

# Program Resource Guide

Fall 2024 - Winter 2025



**Elicia Pegues Spearman**



**Chief Executive Officer**

Welcome Girl Scouts and friends,

It is my privilege to welcome you to our network of more than 150 million Girl Scouts worldwide. We build girls of courage, confidence, and character. We are excited for you and your family to take advantage of all the benefits that a Girl Scout membership offers.

### **Girl Scouts of Connecticut (GSOFCT)**

Our Connecticut council is one of 112 councils nationwide and has more than 26,000 members. Girl Scouts have a variety of opportunities to learn, lead, and connect with the community in meaningful ways. A Girl Scout membership opens a world of possibilities, including access to hundreds of educational activities, six camp properties across the state, thousands of dollars in scholarships, and financial aid for membership, programs, travel, transportation, and camps.

### **What Girl Scouts Offers**

Girl Scouts offers our youth a leadership experience that sets them on a path to develop a strong sense of self, learn positive values, explore new interests, build healthy relationships, and learn how to solve problems in their communities.

The foundation of our Girl Scout Leadership Experience centers around 4 pillars:



We offer year-round opportunities to build outdoor skills, including camping, backpacking, outdoor cooking, swimming, and boating. Our six camps throughout the state offer unique experiences, such as summer camp, family overnights, and increased accessibility thanks to recent infrastructure investments.

By participating in our Fall Treats & Reads program and our iconic cookie sales program, Girl Scouts make connections with small businesses in their local communities, enhance their communication skills, and develop their entrepreneurial spirit.

Girl Scouts make their experience with us their own; youth can join with or without a troop, attend events with volunteers and family, and participate in ways that best fit their unique passions and interests.

With the support of over 5,000 volunteers, we serve nearly 17,000 Girl Scouts in the state. Our goal is to provide today's youth with the essential skills needed to tackle modern-day challenges as we work to build a better world and help our Girl Scouts find their place within it.

We encourage you to leverage this guide to explore the hundreds of fun skill-building activities available to Girl Scouts and families.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Elicia P. Spearman'.

Elicia Pegues Spearman, CEO





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**WE ARE  
GIRL SCOUTS**

# Girl Scouts Member Benefits

**October 1<sup>st</sup>-September 30<sup>th</sup>\***

There are a variety of ways to participate as a Girl Scout.  
Attend summer camp, join a troop, as an independent member, attend programs with family or all of the above!  
Each Girl Scout can choose her own adventure.

*\*First time members can start their membership at any time.  
Contact our customer service team: 800-922-2770 or [customercare@gsofct.org](mailto:customercare@gsofct.org)*



**Discover GSOFC**

Membership Benefits	Independent Girl Scout (Juliettes)	Troop Girl Scout (K-12)	Adult Members	Volunteers	Lifetime Members
Confidence	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Healthy Relationships	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Problem Solving Skills	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
New Challenges	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
STEAM Activities	✓	✓			
Summer Camps	✓	✓			
Scholarships	✓	✓			
Year Round Outdoors	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Women Network: 150 million	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Discounted Tickets	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Earn Badges	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Local & Global Travel	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bring a Friend to Events	✓	✓			
Governance Experiences	✓	✓			
Troop Life		✓		✓	
Adult Development				✓	
Alum Events			✓	✓	✓

# How to Participate

Girl Scouts can participate with us in many different ways!  
Whether you wish to attend summer camps, individual events, join a troop, or through a combination of the experiences offered, you can make Girl Scouts your own tailored experience!



## **Join a Troop:**

Girl Scouts come together to learn and grow. Troops are a safe space to make new friends, take risks, and have fun as a group.



## **Become a Juliette:**

Girl Scouts seeking a flexible approach can participate independently without joining a troop.



## **Summer Camps:**

Summer adventure awaits! With five summer day camps, and one overnight camp, campers will experience traditional camp activities while expanding their horizons.



## **Events:**

There is always something fun happening at GSOFCT! Our events are open to members, family, and friends (tag alongs).



## **Outdoor Experience:**

Get unplugged and get outdoors! Develop outdoor skills while having fun experiences like building campfires, pitching tents, canoeing, and archery.



