



World Thinking Day



This February, celebrate our global sisterhood by exploring the world and visiting the countries of our sister Girl Guides and Girl Scouts! World Thinking Day is a Girl Scout and Girl Guide tradition that celebrates the beautiful similarities and differences that we all share worldwide. Take flight to each country as we host our Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Council-Wide World Thinking Day Event virtually on Saturday, February 19 from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM!

Have you ever thought of leading a journey through an exciting country? Be a host to our upcoming World Thinking Day Event! To get started, please complete this **form**.

Register today!

Town Hall Webinar Recording Available

Thank you to everyone who joined us this past Thursday, January 27 for our annual Town Hall webinar! On the webinar, our CEO, Jan Barker, discussed the successes and challenges of the 2020-2021 membership year, and described where we are going next. Be sure to check out the recording today!

View the recording »

COVID-19 Policy Reminder

In the midst of a surge resulting from the Omicron variant, we wanted to remind everyone of our policies to ensure the safety of all girls and volunteers. Our most up-to-date COVID-19 policies can be found on our website at gshom.org/coronavirus. At this time, masks are recommended at all times, and required while indoors at Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan properties.

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Girl Recognition Ceremony Updates



This past Saturday, we finally celebrated our 2020 Girl Recognition Ceremony honorees. This ceremony was dedicated to those who had earned their Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award prior to February 1, 2020. The recording of the ceremony is

available [here](#).

If your girl has earned or will earn her Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award between February 1, 2020 and April 1, 2022, she will be honored in a ceremony to take place in the summer of 2022. We are so proud of all of our Highest Awards recipients, and we can't wait to celebrate you!



**Visit our Regional Centers
to learn all about our
red-footed tortoises
& help us name them!**

Have you heard about our newest Girl Scout members?! Red-footed tortoises have officially joined our Girl Scout family at each of our Regional Centers. The tortoises are currently nameless, and we are hosting a competition to select their names! Stop by your local Regional Center to meet the turtles, and your girl can submit name ideas. The name of each turtle will be announced in the coming months, so come and meet them!

Upcoming Interview Opportunities

Calling all Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts to help spread the word about our upcoming Cookie Season in our Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lansing, and Ann Arbor areas by participating in our DJ Breakfast campaign! This opportunity consists of partnering with local radio and TV stations to tell everyone about cookie season, as well as why they like being a Girl Scout. If

she's interested in participating, email marketing@gshom.org to join our information session on Thursday, February 3 at 7:00 PM to learn more.

Product Program Updates



Bling Your Booth! Ann Arbor, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lansing

Look out -- did you see it? Bring us your booth's pizzazz while showcasing your troop's goals and the five skills. Join us for our weekly Facebook Contest! Each week, troops will submit their catchiest booth photo of the week by Tuesday to be entered. One regional winning troop per week will be determined by "likes" on your troop's photo, so be sure to share with your friends and family!

Early Cookie Booth Days - Ann Arbor, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lansing

Can you smell the air? Full of mint, coconut, caramel, and peanut butter bliss! The official start to our Booth Season begins with our Early Kick Off on February 4th. Be sure to list your Troop's Booth on eBudde no later than Sunday nights to give enough time for approval. Please see page 14 of your Troop Cookie Manager Guide for guidelines when setting up your Booth.

Cookie Delivery Days - Ann Arbor, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lansing

The Girl Scout Cookie Delivery Days begin February 14th. Be prepared and ready for your troops delivery day by printing your Troop Confirmation Page. You will find this on your troop's eBudde Delivery Tab. Please let us know if you need

help locating this page by contacting your local Service Unit Product Manager or our **Help Desk** Team.

Saginaw Treats & Reads Initial Order Submission

Girl Scouts in the Saginaw Region are wrapping up Initial Orders for the Treats and Reads Program February 6th. All online sales/girl entry will conclude February 4th.

Saginaw Goal Getter Season Begins

If your Troop would like to join the sweet adventure of the Treats & Reads Program, you are in for a special treat! Our Treats Goal Getter season is here! Be on the look out for our email on how to join in the fun.

Just getting started?

If your Troop is just getting started, please join us at one of our upcoming Treats Trainings in February. From there, your Girl Scout Troop will be able to take part in our Cash and Carry Goal Getting and Nut Hut Season. All Troops will earn 16% of all sales.

Saginaw Treats Delivery Days

The Treats Delivery Days begin March 7th. You will be able to print off your Troop Delivery Ticket from your M2 platform. Be sure to connect with your Local Product Manager or Help Desk Team if you have any questions.

Thank your favorite Girl Scout volunteer!

This month, we'll feature a couple of suggestions for showing gratitude to the Girl Scout Volunteers in your life. First, take it to social media! Tell the story of a special activity or program that a volunteer took on, or talk about the impact of a particular volunteer. Put it on your local media pages, the GSHOM Leader page, your personal page (let everyone know how great our volunteers are!).

The next idea is to take it old school and write a Thank You note! Receiving a hand-written expression of gratitude makes hearts melt - and it lasts! Throw in a gift card for a cup of coffee or a chocolate treat is a nice touch. It doesn't take a lot to make someone feel appreciated. Just a few minutes of your time- and aren't our volunteers worth it?

Outdoor Programming Updates



We are gearing up for winter! We cannot wait to break out the snowshoes, go sledding, and enjoy the best winter hikes. If you haven't seen our camps covered in snow, you won't want to miss it! You don't have to wait until next summer to come back to camp! We have troop overnights, day trips, and planned programs year-round. Check out our [website](#) for more information!

Our 2022 Summer Camp Guide is now available, and **registration** for Camp Linden and Camp Merrie Woode summer overnight camps is officially open! Our six-week summer will be filled with sunshine, smiles, and lifelong friendships. Keep an eye out for registration soon!

