



Recognize Your Amazing Girl Scout Volunteers!



Do you know a Girl Scout volunteer who has made a big difference in your life or your girl's life? Nominating someone for an award is an easy, meaningful way to say: "thank you." Nominations are due January 15, 2022. Don't miss the chance to say: "THANK YOU!"

Remember, thanking a volunteer in your life is not reserved for only one day per year. One fun idea is featured in the photo you see here! Please send your thoughts and ideas to education@gshom.org so you can inspire others.

[Check out the nomination packets here!](#)



Upcoming Closure Dates

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Retail Shops and Regional Centers will be closed on Monday, January 17 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Retail shops and the Help Desk will also be closed for a team meeting on Thursday, February 3. We'll be happy to assist you as soon as we can!



**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!

Product Program Updates



MSU Cheer-Off on January 23 - Register by January 16

Celebrate a 39-year tradition of Girl Scouts cheering on Michigan State Women's Basketball Team. Girl Scout Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors can participate in a banner contest. Girl Scout Brownies and Juniors can participate in a cheering contest. There is even more fun at the Cookie Kick-Off which takes place before the game when girls will learn more about the cookie program through station activities.

**Please note: Proof of vaccination status or negative COVID-19 test is required by MSU to enter the stadium. Proof can be a physical copy or a photo. Masks must also be worn regardless of vaccination status. Please visit Michigan State University's [website](#) for more information.*

U of M Tip-Off on February 6 - Register by January 30

Tip-Off is a special event with cookie stations surrounding the concourse of fun and games partnered with University of Michigan Sororities and Fraternities.

**Please note: Proof of vaccination status or negative COVID-19 test is required by U of M to enter the stadium. Proof can be a physical copy or a photo. Masks must also be worn regardless of vaccination status.*

Treats & Reads Penguin Sleeping Bag Drawing

Congratulations to ALL of our Girl Scouts who entered the drawing for one of the Penguin Sleeping Bags! Qualifications included sending 18 emails, creating their personalized message, and designing their avatar. Sleeping bags will be shipped with your rewards!

- Blair P. from Troop 50441
- Penelope B. from Troop 30293
- Nicole B. from Troop 30283
- Addison K. from Troop 40527
- Lucy D. from Troop 40554
- Sienna B. from Troop 60093
- Sydney B. from Troop 60200
- Addison B. from Troop 80225
- Jocelyn B. from Troop 80954

Saginaw Treats & Reads Program began December 1! Troop leaders are able to attend their local Service Unit Training or one of many offered by Zoom through GSHOM. Registration for GSHOM hosted trainings are available through our [website](#). Girls can launch their programs NOW through February 4th at this [website](#). When she launches her online storefront, customizes her avatar, and sends 18+ emails through January 15th, she will be in the drawing to win our SECOND Penguin Sleeping Bag.

Now with the launch of our Treats & Reads Season, Girl Scouts in the Saginaw Region can bring to their Product Booths the sweet treats of our Treats & Reads Program! Now through February 4th, all treats sold at your upcoming booth can qualify for girl rewards. For more information, be sure to email sagcc@gshom.org!

Cookie Program - Ann Arbor, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lansing

Ann Arbor, Jackson, Kalamazoo, and Lansing Girl Scout Troops! Join us as we climb with courage to a new Girl Scout Cookie program year! During this annual Product Program training, you will learn the ins and outs of this year's newest cookie line-up, eBudde software, booths, upcoming events, and opportunity for Q & A. Registration is available on our [website](#).

Cookie Program - Saginaw

Reward season for the Saginaw Girl Scout Cookie Program is coming to a close on January 17. Be sure to allocate all cookies sold to your girls for credit. Encourage any last minute orders for your Girl Scout to reach her goals! Be sure to check out your Troop Cookie Manager Guide for a full detail of instructions and dates.

Digital Cookie

The Digital Order Cookie Program (DOC) is OPEN! Girls will receive a \$5 Cookie Cash Reward when they send out 15+ emails NOW through January 17th! Any family who has not received their launch email can contact the Help Desk for assistance by emailing helpdesk@gshom.org or calling 1-800-497-2688.

Join the Club!

We are excited to share with you our Product Program Club Events! Any girl who sells 600+ and/or 1,000+ boxes of cookies or \$600+ and/or \$1,000+ in sales for Treats & Reads will be invited to participate in these fun, exclusive events! New this year, your girl can also join our Hometown Heroes Club when you secure 125+ sales of Hometown Heroes donations!

- 600+ Club: Zehnder's Splash Village (June 13, 2022)
- 1,000+ Club: Michigan's Adventure (July 18, 2022)
- 125+ Hometown Heroes Club: TBD



Adventurefuls Update

You may have heard about an Adventureful cookie shortage impacting some Girl Scout councils. Not at Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan! We planned ahead and are excited to have enough Adventurefuls for initial orders, booths, and Digital Cookie. Let the magic of Girl Scout Cookie Season continue!

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 will open soon! Our six-week summer will be filled with sunshine, smiles, and lifelong friendships. Keep an eye out for registration soon!

Upcoming Camp Programs:

- Winter Wonderland at Camp Merrie Woode (Saturday, January 15)
- Outdoor Adventure Days at Camp O' the Hills (Saturday, January 22 and Saturday, February 5): Try cross country skiing, sledding, snowshoeing, and hiking! Ice skating will be available weather permitting.
- Galentine's Day at Camp Linden (Saturday, February 5)
- Galentine's Day Women's Retreat at Camp Merrie Woode (Friday, February 11 - Sunday, February 13)

- 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!

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:

- February 4-6 (Day and Overnight Trips)
- February 18-20 (Day and Overnight Trips)
- February 25-27 (Day and Overnight Trips)

Camp Linden:

- January 22 (Day Trips)
- January 28-30 (Day and Overnight Trips)
- 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 mailing in January, 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):

- **Wizardry Fun** (Wednesday, January 26): Experience Wizardry Fun Wednesday! Create your own paper owl letter carrier, decorate and show

off your own wizarding eye glasses, enjoy a glass of magical butterbeer, have a jelly bean taste test, and more! Fun patch is included.

- **Frosty Forest Frolic** (Saturday, January 29): Experience the sights and sounds of a winter trail at Hudson Mills Metropark. Learn about what you need for a hike and how to read trail signs and maps.
- **Write, Direct, Produce** (Saturday, February 5): Begin by dissecting a script to figure out what you like and what you don't, then develop a storyline for your own script, explore your characters, build the plot and write your script for your own movie that you will create.
- **CMU Medical School First Aid Program**(Saturday, February 5): Earn your First Aid badge by working with Central Michigan Medical Students! Work with the CMU Medical Students as they go through all of the requirements, you will also get to see the CMU Medical Building!
- **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.
- 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!
- **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.

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



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.

- January 3-31 is a Loyalty Point Redemption Period!
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Day.

- The Customer Experience Team will have a team meeting on Thursday, February 3. Retail shops will be closed, and Help Desk cases will be responded to as soon as possible on Friday, February 4.

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 will be available soon as well. 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 - November 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.