# Values & Level Progression

Girl Scouts of all ages learn—and live by—the ideals included in the Girl Scout Promise and Law. They remind us to do our best in being kind to others, respecting ourselves, and making the world a better place.



## Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try:  
To serve God\* and my country,  
To help people at all times,  
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

*\*Members may substitute for the word “God” in accordance with their own spiritual beliefs.*

## Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be  
honest and fair,  
friendly and helpful,  
considerate and caring,  
courageous and strong, and  
responsible for what I say and do, and  
to respect myself and others,  
respect authority,  
use resources wisely,  
make the world a better place, and  
be a sister to every Girl Scout.

Look out for these symbols:



Daisies



Cadettes



Brownies



Seniors



Juniors



Ambassadors



### Daisies

Grades: K-1

Daisies learn to care for animals, their friends, and themselves to protect Earth's treasures.



### Brownies

Grades: 2-3

Brownies go on a quest to find the three keys to leadership. They explore their place in the wide world of girls.



### Juniors

Grades: 4-5

Juniors foster the confidence to impact the world—from their troop to their school and their community. They are encouraged to work towards their BRONZE AWARD.



### Cadettes

Grades: 6-8

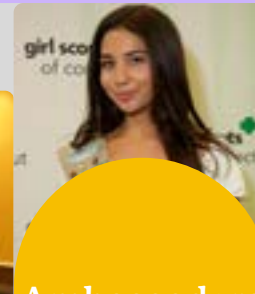
Cadettes develop relationships skills needed to be leaders. They are encouraged to work towards their SILVER AWARDS.



### Seniors

Grades: 9-10

Seniors have a vision and use their sisterhood to better themselves and the world. They are encouraged to work towards their GOLD AWARD, the highest achievement in Girl Scouting.



### Ambassadors

Grades: 11-12

Ambassadors advocate for issues they care about. They make their dreams a reality and understand that leaders aim for justice. They are encouraged to work towards their GOLD AWARD, the highest achievement in Girl Scouting.

# Girl Scout Leadership Experience

Girl Scouts prepare for a lifetime of leadership, success, and adventure through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE). This proven leadership development program pairs girls with caring role models/mentors. Through engaging and fun activities (taking trips, selling products, exploring science, getting outdoors, serving the community), girls lead their own adventure and team up with others to choose the exciting, hands-on activities that interest them the most.

The experience takes Girl Scouts from ages 5 through 18 and are delivered through 4 pillars:



- ◆ **STEAM:** Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math
- ◆ Spark interest in STEAM careers and prepare Girl Scouts for the modern-day workforce.
- ◆ Offerings include game coding, robot building, rocket launching, and STEAM camps.



- ◆ We are home to the largest girl-led entrepreneurial program in the world.
- ◆ Learn goal setting, decision making, people skills, money management, communication, and business ethics through Cookie Sales, Treats & Reads, and Cookies for Heroes.



- ◆ **Peer Connections:** Develop lifelong friendships through a supportive network of Girl Scouts.
- ◆ **Civic Engagement:** Build strong communication skills and contribute to communities through active participation.
- ◆ **Healthy Living:** Promote mental, physical, and emotional well-being through holistic activities.



- ◆ Explore nature with overnights, hikes, outdoor cooking, and imaginative quests, fostering connections and skills outside of digital spaces.
- ◆ Join weekend family camping trips, hikes, and more to strengthen bonds and create lasting connections.



## STEAM

Girl Scouts have access to a wide variety of STEAM activities designed to develop critical thinking skills while having fun. Participating in our diverse STEAM offerings allows Girl Scouts to be introduced to careers in STEAM.

