

The Trefoil Times

A publication of Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan



Bring on the sunshine!

Welcome back to the Trefoil Times! Here at Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, we can't wait to tell you what we have in store for you over the next few months. This edition contains information about camp, Adult Awards, new items to purchase in our retail shops, and more. Relax, grab your favorite Girl Scout Cookie to snack on, and let's dive in together.



Have you heard the latest season of The Girl Scout Advantage Podcast? Tune in for our "Dudes of Girl Scouting" season, where we feature some of the amazing men who support Girl Scouting!"



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

Sneak peek of everything inside this edition

Incredible incentives for spring renewal.

How to plan your summer at camp –and get there with cookies!

Must-have Girl Scout fashion items.

Events and programs you won't want to miss.

And more!

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THANK YOU!

Volunteer Appreciation Month

Volunteers are at the heart of everything we do in Girl Scouts. Whether you're a Troop Leader, Service Unit Team Member, Product Volunteer, Camp Staff, or someone who steps in whenever help is needed, your dedication shapes the lives of thousands of local girls. You are mentors, cheerleaders, problem-solvers, and role models—helping girls build confidence, courage, and character. From leading outdoor adventures to organizing cookie sales, planning events, and inspiring young leaders, your impact is never ending.

During Volunteer Appreciation Month, we want to say thank you. Thank you for your time, energy, and passion. Thank you for believing in girls and empowering them to take on the world. You don't just support Girl Scouts—you inspire them.

Volunteer Shout out:

Jenni Glysson



Jenni embodies the spirit of Girl Scouting, serving in many volunteer roles since the 80s. She has worked along side GSHOM staff partners and Ann Arbor volunteers to implement "Welcome to Cadettes" as a program for Junior Girl Scouts to see all the amazing opportunities that lay in front of them as they continue their Girl Scout journey. GSHOM can't thank Jenni enough for everything she does for volunteers and girls.

Troop Spotlight

TROOP 90697

The girls renovated a vintage travel trailer into a Cookie Booth! As a solution to staying warm during the season, they spent day after day tearing apart the trailer, customizing the design inside and out, and learning to use power tools to build this mobile booth to fit their needs.



Scan to see how they did it!



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



It's time for Spring Renewal!

Only on May 1st, you'll get the chance to save \$20 on all girl memberships for the upcoming 2026-2027 membership year with promo code **SPRINGMEMBER25** — don't miss this one-day deal! Renew now to reserve her troop spot, avoid any gaps in the fun, and jump right into Fall Product with your goals in sight. Troops who have hosted at least one Cookie Booth and have two Troop Leaders registered for next year by July 16th unlock the opportunity to earn \$50 GSHOM Bonus Bucks!*

Keep the momentum going and start your next Girl Scout year strong!

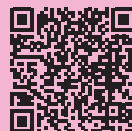
*Cookie Booth must be recorded in eBudde.

*Must submit 2025 finance report and 2026 ACH form by 7/16/25 to qualify.

*Bonus Bucks will be distributed by 9/30/25.



Get all the
details here



Renew
early and
save!

Wrap up the year with confidence!

July
16



Submit your 2025 Membership Year Finance Report and ACH form by July 16 to stay on track for next year's adventures.



Account
Authorization
Agreement



Finance
Report

Don't forget—troop funds can be used to renew all members, including volunteers!

Retail Corner



Flash Sale



For the month of April, ALL fun patches in stock at our Regional Centers will be ONE dollar only!

\$1.00

These are going to go quickly, so get them while you can!

*while supplies in stores last



2025 Camper Care Kits



Camper Care Kits feature items* to spice-up cabin life and keep the camp experience alive.

Care Kits will be handed out during camp check-in.



There are a limited amount of Care Kits available for purchase, so order soon while supplies last!

Scan the QR code to see all our Camper Care Kits or to create your own!



**Designs and colors may differ.*



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.

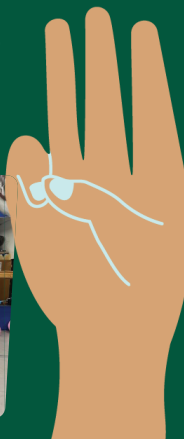


Honor Troops

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

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.

