# THE OG NEWS



Older Girl Scout Program Newsletter



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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 5!

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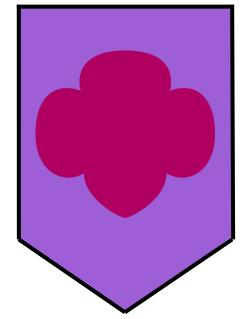
Excited to stretch those STEM muscles and get hands-on, impactful experiences in the sciences, technology, engineering, and math? Then, check out these amazing opportunities on page 4!

...plus Cookies, Destinations, and more!

# **ENJOY YOUR JOURNEY...**

American essayist and abolitionist Ralph Waldo Emerson famously wrote, "It's not the destination; it's the journey."

We don't control how our lives start, and we can never be sure how they will end, but we do get to choose the steps we take along the way. Girl Scouting is a great opportunity to try new things, to learn, and to make mistakes. You can pursue specific interests through our Pathways Program, go above and beyond earning your High Awards, or take a literal journey through Girl Scout Destinations. So, instead of focusing on where you'll end up, we encourage you to enjoying your journey getting there.





# A Letter from the OG Program Manager

# **Pathways Program**

A Cadette, Senior, Ambassador Experience

# **Hey Girl Scouts!**

I hope your New Year has been filled with success and bright ideas for the future!

Quick question: Have you started your <u>Pathways Program</u> yet?

(Hint Hint: -- you have!)

The Pathways Program was an initiative launched last membership year at Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta for our Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors. It is an umbrella term for the programs and events that are part of the Older Girl experience, so every GSGATL middle and high school Girl Scout is already on their journey in Pathways.

But what is it - exactly? And why does it matter?

We recognize that each Girl Scout is on their own unique journey, with their own goals.

Maybe your goal is to have as much fun and participate in as many unique experiences as possible. Perhaps, you desire to learn more about career paths or hobbies that interest you. You could be most interested in making a difference in your local community or on a global platform?

No matter your specific goal or dream in Girl Scouting, there is a Pathway to help you focus and be intentional on your journey.

*How does it work?* 

Pathways is organized into five subject areas or tracks: Build Your World (STEM), Cultivate Your Village (Mentorship), Define Your Why (Communication OR Reflections on Your Girl Scout Experience), Find Your Place (Workforce Development), and Realize Your Impact (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility). Each track features 9 signature events and multiple badges that count towards completing that Pathway. For each track completed, you can <u>submit a form</u> to receive its corresponding patch.

Girl Scouts are encouraged to participate in a wide array of programming throughout our membership year (Oct. to Sept.), and you need only complete at least 6 key programs or badges within your chosen track(s). You can track what you've completed on your <u>Pathways Passport</u>.

Pathways is meant to be a fun and engaging structure for navigating your Older Girl experience. But since it is still new, you may have additional questions. Please <u>click here</u> for more info, and of course you can always email me at treeves@gsgatl.org for assistance.

Yours in Girl Scouting,
Tawanah Reeves-Ligon

# **OLDER GIRL COOKIE PROGRAM**

coo/kies (noun). Baked snacks or desserts that are typically small, flat, and sweet. A favorite Girl Scout tradition.



Beyond the Booth with

One of the highlights of the Older Girl Cookie Experience happens annually at the Chick-fil-A headquarters in Atlanta. Their award-winning staff leads sessions on delivering exceptional customer service as well as different strategies for marketing to consumers! This event has been rescheduled due to inclement weather. Registration for this event is closed, and there is a waitlist. If you previously registered, please be sure to confirm by emailing treeves@gsatl.org by 1/27/25 to not lose your reservation!

Cookie Program events!

Ages: Seniors, Ambassadors

Date: 1/31

# 2025 Cookie University

Cookie University is coming back to town! Register TODAY for this one-of-a-kind, older girl exclusive event that will feature interactive workshops, entrepreneur badges, and business pitch contest to take your cookie skills to the next level followed by hours of fun and games at Andretti Indoor Karting & Games in Marietta!

Ages: Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors Date: 2/1 @ 6:30pm check-in, 7pm start

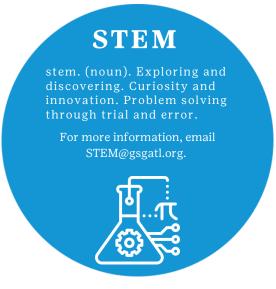
**REGISTER** 

# Calling all Trouble Makers!

GSGATL has been invited to join an impactful literacy initiative: a Virtual Talk Back with celebrated author and cultural thought leader Luvvie Ajayi, focusing on her book <u>Rising Troublemaker</u>. We will provide a copy to those interested in participating in the Virtual Talk Back where Luvvie will answer questions and offer insights on themes such as authenticity, resilience, and positive change.