Sign up for:

- ◆ Maker Space Programs (see page 18)
- ◆ Pumpkin Chuck (see page 19)
- ◆ Coding classes
- ◆ Robot Creation



[Learn more about STEAM opportunities](#)



**Piece by Piece:  
Achieving Your  
STEAM Goals**

Build  
Interest

Build  
Connection

STEAM in  
Action

STEAM in  
Communities

Change the  
World

**Maker Space:  
A for Art**



**Maker Space:  
S for Science**



**Maker Space:  
E for Engineering**



**Pumpkin Chuck**



*Maker Sapce - DBJ, see page 18 for event details*

*Pumpkin Chuck - CSA,  
see page 17 for event  
details*



# Girl Scout Leadership Experience

# ENTREPRENEURSHIP

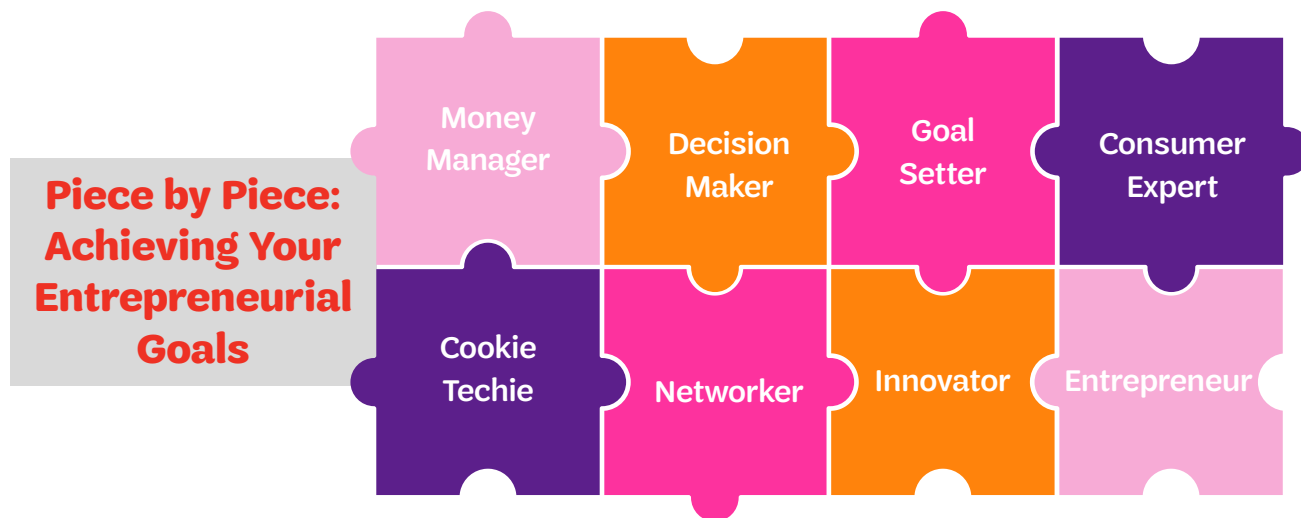


Through the product program, Girl Scouts learn five skills: goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics. There are two product programs a year:

## 1. Treats & Reads Fall Program

## 2. The iconic Girl Scout Cookie Program

In addition to the skills gained, the entrepreneurial product programs provide important funding for troops and Girl Scouts of Connecticut programs (all proceeds stay local) so that Girl Scouts can go on amazing adventures, learn new skills, and make a difference in their communities.



This years' product program theme is

# EMBRACE POSSIBILITY

**It's all about dreaming big, taking on new challenges, and discovering all the opportunities waiting for Girl Scouts as they learn to think like entrepreneurs.**



## The Great Girl Scout Round Up 2025!



*[The Great Girl Scout Round Up 2025! - DBJCSA,](#)  
see page 17 for event details*

# Girl Scout Leadership Experience

## ENTREPRENEURSHIP



### The Treats & Reads Program



Taking place in the fall (9/20/2024 - 11/5/2024), Treats & Reads is a great introduction to the five skills learned through the Product Programs. Girl Scouts offer nut and candy products, magazines, Girl Scout themed Bark Boxes, Tervis Tumblers, and high-quality personalized items. They get to use technology to grow their business by creating online storefronts featuring their avatar.

**This year's Treats & Reads Mascot is the Asian Elephant!**



### The Cookie Program

The Iconic Girl Scout Cookie Program: The largest girl-led entrepreneurial program enables Girl Scouts to operate a business offering cookies in person, online, and at booths.

