## THE OG NEWS



Older Girl Scout Program Newsletter



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# CAMP & OUTDOOR

Camp and outdoor programs are part of the life's blood of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Get outside with us at these upcoming events on page 4

#### 2025 SPRING SUMMIT RECAP

The 2025 Spring Summit was a great success! Weren't able to make it to the largest Older Girl event of the year?

Don't worry, we've got you covered with all the amazing details on page 2

# LEADERSHIP & LIFE SKILLS

Looking for the opportunity to take the skills you've developed in Girl Scouts and create a greater impact in your community? Check out page 6!

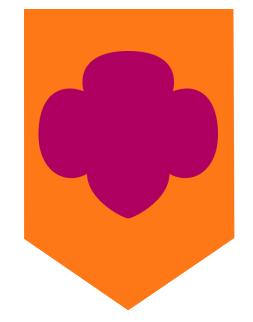
...plus Destinations, High Awards, and more!

### **SPRING INTO ACTION...**

The end of the school year is RIGHT around the corner, and we know you're ready to complete your last projects, finalize summer plans, RENEW your Girl Scout memberships, and otherwise slow down. But you are not QUITE at the finish line yet!

Don't lose momentum. Continue to push yourself to hit goals or maintain your position. Use this season to 'SPRING' into action.

Turn assignments into a game, promise yourself a reward, or find an accountability partner (maybe a sister Girl Scout?)! Whatever it takes, do your best to finish STRONG!





## **Pathways Program**

A Cadette, Senior, Ambassador Experience

## 2025 Spring Summit Recap



Almost 100 attendees converged at the Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education on the campus of Clayton State University for the 2025 Spring Summit on Saturday, April 12, 2025.



Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors came from across the Greater Atlanta council to make new friends, reconnect with old ones, experience some favorite Girl Scout traditions as well as develop their skills.



We kicked off with a short Welcome to learn more about the history and goals of the Spring Summit as well as to talk about all the opportunities to win prizes and grab some cool swag bags.



From there Girl Scouts experienced two breakout sessions choosing between STEM Career Exploration in Marine Biology, a Situational Awareness/Self Defense Class, a business course to learn how to Pitch Like a Boss, or STEM Career Exploration in Forensic Science.

Afterwards, attendees had the chance to meet and greet during lunch before a fun ALL-IN rock, paper, scissors competition 'with a twist!'



Later Girl Scouts joined workshops focused on our deeprooted history and traditions: The Girl Scout Game Show, a SWAPS Relay Race, and Discovering Camp Magic.



The event concluded with a powerful teen-led panel where five girls (representing the Counselor-in-Training/Junior Camp Counselor program, Lime Green Giraffe, Miss Media, Silver & Gold Awards, and Older Girl Advisory Board) led conversation around leadership opportunities for Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors within the Girl Scout program as well as how being a Girl Scout has personally impacted and changed their lives.



Overall, Girl Scouts, caregivers, and volunteers shared that they had an amazing time! We look forward to having an even greater event next year.



CampHERO

Train like a firefighter, police office, and EMT at the state-of-the-art protective services training center in Madison, Wisconsin. Dig deep for the courage to try new things and push your boundaries during this unique Girl Scout experience. Learn from real-life protective services experts and get first-hand tips and knowledge. You'll come away with the confidence to pursue a future career in protective services and skills to help in an emergency. You'll be side-by-side with pros when you get your hands on specialized equipment like ladders, backboards, IVs, handcuffs, and much more. You even get to rappel down a four-story building! One of Girl Scouts longest-running Destination programs, CampHERO was established in 2012. Join us in our 13th year and discover what makes it such a memorable experience.

Dates: 7/20-7/25

#### REGISTER

#### Herstory: Exploring Pennsylvania's Past and Present

See history through the eyes of girls and women in Pennsylvania, from colonial days to the 21st century—in historic Gettysburg, industrial Hershey and dynamic Lancaster. We will learn the science behind chocolatemaking, how a First Lady lived her life, the bravery of women during war, and much more. You will spend a week exploring everything that south central PA has to offer—from museums and theme parks to historic Gettysburg battlefields. You will experience history from an historic women's perspective, while taking part in outdoor, historical, and service-focused activities. Each day will be a new adventure!

