

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Newsletter March 2020

Spring is right around the corner, Girl Scouts!



Big news from Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan's Education Team -- something that you have all been waiting for! **We are preparing to go live on the gsLearn online training system!** We plan to "launch" in mid-March, and we are beginning with a training called Successful Leader Learning Series. This is an interactive set of modules that will ultimately replace Troop Management as preparation for new leaders.

The series was developed by GSUSA and will provide consistent, basic concepts to all Girl Scout leaders and volunteers to check it out. It's a great opportunity for review and to brush up on the basics! The best part is that you don't have to complete the entire training at one time; you can exit and return as you wish. Even better: the modules don't disappear when you are finished. You can go back and review any part at any time.

How is this going to happen? Easy! Using our current registration

platform, we will upload all adults who are registered with a background check completed. When that is done, we will open a link called gsLearn on the Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan website, under the "My GS" tab. You will create your account there, and that is how you will access the training system. You will receive email invitations to take additional trainings as we add them, either as required or enrichment opportunities.

Moving forward, we will continue to add training opportunities, including all of the Grade Levels, Trip Planning, and more. We look forward to hearing what our volunteers would like to see as training topics. Please contact the **Education Team** to submit your ideas.



Save the Date!

Volunteer Boot Camp

Mark your calendars! Volunteer Boot Camp dates have been set for the fall of 2020! Join us at Camp Linden from October 9 - 11, 2020, and Camp Merrie Woode from November 6 - 8, 2020. Class information and registration will become available closer to the events. Volunteer Boot Camp is a weekend at camp where volunteers can be trained on a variety of topics, network with other leaders, and have a weekend away.

Product Program Updates



Saginaw Region: The Treats & Reads Program is finally here! Nuts, candies, and magazines are the perfect way to reach your troop's goals for this Product Program year. [Register online now!](#) Orders for those magazines, new Peppermint Pretzels and other yummy treats are due March 12. Your Dill Pickle Peanuts, Cashews and more will come in around April 6. These are great Thank You treats for teachers, school bus drivers, pastors, baby sitters and more! Get your orders in and earn 14% troop proceeds for those end of year troop trips. Where is your troop going this year?

Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lansing, & Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor: Customers are so excited to see our Girl Scout Cookies back in their communities! Get your Five for Five forms out at those cookie booths. These are due by March 25. We will be pulling one winner in every region. The winner receives five cases of their choice of cookies. Snap a shot of your Girl Scouts at a Cookie booth and share it on our Facebook page! Your troop will be entered in our Bling your Booth Contest. Weekly winners receive a patch. Grand Prize winner receives as a gift card to our GSHOM retail store. More details [here](#).

We know the Cookie Program helps Girl Scouts learn to set goals and make good decisions. How are those goals going? Now is the time to check-in. Final rewards orders are due March 25. Cookie cupboards are open and ready for your additional cookie ordering needs.

We want to see every Girl Scout at our 600 Club this year! More cookie booths slots are out there. Keep watching for updates. Bonus Booths start April 3! Earn more for your troop during the month of April and encourage your girls to continue to earn toward 600 and 1,000 Clubs!

- 600 Club Event: May 17 on the Michigan Princess in Lansing
- 1,000 Club Event: July 20 Zhenders Splash Village

The Product Program teaches our Girl Scouts important life skills. Our average cookie sales per Girl Scout is 136 packages. Nuts, Candy and Magazines average \$192. How are your Girl Scouts crushing this average and what are they doing with those troop proceeds? Last year, troops kept over \$1.3 million. We want to see your girls go boldly beyond that this year and earn more for your troop. We are ready to help you with more booth opportunities, online stores for shipping, and Hometown Heroes donation sites. Together, we are more than a box of cookies and a can of cashews!



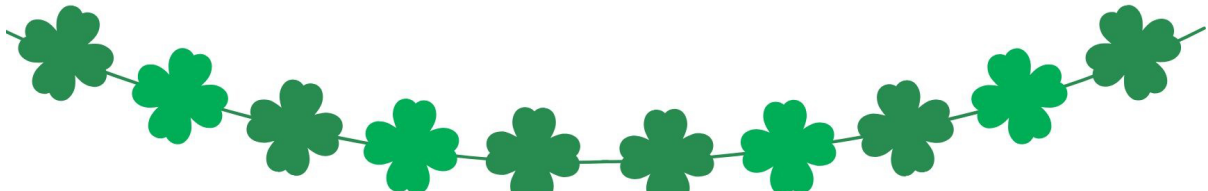
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Answering Questions about Girl Scouts

During booth season, we know you and/or your girls may get a lot of questions that might be challenging to answer. Did you know we have a section on our website that helps address difficult topics and provides you with some talking points? If you need additional support, please reach out to [Brenna Smith](#).