Ages: Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors

Date: 5/15





## STEM Spring Break 2025

Join us for our first EVER - STEM Spring Break!

Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors!! We've gathered some exclusive key experiences together over one week to highlight all things STEM! Since this is a new experience, we're limiting the first year to just 25 Girl Scouts. Each day will have a different STEM theme and is supported by our outstanding STEM partners! Woven throughout the week, we'll be providing the Engineering Journey to help Girl Scouts meet their high awards pre-requisites.

These specialty experiences are "behind-the-scenes," so our participants will get an opportunity to meet some of the top women in their STEM fields working in Greater Atlanta as well as tour some spaces that are usually off-limits to outside groups. Specific locations and activities will be announced when registration opens on Friday, January 24, 2025!

Here's a sneak peek of what the week will offer:

- Monday 4/7: Building Together
- Tuesday 4/8: emPOWERing the Future
- Wednesday 4/9: Come Fly with Me
- Thursday 4/10: Code & Space & S'mores
- Friday 4/11: Batter UP!

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

# In the Museum Conservation Lab: STEAM Workshop @ Carlos Museum



Join us for a STEAM workshop to learn the science of art conservation! Art Conservation is an unusual profession that unites the arts and sciences to preserve tangible cultural heritage. This new Saturday workshop will introduce participants to the field of conservation, highlighting the role of museums in the preservation of cultural heritage. The program is geared for curious teen girls who are exploring their future academic and professional paths.

Participants will also have time to explore Emory University campus, highlighting the academic quadrangle, library, student center, residences, and public art installations. This program runs on Saturday, March 29 from 1 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. For more information, email STEM@gsgatl.org.

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## LEADERSHIP & LIFE SKILLS

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

#### GIRL SCOUT DAY AT THE CAPITOL

The name of the game is "advocacy." Come out on Tuesday, February 4, 2025 to learn about advocacy and legislation. Join your sister Girl Scouts from around the state and discover the issues impacting girls and women in our community; connect with community resources to research the issues(s) that interest you and take action by meeting with your legislator to discuss those issues. Contact vnamukasa@gsgatl.org if you have questions.

**REGISTER TODAY** 

#### OG GOAT YOGA + SELF-CARE NIGHT

Space is filling up quickly for this OG exclusive wellness event featuring a high impact mental health workshop + goat yoga session in Tucker! Mental health and self-care are so important to our quality of life, and we want you to have the tools, aids, and strategies to better support yourself and others. Plus, did we mention there will be goats? For more information, email treeves@gsgatl.org.

**REGISTER NOW** 

#### THE SPRING SUMMIT - 2025

SAVE THE DATE for the annual capstone event of our Older Girl program: The Spring Summit! We're inviting ONLY Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts plus volunteers to join us for a day full of fun events in alignment with our four Pillars: Entrepreneurship, Outdoors, Life Skills, and STEM! For more information, email treeves@gsgatl.org.

**REGISTER NOW** 

#### **CAMP CEO 2025**

Camp CEO is returning in May 2025 for more fun, more networking, and more adventure! This FREE Senior & Ambassador four-day, overnight camp extravaganza creates a safe space to network with some of Atlanta's most accomplished women executives for a personalized mentorship experience. It is a highly rewarding and unique opportunity to learn what it's really like to be a woman working at the highest level in today's social and professional climate. Attend a career fair, challenge the ropes course, partake in camp activities, network, and grow alongside one another. Applications OPEN! Email treeves@gsgatl.org for more details. **APPLY TODAY** 

# OGAB APPLICATIONS OPEN SOON!

Inviting all rising Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts to apply to join our 2025-2026 Older Girl Advisory Board! This small group of high school Girl Scouts has the opportunity to meet regularly with council staff to directly influence the direction of older girl programming at the Greater Atlanta council!

This group is perfect for rising Seniors and Ambassadors who have an interest in DEIA, want to give back to their council, want to develop their leadership skills, or want to make an impact through their Girl Scouting!

The application period runs from February 1 through March 15th and will include an interview process.

Girl Scouts who are accepted will be invited to participate in team building with the entire OGAB team as well as have opportunities to lead programs for fellow older girls!

For more information, email treeves@gsgatl.org!

SAVE THE DATE

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# **CAMP & OUTDOOR**

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



## Camp Misty Mountain

Come and have some fun during the "Shoot Like Cupid" Galentines Weekend event at our target sports range where you will try your hand at archery and slingshots during the day. As the sun goes down, kick back and enjoy some fun with your favorite gal pals while we focus on self-care and kitchen cosmetics!

Dates: 2/14-2/16

Girl Scout Level: Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, and Seniors (Grades 2-10)

Badge Connection: Cadette Outdoor Art Apprentice and Senior Outdoor Art Expert

**REGISTER** 

# Camp Meriwether

Be a part of "Life Maintenance 101!" Do you ever feel like you are missing skills that school does not cover? We are here to fix that. We are going to be learning about basic car maintenance, how to fix certain items found in your home, how to stay calm in emergencies, and more! There are so many hand- on activities during this weekend! Don't wait! Register today.

