

The latest and greatest from Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan!



Have you heard about our newest Girl Scout members?! Red-footed tortoises 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 will be announced in the coming months, so come and meet our tortoises!

Product Program Updates



Treats & Reads - Ann Arbor, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lansing

Delivery days are upon us! Be sure to reach out to your Service Unit Product Manager for your official date/time/location of your pick up. Girl Scout Troops are beginning Nut Huts! Sales through Nut Huts can still count towards Girl Rewards, now through December 14, 2021. A complete Cupboard Flyer will be available to troops.

A second ACH payment for Treats & Reads is set for December 21, 2021. This will include any additional Booth/Goal Getter sales and credits for online sales.

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.

- 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

Cookie Program - Saginaw

Saginaw 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.

- **Monday, November 1 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM**
- **Monday, November 8 (registration available soon)**
- **Monday, November 15 (registration available soon)**

Troops will be able to submit their Troop's Initial Order into eBudde. All orders will be calculated and ordered by the full case. This is also a Girl Scout's only chance to earn Kiana the Koala when she has 175+ orders on her initial order card! The **girl initial & reward form** is a great tool that you can share with your Girl Scout.

Continue to climb to your Girl Scout Goals with the **Goal Getter order form**. All additional orders after a troop places their initial order will be placed as a pending order through their local cookie cupboard.

Booth Season begins with a soft opening on November 6. Be sure to place your troop's pending order no later than 11:00 PM on Sunday nights to ensure your local cupboard has your order in. All orders placed through the Cookie Cupboard must be returned no later than the following Monday. Be sure to review your Troop Manager Guide for more information. Watch out for an email from eBudde and your SUPM for our Cupboard Flyer of eight amazing Cookie Cupboard locations.

Bling Your Booth! We want to see your Troop's creativity from walk-ups and drive-through booths. We will select one weekly winner beginning with the start of our booth season on November 11. Submit your blinged out booth to the Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Facebook page to be entered!

Early Sales ACH Payment Due: Troops that participated in the first three weeks of booths will be notified of a payment due to GSHOM via ACH.

Digital Cookie: The Digital Order Cookie Program (DOC) will begin on December

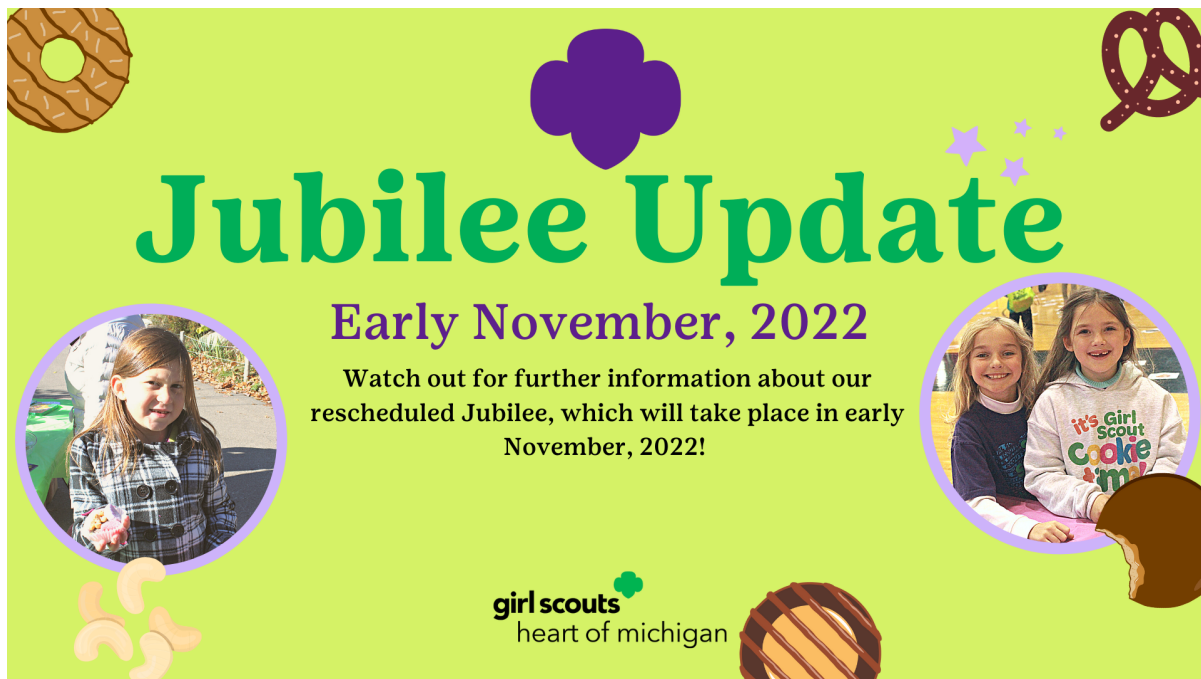
1. Troops will receive an email from DOC two weeks prior. Families can expect their launch emails one week prior to launch. Any family who does not receive their launch email can contact the Help Desk for assistance by emailing helpdesk@gshom.org or calling 1-800-497-2688.

Saginaw Treats & Reads Program will begin December 1! Troops' online portals will open mid-November. One week prior, families will receive their launch email. The change to the start of the program is due to M2's availability of the software.

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 Treats & Reads will be invited to participate in these fun, exclusive events! New this year, you 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



Upcoming Programs!



The Source will be hitting your mailbox soon, and a **Sneak Peek** is up on our website! You'll get a mailed, finalized copy soon. Until then, check out our **website calendar** for all the amazing programs coming up soon. Girls can attend individually or with their troop.

