



Volunteer Newsletter

December 2018

SUMMER CAMP NEWS

Looking for a great gift for your girl this holiday season? Give her the gift of camp! We have some exciting new updates to our summer camp programs. Our overnight camps, now called All Around camps, give girls more options when it comes to creating their own camp adventure. Girls live in four-season lodges with other All Around camp participants in their same age group. **It's Girl's Choice!** Every evening, girls are presented with 4-5 activities to consider for the next day's activity blocks. They sign up, on an individual basis for those that interest them the most. Girls will meet and learn with girls in the same activities, along with the girls in their lodge and unit. Making friends throughout the whole camp is such fun! Themes are camp-wide this year and will be incorporated into awesome all-camp activities, two meals, and activity areas.

Not sure if your girl is ready for a whole week away from home? This year, we are offering **Mini Camps**. These three-day sessions are the perfect opportunity to ease into overnight camping, or to squeeze in a couple extra days at camp as your schedule allows. **Specialty camps** allow your girl to fine tune her camping experience. Specialty camp options include Advanced Archery, Advanced Climbing, Backpacking Excursion, and Paddle Excursion. Horse camps and travel camps will also be happening throughout the summer.

These amazing options for summer camps are available at [Camp Merrie Woode](#) in Plainwell and [Camp Linden](#) in Linden. Visit our website to learn more about the camping opportunities available at each camp!

Membership Updates

We are still working towards our Council-Wide membership goal, and we need your help! How can you help us reach this goal? Spread the word in your communities about the opportunities girls have in Girl Scouts. Ask your Area Team how you can work together to promote GSHOM. Want to help get a troop started and coach new leaders? Ask your Membership Specialist how you can help.

[Renew your membership now!](#)

[Invite a friend to join Girl Scouts!](#)

Remember that there is room for every girl in Girl Scouts. Room for her to go to camp, room for her to try something new in which she has always dreamed, room for her to laugh with friends, and room for her to lead. And there's always room for cookies!

PRODUCT PROGRAM UPDATES

\$\$ Mo' Money! Troop proceeds, with the current cost of cookies, now start at \$.75 per package and can go up to \$.95 per package. When it comes to skill building, statistics show the Girl Scout Cookie Program works. According to a survey from the Girl Scout Research Institute, 85 percent of Girl Scout "cookie entrepreneurs" learn money management by developing budgets, taking cookie orders, and handling customers' money. Your customers can see these skills in action with our [Five for Five contest](#). Purchase five packages of cookies, see five life skills in action and enter a drawing to win five cases of their choice of cookies! Our cookie varieties this year include the gluten free Toffee-Tastic at \$6, specialty natural ingredients S'Mores at \$6 and our most popular: Thin Mints, Tagalongs, Samoas, Dosidos and Trefoils at \$5 per package.

Saginaw cookie booths began on **November 10th!** Don't forget to promote your booth to your social networks so that customers can easily locate your booth and come out to purchase those yummy cookies.

Mark your calendars! Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lansing and Ypsilanti (JKLY) regions have begun Cookie Training. Check our [website calendar](#) to find out when you can get your training done, or contact your Product Program Specialist for additional training opportunities.



open until **December 17th**, and your troop will earn 16% of the proceeds earned. To begin, [click this link to register](#) with Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Council ID: 2755528. You must know your Girl Scout troop number.

COOKIE PROGRAM



Nut Huts began on **November 16th** in all regions. The holidays are right around the corner! Remind your family and friends that our treats are the perfect holiday gifts for anyone - now is the best time to stock up!

Girl Scouts, you still have time to participate in the online Treats and Reads store. The link to register is

Office & Retail Shop Hours

Kalamazoo & Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor Region

Girl Scout Tuesdays Are Back!

Mon: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Tues: 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Wed: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Thur: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Fri: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Jackson, Saginaw & Lansing Region

Mon: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Tues: By appointment only.
Wed: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Thur: By appointment only.
Fri: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Save these dates!

January 21

Summit Registration Due

All Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan offices and retail shops will be closed for Winter Break. Enjoy the holidays with your family!

December 21

Cirque Dreams Holiday Musical in Kalamazoo

See more information in the left column.

January 5

American Girl LIVE! Musical

See more information in the left column.

January 21

Summit Registration Due

The Summit is a weekend like no other, that is planned by girls for girls and volunteers. Information on registration can be found on [our website](#).

January 27

Cookie Tip-Off at U of M

Join us at the University of Michigan's Women's Basketball game for a day of fun and activities! More information is available on our [website](#). Don't forget to vote for your favorite t-shirt design [here!](#)



Retail News

Today is the final day of our annual Snowball Sale! When purchasing from one of our GSHOM retail shops, you can get anywhere between 10-25% off your total purchase. The sale will be **extended** until December 8th for our Ypsilanti store. *Please note that the Snowball Sale excludes earned recognitions and grade level pins. Not valid on previous purchases.*



SPECIAL HOURS

Look for special Saturday retail shop hours this Fall*. *Hours/dates vary by location. Not all locations are participating.



Girl Scouts Doing Great Things!

Check out some of the amazing things that our Girl Scouts are doing in their communities!

- Troop 80310** is hosting a food drive for individuals impacted by the IAC layoffs in Mendon. Way to identify community needs and be resourceful problem solvers! Read more [here](#).

Is your troop working on a community service project? We'd love to hear about it! You can share it with us on [Facebook](#) or [email us](#).

You can be featured right here in the next issue of our Volunteer Newsletter!



2018-2019 Family Partnership

Family Partnership is a joint effort between families and Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan to support activities and programming that build leadership.

Any family that contributes \$25+ will receive a patch for each registered Girl Scout in their household. Donations of \$50+ will receive a patch and pin for each registered Girl Scout.

Designated troops will receive 15% of all Family Partnership donations back, in the form of Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan council credit. This credit may be used in Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan shops, troop programs and events, and for facility and camp reservations.

[Support Family Partnership!](#)



Saginaw Girl Scouts, win patches for your troop! Be sure to bling your cookie booths this year, snap some photos and share them with us via Facebook to be entered in the #BlingYourBooth contest. One entry per troop, per week. Please submit your entry by commenting on the Bling Your Booth post that will go live each week on our [Facebook page](#) with the hashtag #BlingYourBooth.

All photos will be added to an album, and the winners will be chosen based on which picture has the most "likes". The winner will be announced via Facebook. All weekly winners will be compiled and put into a random drawing for the GRAND PRIZE of store credit for their local GSHOM retail shop.

[Download the #BlingYourBooth flyer](#) for your convenience.

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Support Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan in Partnership with Miller Auditorium

Friday, Dec. 21, 2018 & Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019

Get tickets before the general public at the group rate all while donating \$5.00 per ticket directly to support the Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan's financial assistance program. **Act fast! This is a limited time offer.**

December 21, 2018 - Cirque Dreams Holiday is a new cirque adventure, Broadway musical and family holiday spectacular wrapped in one! With over 300 imaginative costumes, 20 world-class acts, the finest singers, original music and seasonal favorites celebrating the most wonderful time of the year from Thanksgiving to Hanukkah, Christmas and New Year's. You'll be mesmerized for 2 hours with soaring acrobats, gravity defying feats and extravagant theatrical production numbers!

January 5, 2019 - American Girl Live is an all-new musical, featuring all-original songs and unforgettable experiences. Come along to sleepover camp with new friends and an exciting summer away from home. As bold tales of bravery and friendship come to life, iconic American Girl characters lend a hand through story and song. Join your favorite American Girl characters and the campers as they follow their hearts, share their dreams, and learn the power of friendship.

[Buy tickets now!](#)

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