**This year's cookie line-up includes annual favorites: Adventurefuls®, Lemon-ups®, Trefoils®, Do-si dos®, Samoas®, Tagalongs®, Thin Mints®, Toffee-Tastic®, and for the last year Girl Scout S'mores® (time to stock up)!**

All varieties are \$6 per package.



### Election Week Cookie Sales

Kick off cookie season with sales during election week! Girl Scouts will begin learning their five skills: goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics. It's a fantastic way for troops to begin earning money for their treasury. Troops can sell cookies from **11/1/24 - 11/10/24** in a variety of ways, including booth sales.

### Cookies For Heroes

Cookies for Heroes, GSOFCT's Gift of Caring program, allows customers to support Girl Scout troops while also donating cookies to veterans, local heroes, and active-duty military personnel. Girl Scouts learn about philanthropy and the power of giving back.

[Learn more about Entrepreneurial programs](#)

Parents/Guardians, please make sure your Girl Scout:

- ◆ Is registered for the current membership year
- ◆ You have a valid email address listed on your myGS account

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## LIFE SKILLS

Girl Scouts develop life skills such as civic engagement, healthy living, global citizenship and communication. From Daisies to Ambassadors, Girl Scouts explore their passions and talents, defining their values to make a positive impact in the world. Program highlights include:

- ◆ **Speak up, Change the World!** (see page 22)
- ◆ **Games with Juliette** (see page 21)
- ◆ **Gingerbread Houses** (see page 21)

Girl Scouts become a part of a vast and interconnected sisterhood and can expect to:

- ◆ **Build strong connections**
- ◆ **Expand social circles**
- ◆ **Prepare for adulthood**
- ◆ **Foster personal growth**

### Piece by Piece: Achieving Your Life Skills Goals

Healthy  
Relationships

Connection  
&  
Wellness

Be  
Yourself

Take charge  
of you future

Journey to  
Adulthood



[Learn more about  
Girl Scout Life Skills](#)



### Girl Scouts garner essential skills through civic engagement:

#### ◆ **CEO Advisory Group** C S A

Students may apply to join the CEO Advisory Group. Meets virtually every month to share feedback with the CEO and leadership team.

#### ◆ **Council Delegate/Alternate** S A

Youth and Adult Members apply to serve as the Council Delegate or Alternate representing their service unit at mandatory bi-annual membership meetings and the Annual Meeting in April. Minimum age 14.

#### ◆ **National Delegate/Alternate** S A

Youth and Adult Members apply to serve as a National Delegate or Alternate representing CT at the next National Convention in Washington D.C. in July 2026. Mandatory monthly meetings. Minimum age 14.

#### ◆ **Girl Board Member** A

Rising high school juniors and seniors may apply to serve a one-year term on the GSOFCT Board of Directors. Girls are eligible to vote on board resolutions that do not involve contractual obligations. Meets five times a year.





## LIFE SKILLS: Travel

Junior and above level Girl Scouts choose from local, regional, and global trips, expanding social circles and honing trip-planning skills. Recent trips included Georgia, Nantucket, UK, and France.  
Upcoming opportunities:

- ◆ Juniors in the Urban Jungle – J – New York, NY: (see page 19)
- ◆ Turn to page 23 to see when you can attend a travel planning session!
- ◆ Global Girl Scout Conference– SA – Salve Regina University, RI (see page 19)

Explore the 2025 destinations listed on the GSUSA website and prepare to apply for your adventure!



[GSUSA Destinations](#)



[Learn more about chaperone requirements](#)



[Learn more about Girl Scout travel & financial assistance](#)

### Recent GSOFCT Trip: Eiffel Tower & Trips to Disneyland



*Buckingham Palace, London*



*Eiffel Tower, Paris*



*Disneyland, Paris*



## OUTDOORS

One of the greatest experiences a Girl Scout can have is connecting with nature. Girl Scouts can participate in outdoor activities at one of our camps and other locations throughout the state.

