

The latest and greatest from Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan!



Happy New {Girl Scout} Year!



Today, we turn a new leaf to a new Girl Scout membership year! There are so many amazing adventures coming up this year, and we are so glad you're part of it. If you have friends or troop members who are not yet registered, there's still time! If you're already registered, on-time renewal patches are available as a "thank you."

Thanks for joining us for another year of adventure, friendship, belonging, community, and so much more. If you need help renewing your membership, don't hesitate to reach out to our Help Desk at 1-800-497-2688 or helpdesk@gshom.org.



Yard Sign Blitz

Let's paint the town Girl Scout green!

If you missed your chance to participate in the Yard Sign Blitz challenge, you're in luck! We are extending the contest through next Friday, October 8. Here's the info:

- Stop by your local regional center and pick up a yard sign (or five!)
- Strategically place the yard sign in a highly trafficked location
- Take a fun picture or selfie with the yard sign (safely!)
- Post the photo on social media as a public post and tag Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan (@gshom)
- Five lucky winners who submit a photo will win a \$50 gift card to our Retail Store!

Thanks for helping us paint the town Girl Scout green to celebrate the new Girl Scout year!



Introducing
gsEvents

Have you registered for an event on our new program registration platform?! gsEvents synchs with your MY GS log-in (where you register and renew your membership) for a smoother member experience.

October programs and beyond are now live on gsEvents. Here are the

details around how you can access and register for programs:

1) Through our GSHOM Calendar:

- Head to gshom.org
- Click "Events" from the top menu bar
- Find an event on the calendar that you're interested in
- Click on that event to open it
- Once the event is open, click "register now"
- This will take you to gsEvents, where you will log into your Girl Scout account and register for all the amazing upcoming events!

2) Through MY GS:

- Head to gshom.org
- Click "MY GS" from the top menu bar
- Log into your account
- Click on "My Events Tab"
- Click "view all upcoming events"
- Click "register for another event"
- Type in your zip code to find programs near you!

3) If you're a Troop Leader registering your girls/adults for an event:

- Head to gshom.org
- Click "My GS" from the top menu bar
- Log into your account
- Click on "My Events" Tab
- Click "view all upcoming events"
- Click "register for another event"
- Type in your zip code to find programs near you
- After selecting the number of girls and adults to attend, click "Add to Events"
 - Quick Tip: Adult registrations will always populate first
- Under "Assign Attendees," you must select the "My troop member" if you want to register anyone from your troop
 - You cannot change between household/troop once selected
- Select "Troop Member" from the drop down
- Dietary Restrictions section -- if applicable
- Select payment
- Continue onto next registrant

If you have any questions with the new system, know that we are here to help. We can't wait to see you at our super fun upcoming programs!



Kick off the 110th Year of Girl Scouts and our world-famous Product Program! Our Jubilee is a fun family celebration that brings together Girl Scouts from all around Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan through the Girl Scout Cookie and Treats & Reads Programs, right at Chelsea Fairgrounds. Join us for a day of fun! On-time registration closes October 23. Late registration closes November 1.

Register today!



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:

- Flag Frenzy
- Honor Your Flag
- Investiture/Rededication
- Discover Scuba
- U of M Volleyball
- Booked in the Studio
- Spooky Science
- Going Wild! With Creature Conservancy
- Fall Fun Day @ the Cider Mill
- Zoom into Magic

Check out our website for registration details! »

Bronze, Silver, & Gold Award Preparation Sessions

Join us October 16 for our Bronze, Silver, and Gold Preparation Sessions! This girl-focused prep session will give Girl Scouts the know-how of the steps and resources to begin earning these prestigious awards. The Girl Scout Bronze and Silver Awards, prior to beginning, are reviewed and approved by the Girl Scout Troop Leader or mentor. Girl Scouts who seek to earn the Gold Award must first have their project approved by the Girl Scout Gold Award Committee. These projects are reviewed monthly through the Go Gold portal. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Help Desk (helpdesk@gshom.org or 1-800-497-2688).

Register today! »

Product Program Updates



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

The last day for online girl delivery is October 17. Card order sales will continue for initial order delivery after October 17. All girl delivery orders will arrive for troop pick up beginning November 9. Look for details on cupboards and delivery of product to be published by the end of October. Goal getters and Nut Hut product will begin to be available at this time.