Dates: 7/27-8/3

#### **REGISTER**

#### New Mexico True - The Land of Enchantment

During this magical time in New Mexico, we'll witness the magic of hot air balloons taking flight and glowing with wonder at the International Balloon Fiesta, soar to new heights in a tethered balloon ride, and go up the Sandia Peak Tramway to get a bird's eye view of the turquoise gem of America's southwest. Visit Santa Fe, the oldest capital in the U.S., to discover historic landmarks and be captivated by Meow Wolf, an immersive art installation. Along the way, devour unique New Mexican True cuisine from fluffy sopapillas to our famous hot chiles.

Dates: 10/9-10/13

#### **REGISTER**

Check out more Girl Scout Destinations now. Trips fill up QUICKLY, so don't delay!

**REGISTER HERE** 

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### **CAMP & OUTDOOR**

girl/scout/camp (noun). The place where adventure and skill building meet. Where Girl Scouts get outdoors.



### Leadership Camps ARE Here!

Leadership camps give older 6-12th grade campers the skills and experience to become future camp counselors!

## Counselor In-Training

These programs are designed to help GS gain leadership and outdoor skills in preparation to become camp counselors.

# Leader on the Rise

This program is designed to help girls develop leadership skills through various activities and experiences.

## Future Leaders-In-Training

This program helps GS
determine their interest in
the CIT I & II programs with
focused
activities and
skill building.

# Wrangler In-Training

This program provides Girl Scouts with hands-on experience in horsemanship and leadership alongside equestrian staff.

#### **Learn More!**

P.S. It's Service Unit Day Camp season!

Click here for a day camp experience near you!

#### SPECIALTY EXPERIENCES

ex/pe/ri/ence (noun). An event or occurrence that leaves an impression.



#### Girl Scout Day@Jimmy Carter Presidential Library & Museum

Don't miss the chance to visit Jimmy Carter's Oval Office, see a Nobel Peace Prize, and learn about our country's only President from Georgia! Museum educators will guide Girl Scouts through a large group presentation, followed by a self-guided museum scavenger hunt and an opportunity to explore the garden and complete a nature journal. The amazing library and museum are surrounded by 35 acres of ponds, local wildlife and rolling grounds for you to explore.

Ages: Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors

Date: 5/17, 10am-12pm

**REGISTER** 

#### Atlanta Botanical Garden - Girl Scouts in the Garden

Calling all Girl Scouts! Bring your families and friends to the Atlanta Botanical Garden to explore and discover the amazing world of nature. Visit discovery stations about bees and pollination, musical instruments made from plants, insect-eating plants, and seeds from 10 a.m. – noon. Don't miss Patrick Shearn's Enchanted Trees, as well as the return of Alice's Wonderland!

Ages: All Ages

Date: 5/30, 9am-12pm

REGISTER

#### Tee Up Golf: Golf Clinic with Girls Golf Conyers

Swing on into this beginner golf clinic! Join our partners at Girls Golf Conyers to discover new golf skills, learn about golf etiquette, and explore the science of the sport. Girl Scouts will keep up to par at this hands-on active workshop!

Ages: Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors

Date: 6/21, 8:45am-11am

**REGISTER** 

#### LEADERSHIP & LIFE SKILLS

lead/er/ship (noun). The ability to influence or guide others. The crown jewel of the Girl Scout experience.

#### 2025 Lead in Law: Mock Trial Experience

Join fellow Girl Scouts in a two-day exploration of our legal system from a teenager's perspective. Rising 9th through 12th graders will participate in a mock trial at the Fulton County Juvenile Court with a real judge! Participants will also engage in career exploration and networking activities with some of the best female lawyers and judges in Atlanta.

Ages: Seniors, Ambassadors Date: 6/16-6/17, 10am-4pm

REGISTER



# SAVE THE DATE: THE JUSTICE EXPERIENCE WITH THE CENTER FOR CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS!

Save the date for our newest social justice-focused program, The Justice Experience! Join us for a curated, Girl Scouts-only museum experience in partnership with multiple branches of the Center for Civil and Human Rights, including their Education Department and the LGBTQ+ Institute. Take a self-guided tour to meet the heroes and heroines of social justice in the American South and learn about the events that transformed our nation related to Civil Rights, women's empowerment, the LGBTQ+ movement, and more! Join us for special presentations including "Self-Care for the Advocate" where our speaker discusses how the call to work in human rights may look different from traditional career paths.