We operate five day camps and one overnight summer camp. These include Camp An-Se-Ox in Oxford, Camp Aspetuck in Weston, Camp Merrie-Wood in Manchester, Camp Clatter Valley in New Milford, Camp Laurel in Lebanon, and Camp Yankee Trails in Tolland.

Girl Scouts can experience the following summer activities:

- ◆ Sleep-away Camp
- ◆ Day Camp
- ◆ Family Camp Events
- ◆ Trips & Travel

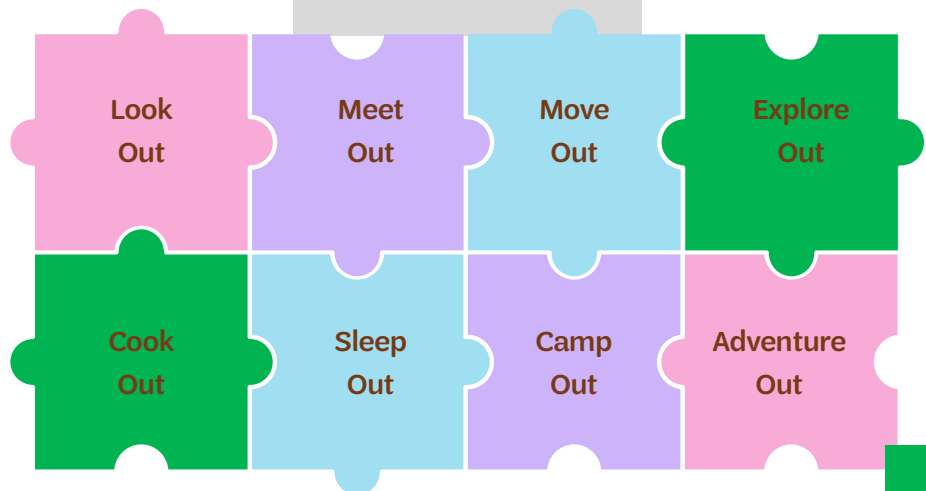
For Fall & Winter opportunities, check out:

- ◆ Fire Building
- ◆ Tent Tales
- ◆ Map Reading
- ◆ Archery
- ◆ Winter Challenge
- ◆ Letterboxing
- ◆ Outdoor cooking

### Piece by Piece: Achieving Your Outdoor Goals

**Save the Date**  
Summer Camp  
registration opens  
December 4th, 2024  
(see page 24)

*Note: Financial assistance is available*



[Learn more about  
outdoor experiences](#)

### Outdoor Journey Weekend



*Outdoor Journey Weekend - JCSA,  
see page 17 for event details.*

### Winter Carnival



*Winter Carnival- DBJCSA,  
see page 19 for event details.*

# Awards & Recognitions

## Highest Awards

Girl Scouts may achieve Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards by creating Take-Action projects aimed at making a positive impact in their communities. These awards challenge them to deliver sustainable solutions for lasting change:

- ◆ **Bronze Awards: Juniors** collaborate with peers to initiate local improvements.
- ◆ **Silver Awards: Cadettes** research issues, develop plans, and take action to enhance their communities.
- ◆ **Gold Awards: Seniors & Ambassadors** implement lasting solutions to local and broader issues, the highest accolade in Girl Scouting. Gold Award recipients may earn scholarships up to \$5,000.

These projects foster fulfillment and hone skills in organization, leadership, and project management, enhancing resumes and college applications.

### Note:

Girl Scouts pursuing their Gold Award must attend virtual trainings and can also participate in the High Five Project Prep series for guidance (see page 21).



[Learn more about our awards and recognitions](#)

CSA Leadership Opportunities and Awards are available as Girl Scouts progress through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE). Badges and Journeys are accessible at all levels, fostering leadership skills whether in troops or as independent Girl Scouts.

## Religious Awards

### Girl Scouts and Faith - Celebrating Spirituality and Faith

Everything in Girl Scouting is based on the Girl Scout Promise and Law, which includes many of the principles and values across religions. While we are a secular organization, Girl Scouts has always encouraged its members to take spiritual journeys via their faith's religious recognitions.

