and that means one thing: It's time for Spring Renewal! Renew your membership for another year of fun, friendship, and phenomenal adventures. We heard you loud and clear in the Spring Renewal survey responses that you want additional funds to power your Girl Scout experience! Renewing early unlocks some incredible bonus bucks to power your next magical Girl Scout journey.

! Troops (and Juliettes!) can earn \$5 Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Bonus Bucks for each member that renews or registers for the 2024-2025 membership year.

Volunteers: Your girls count on you, rain or shine. Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan is here for you through it all, cheering you on every step of the way. Today, tomorrow, together – we're on your team! Keep the momentum going, and make sure that every girl renews her membership.

Do you know potential new Girl Scout volunteers or members? They can purchase an extended year membership to start the fun now!



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What's *The Trefoil Times*?

Welcome to *The Trefoil Times*, our new quarterly publication that will be sent out to all members of Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan! *The Trefoil Times* will replace *The Source*, our annual programming publication, and will feature all the information needed to plan an incredible Girl Scout year. Like what you see? Have ideas for our next edition? We want to hear from you!

Email
marketing@gshom.org
to let us know what
you'd like to see in
future editions!



Cookies to Camp

Camp season is here!

Let the Girl Scout Cookie Program bring your girl to camp with Cookies to Camp.

By selling cookies between **May 1** and **June 18**, girls can earn credit to apply toward the out-of-pocket costs for camp activities this summer.

The credits are available to use before September 1, 2024.

Scan the QR code and fill out the form to learn more about how to participate.



Finance Reports Due July 15th!

Hey, hey, Troop Leaders!
It's that time of year to begin working on your annual Troop Finance Report.

To remain a troop in good standing, we ask that you submit your Finance Report annually by



The Finance Report details how all troop funds are used throughout the year. **This year, we are accepting reports online only**; more information can be found on our website in Volunteer Essentials under troop finances.



Volunteer Essentials
Troop Finances



Troop Finance
Report Form



Honor Troops

Did you know that Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan has an award for troops who go above and beyond to do it all?

New for this year, Honor Troop awards have been revamped. This honor has never been more exciting to achieve, giving girls a quality experience by offering the elements of a great troop! Troops who earn this award will earn commemorative patches and ribbons, be recognized at next year's Girl Recognition Ceremony, and be spotlighted in Girl Scout Heart of Michigan Regional Centers.

The Honor Troop designation is based on the Foundational Elements of Girl Scouting. Troops who incorporate all of these elements have the best outcomes – and the most fun! Use the graphic below as a checklist to ensure your troop is experiencing all the magic of Girl Scouting!



Learn more



How to become an Honor Troop



Earn badges and highest awards.



Be involved in community service and Take Action projects.



Participate in Girl Scout traditions.



Participate in the Product Program.



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



Host regular meetings with your troop.

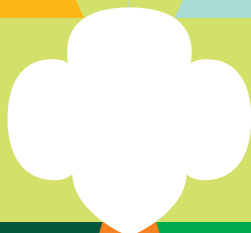


Offer travel, field trips and events.



Participate in each of these elements for the BEST Girl Scout experience!

Honoring our Incredible Volunteers



At Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, we recognize and appreciate the time and energy that our volunteers put into providing empowering experiences for girls. Congratulations to this year's honorees who were acknowledged at our Adult Awards Ceremony on May 5 as they were presented Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan and Girl Scouts of the USA awards for their contributions and efforts to make a difference in girls' lives, and through our mission, making a difference in the world.

Congratulations to all of our honorees, and a special shout out to Cheryle Moberley, Daniel Liehr, Kate LeFevre, and Matthew Bates for earning the Thanks Badge, and Renee Graham for earning the Thanks Badge II.

Who will you nominate next year?



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Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan employees are eligible for membership through our Select Employee Group (SEG).



Retail Corner



Bridging Kits

Bridging is a special Girl Scout tradition that celebrates a girl moving from one level of Girl Scouting to the next.

Remember this special occasion by getting everything you need in a bridging kit for your Girl Scouts!

Available to purchase at your local GSHOM Retail Shop.



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



Camper Care Kit

Stop in at any of the Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Retail Shops or Camp Trading Posts to create a one-of-a-kind Camper Care Kit for your camper. Choose camp items and fun items, including books and activity kits.

**Spend at least \$25.00 and
receive a Girl Scout drawstring bag!**

This Camper Care Kit will be delivered to your camper at any of our day or overnight camps. Plus, during camp sessions, there will be time to shop around in the Trading Posts to spend Cookie or Cashew Cash, too!

