



It's time to renew your membership!

**Today,
tomorrow,
together
—we're on
your team.**



It's that time of year, and you and your girl(s) won't want to miss out! We have so many exciting things coming for girls, adults, troops, and service units to reward you for renewing your Girl Scout membership. We have some exciting incentives coming up, including:

- A family weekend getaway to Frankenmuth -- Everyone registered for 2022 gets an entry!
- A free patch for all girls registered for 2022 by September 30, 2021
- A Girl Scout table cloth for all Service Units who renew 75% of 2021 members for 2022 by September 30, 2021

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

Renew today!

COVID-19 Policy Update:

Check gshom.org/coronavirus for our most recent update by clicking the link below.

COVID-19 Policies



Upcoming Programs!

The Source is in progress now, 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:

- Sail, Sail Away
- Learning to Letterbox
- Life on the Farm: Harvest Farm Ecology
- PAWsitive Pet Care
- So much more!

We are so excited to be rolling out a new program registration system this fall called GS Events that will work hand-in-hand with My GS, the system you use to manage your membership. More details coming soon!

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

Product Program Updates



Troop Level Treats & Reads trainings are happening virtually throughout the month of September! Register for one of the following days from 5:30 - 7:30 PM:

- **Wednesday, September 1**
- **Wednesday, September 8**
- **Wednesday, September 15**
- **Wednesday, September 22**
- **Wednesday, September 29**

A Zoom link will be sent to registrants about 24 hours before the session starts. If Wednesdays don't work for you, we will offer other training opportunities as well. Please reach out to kalcc@gshom.org.

Girls who set up their online store and send 15 emails by September 15 will be entered to win a drawing for an awesome prize!

Outdoor Programming Updates



Thank you for a fabulous Summer Camp Season! It was an action-packed summer, and we are counting down the days until Summer Camp 2022!

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!

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!



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, and 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.

- All Retail Shops will host special Saturday hours on Saturday, September 11 and Saturday, September 18 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.
- Loyalty Point Redemption takes place from September 13 - 30. All points expire at 5:00 PM on September 30.
- We were recently notified of price increases to certain GSUSA merchandise, such as earned recognition. These prices go into effect on September 7, 2021.

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! »

New Badges Available!

Want to check them out?! You will find them in gsLearn, where there is a short introduction to each of the 28 new badges. While you are there, check out the other training topics available!

Volunteer Boot Camps are coming soon!

Save the date! Volunteer Boot Camp will be happening at Camp Linden from October 22 - 24 and at Camp Merrie Woode from November 5 - 7. Volunteer Boot Camp is the ultimate training weekend, where you can connect with other Girl Scout volunteers, spend a weekend at camp, and learn the skills you need to know for this new Girl Scout year! If you have a particular interest or skill that you would like to share as a workshop session, please contact Julia DeGuise

(jdeguise@gshom.org) or 989-573-0654. Please join us for the fun! Registration is coming soon.

Questions? Send us an email!



Online Auction September 15 - 21

We will be hosting an online auction from Wednesday, September 15 at 8:00 AM through Tuesday, September 21 at 11:45 PM to support girls! By participating in this event and auction, you'll be supporting the Girl Scout movement one girl at a time! Auction items include:

- Oberon Summer Adventure Package from Bell's Brewery
- WMU Football Season Tickets
- Zoo Adventure Package
- Mackinac Island Golf & Stay
- So much more!

[Check out the auction here! »](#)

Sister to Sister Fund Updates - July 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: Martineau Family.

Kalamazoo Region Donors: Solano Family.

Jackson Region Donors: Lathrop Family, Halgren Family, Sponsler Family.

Give to a Girl Scout sister today! »



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