Upcoming Camp Programs:

- **Spa*Rama at Camp O' the Hills** (Saturday, February 19): Spend some time making your own spa supplies! Come with your troop or just bring a friend. We'll be making great smelling facial scrub, yummy lip balms, and beautifully colored candles that you can use in your own home spa!

- **Maple Syrup Day at Camp O' the Hills** (Saturday, March 12): Explore the age-old tradition of making maple syrup! You'll get a taste of the delicious science of tree sap production by helping tap a tree, collecting maple sap, learning how to cook down the sap on an outdoor wood-fired evaporator, and exploring about all the amazing benefits maple syrup has to offer. Finally, cozy up by the fireplace and enjoy a pancake and sausage lunch with maple syrup.

We have some weekends available for day and overnight troops at all of our beautiful camps! Join us for outdoor adventures all year long. If you're interested in reserving space at camp, email reservations@gshom.org to get your adventure started!

Camp Merrie Woode: We had tons of fun at Winter Wonderland Day! Thank you to everyone that came out to sled, snowshoe, craft, and shoot archery. Camp looks gorgeous covered in snow. Many troops have joined us at camp for winter weekend trips. Campers love snowshoeing and working on badges while nice and cozy in their cabin! We hope you'll have the chance to enjoy the serenity of the woods in the winter. We have availability for troops to stay overnight or visit for the day in February and March. Be sure to book soon, as the calendar is filling up fast!

Available Overnight & Day Trips:

- February 18- 20
- February 25- 27
- March 4-6
- March 11- 13
- March 18-20
- March 25-27

Camp Linden:

- February 6 (Day Trips)
- February 18-20 (Day and Overnight Trips)
- February 25-27 (Day and Overnight Trips)

Camp O' the Hills has open lodges all winter! It's the perfect time to come to camp and earn some winter badges. Bring your troop and make a weekend of it! Plan your meals or let us cook for you. Go sledding, snow shoeing, or cross country skiing. Make a snowman or do some badge work!



Upcoming Programs!

The Source program book should have hit your mailbox already, or one will be coming your way during our next (coming soon!), and it's also up on our [website](#)! Check out our [website calendar](#) for all the amazing programs coming up soon. Girls can attend individually or with their troop.

Some highlights to share with your girl(s):

- **Game Night at Wacousta** (Wednesday, February 9): Come out to Game Night! Challenge yourself to create game rules, construct the game, and get the opinion of other girls to better your game.
- **EMU Experience** (Wednesday, February 9): Travel to EMU in Ypsilanti to tour the campus and learn about the college experience.
- **Google 1.0** (Friday, February 11): Google is inviting girls to tour the facility virtually, learn more about careers and opportunities and get some hands-on experience.
- Spotlight on Sweet Lips with Jazz (**Wednesday, February 9 & Saturday, February 12**): Join Girl Scout entrepreneur Jazmine Robbins as she talks about running her own business and shows you how to make your own lip gloss!
- **Trail Trekkers February Outing** (Saturday, February 12): Experience the crunch under your feet and peaceful views of a wintertime hike as you explore the trails at Marshall Nature Area.
- **World Thinking Day** (Saturday, February 19): Explore the world and visit the countries of our sister Girl Guides and Girl Scouts! Take flight to each country as we host our Girl Scout Heart of Michigan Council-Wide World Thinking Day Event.
- **Brownie Badge Fest** (Saturday, February 26): Creative and critical thinking are key to this Badge Bash! We will be playing with science experiments and having fun at the same time.
- **Cars, Cranes, and Coasters** (Saturday, February 26): Let's get building! We are going to be working on our Mechanical Engineering badges at this fun afternoon of activities.

[Check out our website for registration details! »](#)



Girl Scout Tree Promise

Did you know that climate change is one of the top issues concerning U.S. girls? Or that planting trees is one of the best ways we can improve the environment? Trees help conserve water, reduce air pollution, create jobs, improve wildlife habitat, and contribute to climate change solutions.

That's why Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan is committed to helping to carry out the Girl Scout Tree Promise. Girl Scouts across GSHOM can join with their Girl Scout sisters across the country to protect the planet from the effects of climate change! With the Elliott Wildlife Values Project and American Forests, GSUSA is launching a bold tree planting and conservation initiative, setting out to plant five million trees across the country in five years, and to protect and honor new and existing trees.

By participating in the Girl Scout Tree Promise, girls can earn a special patch! Think your Girl Scouts are ready to join in? Check next month's newsletter for more information!



Retail Updates

All Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Regional Centers and Shops are open! Kalamazoo and Ann Arbor are open Monday through Friday from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Jackson, Lansing, and Saginaw are open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and by appointment only on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

Curbside pick-up and Zoom shopping are still available. Please call the Help Desk (1-800-497-2688) or email helpdesk@gshom.org to set up your order and schedule your pick-up.

Follow us on Facebook for updates! »

We're hiring!

Are you looking for a career where you spend every day making a difference in the lives of girls? We're hiring throughout our council! Seasonal camp positions are also now available. Check out our careers page to see if any roles would be a good fit for you!

Careers at GSHOM

Sister to Sister Fund Updates - December 2021 Donors

Thank you to all of our Girl Scout sisters who have already contributed to the Sister to Sister Fund! By donating to this fund, you can personally help another Girl Scout sister in Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan. If you haven't had a chance yet, you can **support a Girl Scout today!**

Ann Arbor Region Donors: Miller Family, Wilcox Family.

Jackson Region Donors: Zinke Family.

Kalamazoo Region Donors: Eichler-Johnson Family.

Lansing Region Donors: Hill Family.

Give to a Girl Scout sister today! »



Have a question? Don't be shy!
Contact us for more information.

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