Dates: 2/22-2/23

Girl Scout Level: Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors (Grades 4-12)

Badge Connection: Cadette Budget Manager, Senior Savvy Saver

REGISTER



NOTE: Camp Meriwether is still seeking Senior & Ambassador volunteers for their Fairy Magic weekends in January and February. Email mdubuisson@gsgatl.org for more information!



# Camp Timber Ridge

Have your adventure and the time to enjoy it too at this one day only event called Thrill & Chill! Spend time at camp with the best of both worlds by experiencing camp thrills like the climbing wall or giant swing while also taking time to enjoy the chill side of camp, such as hammocking and spending time in nature. Embrace both sides of yourself and join us for an adventurous weekend with some relaxing downtime to participate in yoga and crafts.

**Date: 2/1** 

Girl Scout Level: Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors (Grades 4–12)

Badge Connection: Cadette Staying Fit, Senior Women's Health



de/sti/na/tions (noun). The places you'll go. The ultimate adventure for individual Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts. Broaden your world.

#### Journey to Justice

If you are a problem solver, a changer-maker, or a community leader who uses your voice to fight for what is right—this is the place for you. Take the journey of a lifetime with Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta back through Civil Rights and other movements to explore how our heroes created nationwide momentum for diversity, equality and inclusion starting in the U.S. South. Work with your Girl Scout sisters to learn how you can continue to answer the call for justice through grassroots organizing and bold action. Don't forget this experience is Scholarship eligible and that Cookie Dough can be used to cover Council Destination opportunities!

Dates: 7/13 - 7/19

#### REGISTER

#### Maui-No-Ka-Oi

Explore Polynesia and other cultures as we visit historical locations on the island of Maui. Staying at Girl Scouts of Hawai'i's Camp Piiholo, you'll participate in various cultural activities, including learning hula! We will visit Haleakala Ranch and Observatory to learn the night skies, and hike the beautiful Iao Valley. You'll also volunteer to help the communities impacted by the wildfires on Maui, gaining a better understanding of service to others, and strengthening your understanding of Hawai'ian culture. Come dance, stargaze, hike, and serve - all to experience why Maui is such a special place!

Dates: 6/6-6/11

#### REGISTER

#### The Ultimate Harry Potter Experience

Do you believe in magic? Join the Girl Scouts of Central Texas in traveling from Texas to Florida to the United Kingdom. Our Harry Potter journey is packed with exciting destinations, such as Diagon Alley and Hogsmeade at Universal Studios Florida. We will then jet across the Atlantic to tour the original sets at Warner Bros. London and explore other Harry Potter filming locations around the UK! We will also learn about the real people and places that inspired the novels and movies and ride the actual Hogwarts Express through Scotland. Pack your wand and robe to enjoy these and other wizarding adventures.

Dates: 6/12 - 6/25

#### REGISTER

Check out more <u>Girl Scout Destinations</u> now.

Trips fill up QUICKLY, so don't delay!

REGISTER HERE

#### **HIGH AWARDS**

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







## Silver Award 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** 

## Silver Award Ceremony

It's time to recognize our Silver Award Girl Scouts! This event had a date change due to the most recent winter storms! This ceremony will honor all Girl Scouts who attended the Silver Award Academy in the spring of 2024 and completed their Silver Award by September 30, 2024. For more information, email High Awards Coordinator Elisabeth Kelly at ekelly@gsgatl.org.

Date: 2/22

# From Good to Gold Workshops

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** 

# Gold Award Ceremony 2025

We're so excited to once again take the time to honor our members who have earned their Gold Award, the highest honor in Girl Scouts. This year we will be recognizing 126 Gold Awardees along with our Gold Award Women of Distinction, whose projects went above and beyond. Invitations have already gone out to the Gold Award Girl Scouts and their families as well as honored guests. If you're interested in finding out if there are any remaining seats available to support these awardees and learn more about the Gold Award, email goldawardsupport@gsgatl.org.

**Date: 3/9** 

## **COMING SOON!**

Girl Scout Night with the Atlanta Gladiators
February 1-2, 2025

Join the Atlanta Gladiators for an unforgettable Girl Scout Weekend filled with activities, inspiration, and fun!

#### **LEARN MORE**

Girl Scout Days with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

February 16, 2025 April 27, 2025

Our friends at the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra are offering three familyfriendly concerts for Girl Scouts, and two dates are left!

#### LEARN MORE

**Girl Scout Day at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum 2025**February 22, 2025

Attention Girl Scouts! Enjoy a day at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library & Museum. This program is a civics-based education program open for Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors, and Girl Scouts can earn portions of their Democracy badges or simply enjoy a morning at the museum and garden.

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