

The Trefoil Times

A publication of Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan



Sneak peek
of everything
inside this edition:

Important dates to save
in your calendar.

Must-have
Girl Scout items.

Events and programs you
won't want to miss.

And more!

Welcome to the New Girl Scout Year!

The New Girl Scout Year has begun, and we are so excited for the season ahead! Throughout this edition of *The Trefoil Times*, you will learn all about the latest happenings for Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan and how you can be involved.

Coming soon to wherever you listen to podcasts:

**The Girl Scout Leader Tips & Tricks Podcast
with Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan!**



Hey, Hey, volunteers! In our new podcast, you will hear short and snappy episodes of 5-15 minutes that will give you the inside scoop of how to improve your skills as a Girl Scout Leader. Join us throughout the year for all the tips & tricks you'll need in bite-sized episodes you can tune into while you're out on a walk, doing the dishes, or heading to the office!

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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Preferred Program Partners



Our Preferred Program Partners are local businesses and organizations we have partnered with to facilitate Girl Scout programming.

We highly recommend that you check out our 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? Let us know by emailing helpdesk@gshom.org!



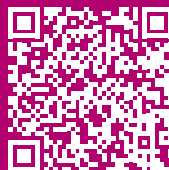
**Save
the date**

Cookie Kick-off

December 7, 10:00 AM 2:00 PM

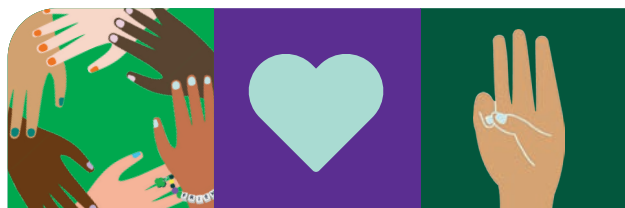
Get ready for the cookie season by engaging in activities based on the 5 skills: goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics. Girls will make their own booth supplies! Create their own video to upload to Digital Cookie (DOC). Learn how to set girl and troop goals and how to track them, and so much more! Offered at different locations.

All participants will receive a fun patch!



**Scan
to register**

Adult chaperones
will be required.



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 the love by donating to the Sister to Sister Fund!

**Scan here
to donate**



Cookie Season Starting Soon!

It's more than a cookie.

While you are finishing your Treats & Reads Season strong, we know you are looking ahead to Cookie Season! The Cookie Program is essential to a Girl Scout's journey and experience. It's her introduction to the world of business, she will also develop **5 key leadership skills** that she will use throughout her life!



**GOAL
SETTING**



**DECISION
MAKING**



**MONEY
MANAGEMENT**



**PEOPLE
SKILLS**



**BUSINESS
ETHICS**



Important Dates to Remember

December

- ☐ Sign up for Troop sponsored booth opens - 12/1
- ☐ Cookie Kick-Off - 12/7
- ☐ ACH payment for early November booths - 12/12
- ☐ Initial order taking begins - 12/14
- ☐ DOC opens - 12/14
- ☐ Re-order dates

January

- ☐ Initial order due - 1/12
- ☐ Troop: Submit cookie initial order - 1/13
- ☐ Troop: Submit initial reward order - 1/13
- ☐ You Rock It Challenge due - 1/3-13
- ☐ Council sponsored booth sign ups - 1/23 7PM

**Volunteer
Resources**



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Retail Corner

DIY Girl Scouts Beaded Bracelet

This new Girl Scout Beaded Bracelet is the perfect DIY to do together with your Girl Scout or as an activity for her next girls' night. The bracelet is a subtle nod to the sisterhood Girl Scouts have together and a perfect addition to any outfit.

Available at your local GSHOM Retail Shop!

\$4⁰⁰



**Retail
Shop
Hours**

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

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

Girl Beanie Hat & Glove Set

\$20⁹⁹



Winter is well on its way and what better way to be prepared other than this matching new Girl Beanie & Glove set!? Sewn with the iconic Girl Scout trefoil and touch screen fingers, this duo provides both warmth and style to your winter wardrobe.