### My Promise, My Faith

Girl Scouts of all grade levels can now earn the My Promise, My Faith pin, which complements existing religious recognitions and allows them to further strengthen the connection between their faith and Girl Scouts. Once each year, a Girl Scout can earn the My Promise, My Faith pin by carefully examining the Girl Scout Law and tying it directly to tenets of her faith. Requirements for this pin are included in The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting for all levels.

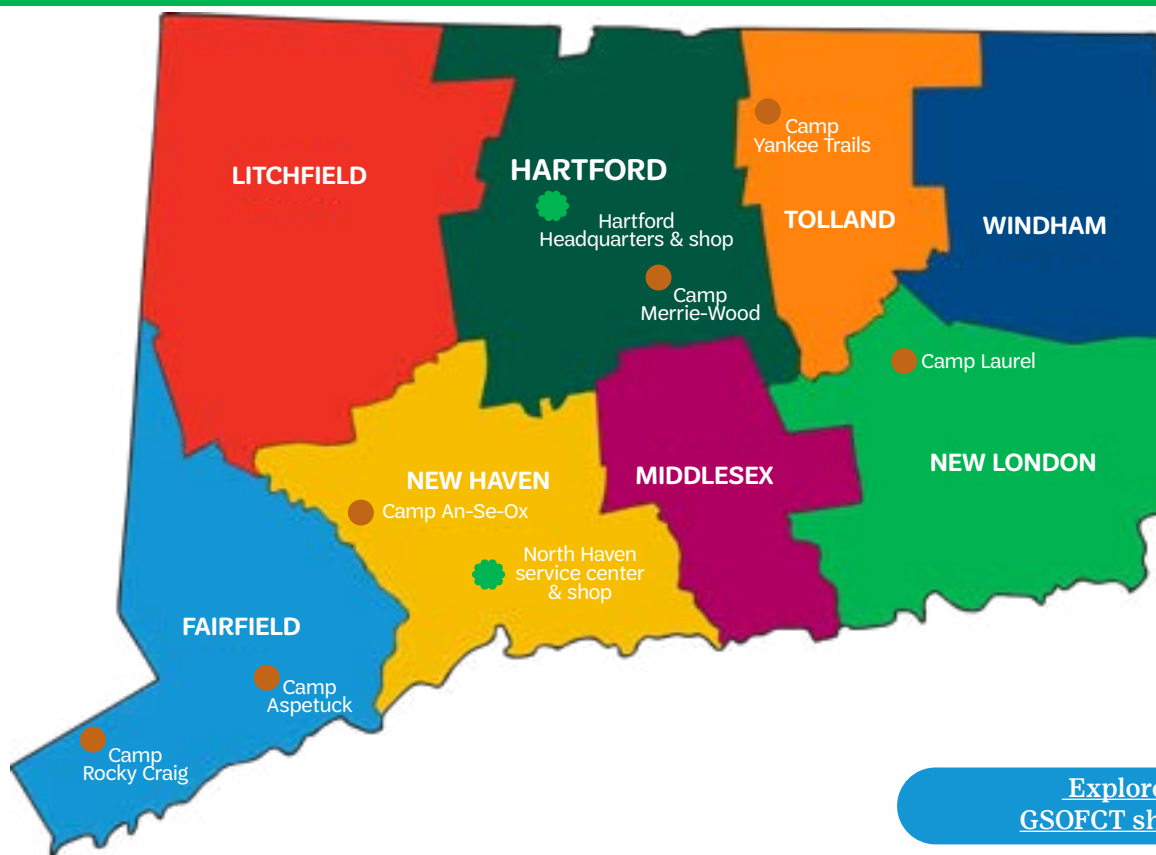


[Learn more about Girl Scouts and Faith.](#)





# Where We Are



[Explore  
GSOFACT shops](#)

## Service Centers

### Hartford Headquarters

340 Washington St., Hartford, CT 06106  
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30am- 4:30pm

### North Haven

20 Washington Ave., North Haven, CT 06473  
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30am- 4:30pm



## Discover Connecticut Girl Scout History

The McGuff Museum of Girl Scout History in North Haven, CT, houses a collection of dolls in replica uniforms, local and international items, historical pins and patches. The museum is open twice monthly on a weekend and an evening. The museum space may also be rented for ceremonies, special meetings, or events.