Treats & Reads ACH Payment Account Verification

Our GSHOM Finance Department will be preparing for the October 28 Treats & Reads payment date. In order to ensure all is ready, they will be conducting a penny deposit to troop accounts. Be sure to be on the look out for an email from the Finance Team to notify you when this will be taking place. Please make sure **to fill out a new ACH form** if your troop has had a change in troop accounts or leadership. All ACH forms must be completed and returned to our GSHOM Finance Department at ach@gshom.org.

Treats & Reads Penguin Sleeping Bag Drawing

There is still time for Girl Scouts in Ann Arbor, Jackson, Kalamazoo, and Lansing regions to send 15 emails through their online Treats & Reads store for a chance to win a super cute penguin sleeping bag! Girls who set up their online store and send 15 emails by October 15 will be entered to win!

Cookie Program - Saginaw

Girl Scouts in the Saginaw Region are gearing up for an amazing 2022 Cookie Program! The Girl Scout Cookie Program in the Saginaw Region kicks off on October 22. Please reach out to your local Service Unit Product Manager for training dates, or you can attend a virtual Zoom training. Registration is available on our [website](#).

Climb with Courage Cookie Program

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.

- **Thursday, October 7 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM**
- **Monday, October 11 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM**
- **Monday, October 18 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM**
- **Thursday, October 21 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM**

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 25+ sales of Hometown Heroes donations!

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

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.

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!

Be on the lookout for the first ever camp newsletter! Beginning October 10, watch out for the *Campfire Chronicles* to hit your inbox with all the information you need to stay up-to-date on what is happening at your camps all year long. You'll get an inside look into our events, get to know the staff better, and learn some useful outdoor skills! You may even find some exciting camp promotions... Wink, wink.

Upcoming Camp Programs:

- **Harvest Festival at Camp Linden (Saturday, October 30):** Join us at Camp Linden for a day filled with pumpkin decorating, fall carnival games, and classic camp activities. Each activity will have an exciting treat for participants to collect along the way. In the afternoon, there will be a

costume contest and a spooktacular haunted hike. Participants need to bring their own sack lunch.

- **Halloween Spooktacular at Camp Merrie Woode (Saturday, October 16 & Sunday, October 17):** Come enjoy a festive day of fall and Halloween-themed activities! Try to carve a pumpkin at the shooting range, make a spooky Halloween craft, float like a ghost at the climbing area, take a hay ride, or go on a fall colors walk. Don't forget to dress up and participate in our Halloween costume contest for some awesome prizes. Bring something to carry the treats you collect around camp!
- 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
- December 3 - 5
- December 10 - 12
- December 17 - 19

Camp Linden:

- October 23 (Day Trips)
- November 5 - 7
- November 19 - 21
- December 3 - 5
- December 10 - 12



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.

As a "thank you" for being a loyal reader of our newsletter, we are offering you a **free gift with a purchase of \$55 or more!** To redeem, show the newsletter on your phone or bring in a printed copy. One offer per family/volunteer. Offer expires Friday, October 29.

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! »

Volunteer Boot Camps are coming soon!

Volunteer Boot Camps are an opportunity to enrich your skills, choose education courses, enjoy the beauty of a Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan camp, and connect with other volunteers. Online registration for Volunteer Boot Camp is now open! Join us at Camp Linden October 22 - 24 (**registration closes October 15**), and Camp Merrie Woode November 5-7 (**registration closes October 29**). T-shirts are available for purchase for this event; order yours by October 1 for either event! *Please note: **Paper registration is also available.** If you are not planning to stay for the entire weekend, please use paper registration.*

Questions? Send us an email!

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.

Check it out!

Sister to Sister Fund Updates - August 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: Prynn Family, Valentine Family, Christenson Family, Hajra Family, Fillman Family, Meister Family, Lorenz Family.

Jackson Region Donors: Soper Family.

Kalamazoo Region Donors: Cekola Family, Harms Family, Scott Family.

Lansing Region Donors: Szuma Family, Krapohl Family, Williams Family, Monroe Family, Akins Family, Bellon Family, Morgan Family, Wiborn Family.

Saginaw Region Donors: Linehan Family, Fondren Family, Henkes Family.

Give to a Girl Scout sister today! »