Some highlights:

- Wizardry Fun
- Rooted in Michigan
- Cooking Simply with Local Food
- Eco Warriors
- First Aid Fanatics: Juniors
- BadgeFest: We Can Engineer It
- PAWsitive Pet Care
- Pottery Party
- Super Science Saturday
- Bringing Science to Life
- Digital Cookie Kick Off
- Gold Award Preparation Session

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

Chemical Bank/TCF Accounts

Recently, Chemical Bank & TCF account holders received notice that as part of a merger with Huntington Bank, their accounts would be changing. A small group of these troop accounts received notification that their accounts would be moving to Horizons Bank. We are asking that, in order to ensure an ease of process, all troops that hold a Chemical Bank or TCF account, please complete a new ACH form. All ACH forms must be sent to ach@gshom.org.

ACH form is found here »

Outdoor Programming Updates



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!

Cancellation Policy - Effective January 2022

- Final numbers and payment are due two weeks before your reservation.
- 50% of lodging fee is due at booking as a non-refundable and non-transferrable deposit.
- Final payment is due two weeks before your reservation for both lodging and activities.
- Cancellations more than two weeks before your reservation will be refunded minus the deposit made at booking.
- Cancellations less than two weeks before your reservations will be given camp credit for the amount paid minus the deposit made at booking. The camp credit can be used within a year of the original reservation.
- If GSHOM has to cancel the reservation, we will find a date to reschedule your reservation, or refund your payments.

Upcoming Camp Programs:

- Women's Retreat Weekend at Camp Linden (Friday, November 12 - Sunday, November 14)
- Winter Wonderland at Camp Linden (Saturday, January 8)
- Winter Wonderland at Camp Merrie Woode (Saturday, January 15)
- Galentine's Day Women's Retreat at Camp Merrie Woode (Friday, February 11 - Sunday, February 13)

We have some weekends available for day and overnight troops at Camp Linden and Camp Merrie Woode! 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:

- November 12 - 14
- November 19 - 21
- December 3 - 5
- December 10 - 12

Camp Linden:

- November 19 - 21
- December 10 - 12
- December 17-19

December Deals at Camp

- \$80 per lodge per night - No additional costs for groups larger than eight! Offer valid through November 20 for your December/January visit. Valid at Camp Linden & Camp Merrie Woode.
- Coming out just for the day in December? Sign up for three adventures and get your fourth adventure free! Valid at Camp Linden.



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.

- Loyalty Point Redemption Period: November 1 through November 19
- Shops will be closed November 16 for a Staff Meeting
- Shops will be closed November 25 - 26 for Thanksgiving

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! »



Facebook Fundraising Challenge!

Show your gratitude for Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan by participating in our Facebook Fundraising Madness Challenge! We know that you care deeply about Girl Scouts and sharing the amazing things that Girl Scouts do to change the world. Girls gain confidence, life skills, lifelong friends, and so much more in Girl Scouting, and that is worth shouting from the mountaintops! During this season of gratitude, we invite you to give back by hosting a fundraiser for Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan on Facebook! We will provide prompts throughout the month that you can use as inspiration for post ideas so you can share with your personal network how important Girl Scouting is to your life.

Here's how you can start a Facebook fundraiser for GSHOM:

- Go to Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan on Facebook
- Select the Fundraisers tab
- Click the "Raise Money" button
- Add in a personal spin to your description – Why do you love Girl Scouting?
- Set your goal – Aim high, Girl Scout!
- Click "create"
- Invite friends to your fundraiser
- Post "updates" with our weekly prompts! It's always good to include photos when possible, and as much detail in your descriptions as you can.

Here are a few prompts to get you started:

- Why do you love Girl Scouts?
- What is your favorite memory from Girl Scouting?
- How has Girl Scouting impacted your life?

- What have you learned from Girl Scouting?
- Share a Girl Scout Camp story!
- What is your favorite Girl Scout event you've ever attended?
- Do you remember the first badge or award you earned?
- What is a service project in Girl Scouting that has really resonated with you?
- #GirlScoutStrong – Tell a story of strength related to Girl Scouting!

Adult Awards Nominations



It's never too early to start thinking about those volunteers who make Girl Scouting an incredible experience for girls and adults. Check out the nomination packet or Adult Awards At-A-Glance to explore Adult Awards for which you can nominate individuals. Nominations deadline for

Adult Awards is January 15, 2022.

Remember, thanking a volunteer in your life is not reserved for only one day per year. We would like to share the many other ways that our volunteers are showing gratitude to one another, and we will share them here each month. Please send your thoughts and ideas to education@gshom.org so you can inspire others.

Check out the nomination packets here!

Sister to Sister Fund Updates - September 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: Moczulski Family, Bush Family, Christianson Family, Dabkowski Family, Tebben Family, Longo Family, Cunnane Family, Nieuburt Family, Hagey Family, Paige Family, Hicks Family, Kowatch Family, Milam Family, Rubmle Family, Collins-Garrity Family, Abramowicz Family,

Sennerikuppam Family, Binetti Family, Pacheco Family, Wyman Family, Hash Family, Carlisle Family, Mookoni Family.

Jackson Region Donors: Schot Family, Dyjach Family.

Kalamazoo Region Donors: Kauffman Family, Kelley Family, Andrews Family, English Family, Buzz Family, Shoemaker Family.

Lansing Region Donors: Wilkinson Family.

Saginaw Region Donors: Brandle Family, Farrell Family.

Give to a Girl Scout sister today! »



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