[Learn more about the Girl Scout  
History Travel Museum](#)

## GSOFACT Properties

### Camp An-Se-Ox

47 Condon Rd., Oxford, CT 06478

### Camp Aspetuck

88 Old Easton Tpk., Weston, CT 06883

### Camp Laurel

175B Clubhouse Rd., Lebanon, CT 06249

### Camp Merrie-Wood

650 Gardner St., Manchester, CT 06040

### Camp Rocky Craig

69 Guinea Rd., Stamford, CT 06513

### Camp Yankee Trails

343 Plains Rd., Tolland, CT 06084

# How to Register for an Event

## Important Reminders before registering:

- ◆ All events are in Eastern Time.
- ◆ Virtual events are not recorded; missed sessions will not be sent.
- ◆ Girl Scouts of Connecticut is not liable for time zone differences, double bookings, forgetfulness, weather, or technical issues.
- ◆ Register early (30 days before the registration deadline / 45 days before the event ) for a discounted price.
- ◆ Membership is required for all attendees (exceptions for family events, where the girl must still be a member).
- ◆ Some events offer Financial Aid for girls; check the registration page for availability.
- ◆ Program titles offer levels and town information.

## How do I find events and register (from the calendar)?

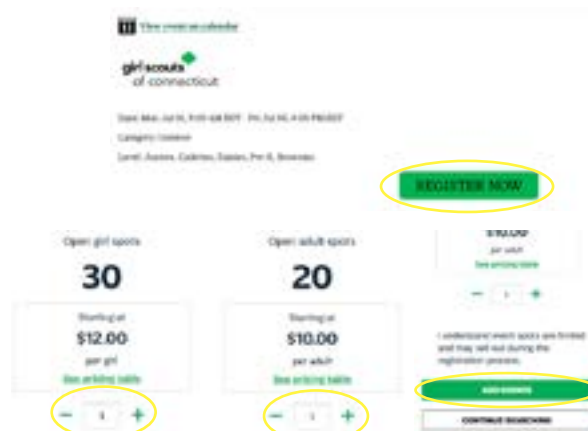
1. Scan QR code and click **List**, then find the event  
(or open a separate tab at: <https://www.gsofct.org/> and navigate to the **Events Calendar**.)
2. Click **VIEW DETAILS** then **REGISTER NOW**.
3. Select the amount of girls/adults you wish to register under **Open girl spots** and **Open adult spots**
4. Click **LOG IN** to sign into your myGS account or **ADD EVENTS** if you are already logged into myGS.
5. In the **Assign attendees** section for EACH participant you must assign an attendee
  - a. Select **My household** if you are only registering members from your household and select the attendee(s) from drop down menu -OR-
  - b. Select **My troop** if you are registering members from your troop and/or household and select the attendee(s) from drop down menu.
6. Under **Choose Payment options** section, checkmark the credit card payment box and click **SUBMIT MEMBER DETAILS**.
7. Click the **REVIEW CART**.
8. Checkmark "I agree to the Girl Scout Promise and Law."
9. Click **ADD PAYMENT DETAILS** and **SUBMIT PAYMENT**.



Events Calendar



myGS Login



## Need help?

Call Customer Care at 800-922-2770 or email [customer care@gsofct.org](mailto:customer care@gsofct.org).

# Spotlight Events & Key Dates

## Multi-level experience

### The Great Girl Scout Round Up 2025!



New Haven, CT | **Saturday January 11, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

Round up your Girl Scout friends to focus on financial literacy and entrepreneurial skills! Participate in activity stations, visit vendor tables with financial literacy and business activities and stop in at GSOFCT booths for information. Don't miss the Activity Zone to explore all four program pillars - outdoor, entrepreneurship, STEAM, and Life Skills/Travel, making SWAPS and learning about the programs offered yearlong at Girl Scouts.