Scan to learn more



Our mission in motion!

See what our Girl Scouts
are up to!



Troop 40917 learned about
Indian Classical Dance



Behind the Box
at WILX/Studio10



Troop 40833 went to
Camp Merrie Woode



EmpowHER Night
with the K-Wings



U of M basketball game



STEMapalooza

Adult Awards



We are so thankful for the wonderful contributions of our volunteers and community partners to Girl Scouting! It truly brings us joy to celebrate their amazing service through the Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Adult Awards. Your dedication makes a real difference! **Please join us in celebrating our outstanding awardees at the Adult Awards Ceremony on Sunday, May 4, 2025.**



**Register
today!**



2025 Girl Scout Package Rates

Includes:

- Lodging for two nights
- Round trip ferry pass
- Self guided tour of Fort Mackinac
- Hot Breakfast
- Luggage Handling
- Group Rates on Island Activities



2-Night Pkg as low as

May	June
\$175 per scout	\$219 per scout
\$189 per adult	\$239 per adult

Sunday through Thursday
*rates based on 4 people per room

**Come explore the nature
and historical beauty
of Mackinac Island,
Michigan!**



Summer:

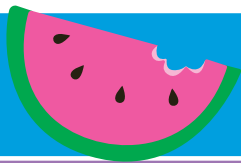
PO Box 476
Mackinac Island, MI 49757
(May - October)

Murray Hotel

(906) 847-3360 ext. 3
groups@mymurrayhotel.com

Winter:

PO Box 7706
Ann Arbor, MI 48107
(November - April)



Upcoming Programs

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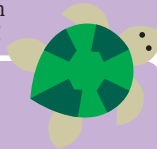
Weekend Camp Programs

**May
2-4**

dbjcsa
+ adult

Spring Sampler *Camp O'the Hills*

Explore camp together. Some of the adventures you'll enjoy include canoeing, kayaking, archery, BB guns, slingshots, hatchets, geocaching and crafts. Join us for a weekend filled with adventure, fun, friends, and memories!



**Jun
13-15
20-22**

dbjcsa
+ adult

Save the Turtles *Camp O'the Hills*

The native Michigan turtle species come into camp for the annual nesting season. Learn to build and update nesting boxes and predator screens to help save the nests and identify the different species.

**Jun
27-29**

dbjcsa
+ adult

Me & My Gal: Slumber Party Sleepover *Camp Merrie Woode*

Connect, share stories, and embrace the great outdoors together! you can bring any adult woman over the age of 18 for this fun weekend!

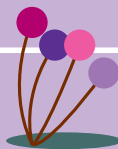


**Jun
27-29**

dbjcsa
+ adult

Jamboree *Camp Linden*

Say hello to your Girl Scout friends and family from across the state! Meet friends from other troops, bring and create S.W.A.P.S. to share with your fellow Girl Scouts, participate in camp activities, and more!



**Aug
15-17**

dbjcsa
+ adult

Family Camp: Outdoor Explorers *Camp Merrie Woode*

Do fun camp activities like rock climbing, boating, or swimming, all while learning about survival skills and nature.

**Aug
15-17**

dbjcsa
+ adult

Me & My Gal: Wild, Wild West *Camp Linden*

Search for a hidden treasure, create your very own wanted posters, enjoy cowboy bingo, and compete in our hobby horse obstacle course, all while participating in some of our favorite camp activities.

Classic Programs

**Apr
15**

sa+adult

Gold Award Training and Workshopping Session

Learn how to plan and complete all the steps in this interactive virtual workshop.

**Apr
19**

dbj

Trail Adventure *at Chippewa Nature Center*

Learn the Leave No Trace principles, what you need for a hike, and how to read trail signs and maps.

**Apr
20**

dbj

Kids in a Candy Store

Get a behind-the-scenes look at a candy shop and use your budgeting skills to build your order.

**May
15**

dbj

Camp Craft *Kalamazoo Regional Center*

Learn the outdoor skills you'll need for your next adventure with games and crafts.