Ages: Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors

Dates: 7/18-7/19, 10am-5pm (Workshops start at 4pm)

### ANNOUNCING THE 2025-2026 OLDER GIRL ADVISORY BOARD!

Thank you to all rising Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts who applied to join our 2025-2026 Older Girl Advisory Board!

OGAB is the premier leadership opportunity for Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts to share their voices with the Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta Council and beyond. Members commit to a one-year term from August to May and will have opportunities to plan programming, learn more about DEIA topics from community experts, and impact the older girl experience by collaborating with key Girl Scouts staff.

We are so proud to welcome the following new and returning members who will comprise the 2025-2026 Older Girl Advisory Board:

Olivia Gentry \* Natalya Johnson-Flegler \* Angelique Joseph \* Portia Landon \* Annabelle Luffel \* Kendall Mangham \* Carmela Marra \* Savannah Saunders \* Reema Shankar \* Saanvi Sinha

Congratulations
Girl Scouts!



#### Final 2025 STEM Career Panel: Aerospace Engineering

Meet our panelists working in this month's featured STEM career field, learn about their career paths, and ask them questions about their jobs. This month's theme, Aerospace Engineering, features panelists who help us explore space, physics, and our planet! Come with your curiosity and questions for these awesome women in STEM!

**Ages: All Ages** 

Date: 5/12, 6pm-7pm

#### **REGISTER**

#### Cadette Woodworking String Art Workshop@Decatur Makers

Ready to take a craft project to the next level? Join us for a unique, hands-on creating experience! Learn about tools and some woodworking basics. Then, put your new knowledge to use while creating your own DIY string art! Cadettes will earn their "Woodworker" badge and walk away with a unique, handmade art piece!

**Ages: Cadettes** 

Date: 5/31, 2pm-4pm

#### **REGISTER**

# Engineering Challenge Workshop with the Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers

Girl Scouts assemble at the Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers for an Engineering Challenge Workshop! Design your own assembly line, do a quality control check, and discover if you have what it takes to be an engineer in manufacturing. This hands-on workshop will show you what it takes to be an industrial engineer and connect you to female engineers to learn more about their careers!

Ages: Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors

Date: 6/1, 1:45pm-4pm

#### **REGISTER**



# COMING NEXT YEAR!

**GS Con (Girl Scout Con)** *Tentative Date:* 

Sat. September 20, 2025

Kick off the 2025-2026 Girl Scout year with the return of GSCon (Girl Scout Con)! This is a great opportunity to EXPLORE new programs, MEET GS Sisters, and EARN a new patch or badge!

#### Older Girl Fall Festival

Tentative Date: Sat. October 18, 2025

Start your OG program year right with this meet and greet event full of fun activities and information about Older Girl programs! Connect with other CSA (Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador) Girl Scouts as well as some of your Council staff support.

#### **Cookie University**

Tentative Date: Sat. December 6, 2025

Join fellow middle and high school Girl Scouts for a WHOLE night of fun, learning, and - of course - COOKIES! This is a Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador exclusive event that will include a workshop followed by race karts, bowling, laser tag, arcade games, and more!

#### HIGH AWARDS

world chan/ger. (noun). Leader changing the world for good by taking action in their communities and beyond.



#### Silver Award June Training

Ready to help your community and earn one of the highest awards in Girl Scouting? Cadettes can team up with a small group of fellow Girl Scouts or work on their own. To earn the Silver Award, you will research an issue you care about, make a plan to address it, and then take action to improve your community. To get started, attend an upcoming Silver Award Training.

**REGISTER NOW** 



#### From Good to Gold June Workshop

Gold Award Girl Scouts are rock stars, role models, and real-life heroes. How do they do it? By using everything they've learned as a Girl Scout to solve a problem in their community or make a lasting change in their world. Seniors and Ambassadors who want to go for the Gold Award should first register for and upcoming From Good to Gold workshop.

**REGISTER NOW**