[Sensitive Issues Statements »](#)

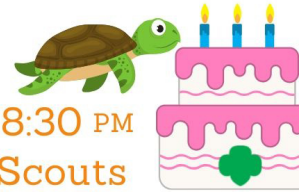


March Programs



Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Shop, Save, or a Little Bit of Both 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
for Cadettes at CP Federal Credit Union in Jackson



Thursday, March 12, 2020 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Under the Sea Birthday Party for Girl Scouts
in Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Ypsilanti, and Saginaw



Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Planning your Financial Future 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
for Seniors at CP Federal Credit Union in Jackson

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Credit Counts! 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

for Ambassadors at CP Federal Credit Union in Jackson





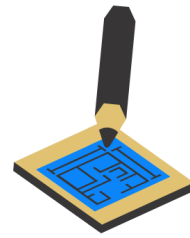
Sunday, March 22, 2020
Tune in Your Inner Musician! 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM
for Juniors at the Kalamazoo Regional Center



Saturday, March 28, 2020
Songs and Games at the Kalamazoo Regional Center
10:00AM - 12:00PM for Brownies 1:00PM - 3:00PM for Juniors



April Programs



Wednesday, April 1, 2020
We Can Build It 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
for all levels at the Ypsilanti Regional Center



Saturday, April 4, 2020
Maker Madness: Sew Fun 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
for Juniors, Cadettes, and Seniors at the
Saginaw Regional Center



Friday, April 17, 2020
University of Michigan Softball 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
for friends and family at the Alumni Field in Ann Arbor



May Programs



Saturday, May 9, 2020

Michigan Girl Scout Sing-a-long 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
for friends and family at the Lansing Capital Lawn



Saturday, May 30, 2020

Monet's Garden 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

for Brownies at the Jackson Regional Center



Did you know...

You can attend any Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan events as a troop, or you can go one-on-one with your girl! All events listed in the Source are perfect for troops to attend, or for girls to attend with their parents.

[Registration for events is on EventSmart »](#)

G.I.R.L. 2020 - National Girl Scout Convention!



Join us for the world's largest girl-led event for girls and young women and everyone who supports them! It's going to be one epic celebration. Thousands of girls and their supporters will come together from around the world October 23-25, 2020 at G.I.R.L. 2020 in Orlando, Florida.

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan will send delegates to vote on behalf of our membership. More information, including how to apply to be a delegate, can be found on our website.

[LEARN MORE](#)



We want to hear from you!

This **survey** will help us improve our communications and let us know what you like to receive from us. Please take a few minutes to answer the questions. Thank you!

Summer 2020 Camp Registration Available Now!



Visit our website to view the Camp Guide and get your girl registered for the summer experience of a lifetime. Get registered today!

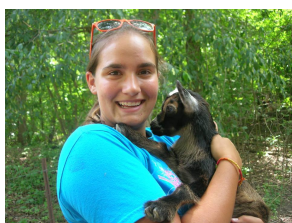
Camp Info

Meet the Camp Directors!



Audrey Reynolds - Camp Linden Director

2020 will be her third summer with GSHOM, in addition to 7 years experience as a summer camp staff member. **Camp Name:** Cinnamon. **Favorite Thing:** Watching girls step outside their comfort zone and try new things. **Excited for 2020:** Offering riflery as a new activity choice this summer! **Fun Fact:** She just got a new puppy, Oly! He loves being a camp dog.



Kori Swieter - Camp O' the Hills Director

2020 will be her first summer with GSHOM, in addition to 5 years experience as a summer camp staff member and 3 years experience as a year-round camp staff member. **Favorite Thing:** The friends you make are unlike friends you can make anywhere else, the waterfront, the campfires... There are too many things to choose! **Excited for 2020:** Getting to know everyone connected to COTH & GSHOM! **Fun Fact:** She believes popsicles are a delicacy to be enjoyed year-round.



Brad Peltz - Camp Merrie Woode Director

2020 will be his second summer with GSHOM, in addition to many years as a camp staff member and attendee. **Camp Name:** Bear. **Favorite Thing:** Trying new things and learning something cool! **Excited for 2020:** Camp sessions and epic trips! **Fun Fact:** He has two dogs named Hank and Lou, a husky and a boxer who love hiking.

Now Beta Testing Girl Scouts' Alexa Skill on Amazon Echo Devices

With the soft launch of our "Girl Scouts for Amazon" Alexa skill, we're spreading the word about the awesome work Girl Scouts does to help girls learn, explore, and build confidence.

To get started, just say "Alexa, launch Girl Scouts" on any Amazon Echo-enabled device. You can ask Alexa to help you find a cookie booth, join or volunteer, learn about the Girl Scout Gold Award, find camps, and more! You'll hear actual Girl Scouts and volunteers answer questions about what it means to be a Girl Scout, including facts about our mission, tradition, and values.

This is still in beta test mode, so it's not perfect, but we wanted to share with our valued volunteers and parents!

[Provide any feedback here »](#)



Retail Updates

Girl Scout Week SALE! In store only, March 9-13. 20% off purchase (excludes earned recognition and troop shirts).

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SAVE THE DATE
June 13, 2020

Girl Scout
Family Night & Sleepover



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June 19, 2020

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