Available at your local GSHOM Retail Shop!

**Retail Shops
will be closed
December 21
thru
January 5**



Save the Date

Town Hall



Scan here to register and join us on **Wednesday, January 29** at 6:30 PM as we review the 2023-2024 Membership Year and discuss exciting updates to come!

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There's no such thing as bad camping weather!

In Girl Scouting, we always say that there is no bad weather - only inappropriate clothing! This means that we spend time in the great outdoors year-round: rain or shine, snow or heat! Girl Scouts can come out to our GSHOM camps all year. Whether you're coming for a program or a troop camping trip, we can't wait to see you this winter!

Galentine's Day at Camp Linden

Saturday, February 15, 2025 • dbjcsav • \$25/youth, \$5/adult

Get ready for a heart-filled day celebrating Galentine's at Camp Linden! This event is all about celebrating friendship. You'll have a fun-filled day practicing target sports, eating a delicious treat at our gourmet s'mores station and hot chocolate bar, and even making your own bath bomb! Make sure your Girl Scout brings her besties along to enjoy making one-of-a-kind Valentine's SWAPS to share with friends, old and new. Remember to make new friends while keeping the old, one is silver and the other is gold! You won't want to miss the chance to spread love and joy with your fellow Girl Scouts!

All participants will receive a fun patch!



Crafty Kids Gift-making Workshop at Camp Merrie Woode

Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024 • dbjcsav • \$20/youth, \$5/adult

Girl Scouts will create handmade wonders for their loved ones. Participants will be able to craft up to four gifts made from natural and recycled materials. Create wood cookie ornaments, plaster-cast prints, woven picture frames, hand-decorated treasure trove gift boxes, and more! While you're here, craft an edible creation at our cocoa bar and make a delicious s'more!

Winter Adventure Day at Camp O' the Hills

Winter brings a day of outdoor fun in the snow! Come to Camp O' the Hills and enjoy a day of winter play.

You can cross country ski on our groomed trails, sled down our snow-covered hill, or trek through the snow with snowshoes, and try ice skating or ice fishing on one of our frozen lakes.

Session A
January 11, 2025

Session C
February 8, 2025

Session B
January 25, 2025

Session D
February 22, 2025

Includes Lunch

Camp Linden Lock-In

*Camp Linden • Saturday, March 1 - Sunday, March 2
jcsav • \$85/member, \$90/non-member*

Have you ever been to camp... at night? Join us for a lock-in where we will spend the night with friends exploring all camp has to offer with archery, tie-dye, crafts, life size board games, and a special campfire. Discover the magic of the outdoors after-hours with a moonlit hike and endless opportunities to gaze at the night sky. Be sure to pack a sleeping bag, flashlight, and a sense of adventure! All participants will receive a fun patch.

7:00 PM check in, 10:00 PM check out. Evening snack and continental breakfast included.


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Camp Linden Winter Promo

Winter is a great time to explore camp! Enjoy activities like archery, bb guns, tie dye, slingshot, nature hikes, fire building, and crafts.

When you add on three activities to your camp visit (overnight trip or day trip), you'll get a fourth activity free!

Valid for Camp Linden visits
December 1 - February 28



Upcoming Programs

**Dec
3**

December Juliette Meeting *Virtual*

During these monthly meetings, you will meet with other Juliettes throughout Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan. Learn about council-sponsored events, earning badges, and how to participate in the Girl Scout product programs.



**Dec
8**

Badgefest: Cybersecurity *Plymouth*

Do you know how to protect your data? People use computers in all areas of their lives, from learning to entertainment and more. Cybersecurity is all about keeping all of that information safe. Learn about networks, hacking, and cybercrime in this cybersecurity badgefest!

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**Dec
7**
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Winter Park Exploration *Ann Arbor Parks*

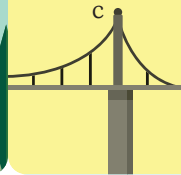
Learn about winter wildlife with the Ann Arbor Parks Department. Build houses to keep animals safe from the elements in the coldest time of the year!