Product Program Celebration Events

Congratulations to all Girl Scouts who set and soared beyond their incredible goals this cookie season! Girl Scouts who sold 600 or 1,000+ packages of cookies before May 1 are qualified to participate in some incredible Celebration Events this summer!



Look out for information from us sometime in mid-May about how to sign up for your girl's well-deserved celebration!

Girl Scouts who sold at least 600 packages will have the opportunity for her and her adult to attend their choice of an adventure day at Frankenmuth Aerial Park on June 17 (ages 7 and older) or attend a Kidz Bop concert at Pine Knob Music Theater on July 6.

Girl Scouts who reached the 1,000+ package level will be invited to celebrate at Michigan's Adventure on July 15 with one adult.



Upcoming Programs

**May
15**

Day Camp
Open House
Kalamazoo



**May
18**

Hammer and Fire
Scotts

Super Sleuther
Jackson

**May
21**

Oh, the Places
You'll Go!
Virtual



**May
25**

The Buzz About
Honeybees
Dexter

**May
26**

Playing the Past
Jackson

**May
28**

Bug Out!
Kalamazoo

**June
01**

Camp Craft
Kalamazoo

**June
08**

Get a Clue!
Jackson

**June
08**

Discover Scuba
Hartland



**June
14**

Camp Craft
Saginaw

**June
15**

Magical Miniature
Fairy Gardener
Camp Wacousta

**June
17**

Day Camp Starts!
Kalamazoo



**June
29**

Get a Clue!
Kalamazoo

Fab, Fit, Fun!
Saginaw

Cross Fit Check
Saginaw

**June
30**

Overnight Camp
Starts!



**Aug
4**

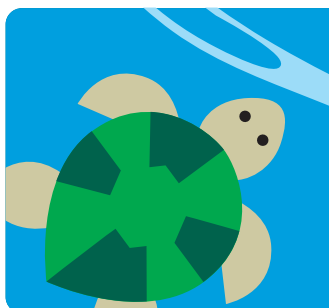
Detroit Tigers
Girl Scout Day
Detroit



We don't know about you, but we couldn't be more excited
for summer, because around here, summer means:

Girl Scout Camp!

There are still spots available throughout the summer at all of
our beautiful camp properties. Scan the QR code to learn more.





Highest Award Prep Sessions

**May
18**

Bronze Award
Prep Session
Virtual



Silver Award
Prep Session
Virtual



Gold Award
Prep Session
Virtual



Gold Award
Workshopping Session
Virtual

Join the Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge!

You don't need access to a national park or the woods to enjoy the outdoors! Get outdoors with us and participate in our Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge.



Download our free activity sheet
with 50+ fun activities to see
what's possible right outside your
own front door today!



Summer Fun Days!

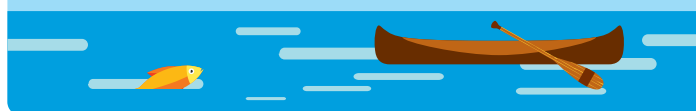


**July
13**
9 a.m.
to 4 p.m.

Join us for a day
of fun in the summer
sun at Camp Linden and
Camp Merrie Woode!

From thrilling adventures on the rock wall and at the archery range, to cooling off with a dip in the water, to making incredible tie-dye creations to roasting s'mores over a fire, there's sure to be fun for everyone!

These programs are great for troops and families alike!



**New
Event!**

Save the date for our
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



**Free
event**

**Families
Welcome**



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Dates to Remember

June 17

Day Camp Starts
Kalamazoo

June 19

Juneteenth Observed
Regional Centers closed

June 20

Summer begins!

June 30

Overnight Camp Starts

July 4

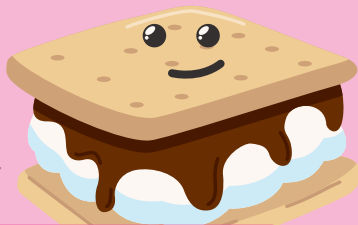
Independence Day
Regional Centers closed

August 10

National S'mores Day

Save the Date:

National S'mores Day



**Come celebrate National S'mores Day
the Girl Scout way with a free event
for all girls and their families.**

On **Saturday, August 10**, each region will be hosting their very own National S'mores Day celebration with the help of community partners filled with food, fun, and festivities. Keep your eyes out for more information and region-specific details!

Help us spread the word by inviting friends who are not yet Girl Scouts to come and join the fun!