**May
17**

Gold, Silver, and Bronze Award Training and Workshopping Session

Gold: sa+adult Silver: c+adult Bronze: j+adult

**May
21**

dbj

Camp Craft *Jackson Regional Center*

Learn the outdoor skills you'll need for your next adventure with games and crafts.

**May
24**

dbj

Trail Adventure *Kalamazoo Nature Center*

Learn the Leave No Trace principles, what you need for a hike, and how to read trail maps and signs.

**Jun
18**

csa

Michigan Sugar Company Food Science Day *Bay City*

Learn about sugar manufacturing, and the science of flavor development and ice cream production.

**Jun
24**

csa

Michigan Sugar Company Women in Agriculture Day *Research and Extension Center*

Learn about career paths from women in agriculture and tour the research farm.



Day Programs

**Jul
6-11**

dbj

Camp Linden Day Camp *Camp Linden*

The place where adventure, learning, and friendship come together! They'll experience the outdoors at our camp, gain new skills, and build lasting memories. Enjoy various activities like hiking, arts and crafts, slingshots, silly songs, and fun-filled team-building games.



**Aug
13, 14,
20, 21**

Camp Linden

**11, 12,
13, 14**

Camp

Merrie Woode

dbjcsa + adult

Horse Clinics

Camp Linden & Camp Merrie Woode

Discover essential horse care techniques, from grooming and feeding to understanding basic health needs. Take a trail ride through our beautiful tree lined paths.

There will be a special demonstration on physical care, where they'll learn how to check for signs of health and well-being in horses. Saddle up for a fun day with these gentle giants that you won't soon forget!

Cookies to Camp Program

Did you know that selling Girl Scout Cookies can help your Girl Scout get to summer camp? The Cookies to Camp Program makes outdoor adventures more accessible by allowing Girl Scouts to earn camp credit through their hard work in the Cookie Program.

Starting April 25, 2025, every Girl Scout who participates earns \$1.15 in camp credit for every package sold, which is loaded onto a Cookies to Camp Card—exclusively for Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan summer camp experiences.

That means:

375 packages = One Overnight Mini Session

480 packages = One week of Overnight Camp

600 packages = One week of Horse Camp



Encourage your Girl Scout to set her sights on camp this summer. When she sells cookies this season, she's not just building on the five skills or the cookie program; she's earning her way to a lifetime of friendship and memories.



Bring the whole family to this free afternoon of camp fun!

Meet the staff, take a tour, try out some of our favorite activities, make s'mores, and more!

Scan here to preregister and get a FREE fun patch!



Hiring at Camp!

Working at a Girl Scout summer camp is more than a job— it's a rewarding, meaningful, and FUN experience that will be remembered forever! Working at camp allows staff to gain valuable hands-on experience while making a lasting difference in the lives of the campers.

They will join a fun-loving, inclusive, exciting team working towards improving the campers' lives by providing an excellent camp experience! We are seeking seasonal employees for our overnight camps in Linden and Plainwell, our troop and family camp in Brooklyn, and our day camp in Kalamazoo. Scan to see open positions.



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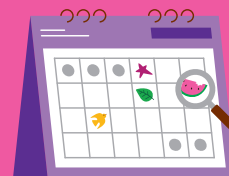
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Dates to Remember

April 26

Camp Open House

May 1

Day Camp Open House

May 4

Adult Awards

May 18

Girl Recognition Ceremony

May 26

Memorial Day
Regional Centers closed

June 19

Juneteenth
Regional Centers closed

July 4

Independence Day
Regional Centers closed

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July 20-25

Amish Adventures and Lakeside Escapes

(Entering 4-8th grade)

Embark on an unforgettable journey that combines the beauty of Lake Michigan with the charm of Amish culture. Explore Indiana Dunes National Park one day and the Shipshewana Flea Market and Dutch Creek Farm Animal Park the next! This trip to Indiana offers a perfect blend of outdoor adventure and cultural exploration.

Trip Programs



Aug. 10-15

Northern Michigan Exploration

(Entering 8-12th grade)

See the beautiful wonders of Northern Michigan! Explore the largest Great Lake with a guided kayaking tour of Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. You will also learn about Michigan's history and enjoy yummy fudge with a trip to Mackinac Island. Camp out under the stars and enjoy the natural wonders of Northern Michigan.