**Jan
15**
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Building Bridges with Barr Engineering *Ann Arbor*

Find your inner engineer! Learn about bridge structural design and stabilization before putting your skills into practice by building your own miniature bridges. See if your bridge will stay stable on a variety of surfaces and if it can last against simulated hazards inspired by the projects that professional engineers handle every day!



**Dec
8**

Badgefest: Code for Good *Plymouth*

Do you have what it takes to build a digital world out of lines of code? Find out through this crash course badgefest with The Coder School of Plymouth! Learn about algorithms and how machines know what to do; then, design and code your own computer game! Talk about women in STEM and the steps to join their ranks!

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**Jan
18**
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Northville Robotics Junior Workshop *Ann Arbor*

The Girl Scouts will be building and programming miniature robots known as "Sumo Bots". Working in teams, they will learn to problem-solve and come up with innovative ideas to use for their robots. Throughout the day, the Robostangs will give a tour of their workshop and provide a live demonstration of their robot. At the end of the event, the Sumo Bots will compete against each other!



**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 programs and activities that Girl Scouts offers. There's something for every girl to get involved in and make a difference.



**Jan
25**
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STEMapalooza *Saginaw*

Are you ready to explore the wide worlds of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math? Join us at Saginaw Valley State University to meet with students from different categories of STEM from biology to chemistry and more! Find out what careers await you and what professionals in STEM do all day with six different activity stations.



Coming soon!

Crate Stacking



Join us at Camp Merrie Woode, Camp Linden, and Camp O' the Hills and work with your friends to climb to new heights during **Crate Stacking**! This problem-solving, high-energy challenge is the perfect indoor winter activity. See camp from a new perspective up above as you stack the crates as high as the sky!



Adult Education Corner



Volunteers! You always have support through your Girl Scout journey. We offer a variety of training opportunities to equip you with the tools and knowledge you need to rock it in your volunteer role! Check out our new landing page with all the upcoming training opportunities coming your way.



Scan here
for more



Cadette Grade Level Essentials

Nov 19 - Virtual

After this course, participants will understand how to: implement girl-led, learn by doing (experiential learning cycle), and cooperative learning at a Girl Scout Cadette level; utilize and teach girls the LUTE (listen, understand, tolerate, empathize) model to empower girls to master their emotions; mentor and educate girls earning high level cadette awards; guide and support girls embarking on a troop or individual domestic, international, or outdoor adventure trip.



Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

Nov 23 - Virtual
Jan 11 - Virtual

Designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers, and other caring citizens how to identify, understand, and respond to an adolescent (ages 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge or crisis. Mental Health First Aid helps you assist someone 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.



Girl Scouts Mackinac Island Service Program

Nov 19 - Virtual
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Troop 609 Info Night

Would you 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 amazing experiences?

You can apply to be part of Troop 609 of the Mackinac Island Scout Service Program. Come to the information night to learn more about the application process, the trainings and everything we do on Mackinac Island!

Is your troop planning a trip with their product program troop proceeds? Check out our (troop trip page on our website) for guidelines while you're planning!





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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 15th.**

Nominations are available on our website.



Dates to Remember

November 28

Thanksgiving
Regional Centers closed
Nov. 28-29

December 7

Cookie Kick-Off

Dec 21 - Jan 5

Regional Centers closed

January 1

New Year's Day
Regional Centers closed

January 20

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Regional Centers closed

January 28

Town Hall

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Save the Date

Cookie Bake-off

Benefit

Thursday, March 6, 2025 • Radisson Paza Hotel Kalamazoo

You are the main ingredient in our recipe to give girls in our communities the opportunity to be Girl Scouts!

Local area chefs will put their culinary talents to the test—as they use Girl Scout Cookies to create never-before-seen (or eaten) creations—for you to sample. Your small bites will make a big impact. Together, we can bring the benefits of Girl Scouting to all girls!

Get your tickets and learn about sponsorship opportunities today!