### Outdoor Journey Weekend



Lebanon, CT | **Friday October 11, 6:00 PM – Sunday October 13, 10:00 AM**

Girl Scouts spend the weekend at Camp Laurel to complete all the badges for their outdoors journey. Each age level will engage in outdoor activities, don't miss out on this exciting opportunity!

### Travel: Girl Scout Travel Information Session



**Virtual** | [Tuesday October 15, 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM](#)

[Wednesday November 06, 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM](#)

[Wednesday January 08, 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM](#)

Attend a planning session to hear about all the travel opportunities available for Junior-Ambassador Girl Scouts.

## Daisies, Brownies, Juniors

### Pumpkin Chuck



[Weston, CT | Saturday October 05, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM](#)

[Weston, CT | Saturday October 05, 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM](#)

[Lebanon, CT | Sunday October 06, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM](#)

[Lebanon, CT | Sunday October 06, 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM](#)

Girl Scouts build a simple catapult to solve engineering challenges, then create a catapult to toss a pumpkin as far as they can! They can bring their favorite adult or attend with a troop!

### Games with Juliette



[Manchester, CT | Saturday October 26, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM](#)

[Killingworth, CT | Saturday October 26, 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM](#)

[Oxford, CT | Sunday October 27, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM](#)

[Weston, CT | Sunday October 27, 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM](#)

Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors will learn how to use their voice to speak out about things they care about in the world! They'll meet Girl Scouts who are GSOFCT delegates alongside CEO Advisory Board members and vote on important decisions in the council.



# Spotlight Events & Key Dates

## Daisies, Brownies, Juniors

### Outdoor Cooking: Campfire Cooking

[Weston, CT | Wednesday November 13, 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM](#)

[Lebanon, CT | Thursday November 14, 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM](#)

[Oxford, CT | Monday November 18, 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM](#)

We have many opportunities to participate in outdoor cooking. Don't miss out on all the fun!

### Gingerbread Houses

[Manchester, CT | Saturday December 07, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM](#)

[Oxford, CT | Sunday December 08, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM](#)

[Stamford, CT | Monday December 09, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM](#)

[North Haven, CT | Tuesday December 10, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM](#)

[Hartford, CT | Wednesday December 11, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM](#)

[Lebanon, CT | Thursday December 12, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM](#)

[Weston, CT | Saturday December 14, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM](#)

Girl Scouts will put together their very own gingerbread house to display all season long!

### Maker Space: A for Art

[Weston, CT | Saturday October 05](#)

[Lebanon, CT | Thursday December 12](#)

[Hartford, CT | Tuesday January 14](#)

Girl Scouts will unleash their creative side in this hands-on art focused STEAM program. This self-paced session allows Girls Scouts to rotate through stations or choose a favorite spot. Exposure to different mediums and materials means the sky's the limit in this session.

### Maker Space: S for Science

[Danbury, CT | Sunday December 08](#)

[Wilton, CT | Monday February 20](#)

They'll take apart a toaster, code electronic mice to travel in a maze, program a doorbell to ring in different ways, launch a pom-pom from a mini-catapult, and so much more! In this session, Girl Scouts will be able to explore and try the science activities that interest them.

## Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors

### Maker Space: E for Engineering

[Danbury, CT | Saturday February 22](#)

Girl Scouts can become an engineer, a builder, a creative problem solver! They'll rotate through various stations or choose their favorite spot. We'll provide the challenges; they bring creativity!

To register for any of our council programs, visit our [events calendar](#).

Early bird discounts available for select programs.



## Pumpkin Chuck

[Weston, CT | Saturday October 05, 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM](#)

[Lebanon, CT | Sunday October 06, 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM](#)

Girl Scouts build a simple catapult to solve engineering challenges, then create a catapult to toss a pumpkin as far as they can! They can bring their favorite adult or attend with a troop!

## Outdoor Cooking: Campfire Cooking

[Manchester, CT | Thursday October 17, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM](#)

[Weston, CT | Monday January 13, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM](#)

[Lebanon, CT | Tuesday February 25, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM](#)

[Manchester, CT | Tuesday March 25, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM](#)

We have many opportunities to participate in outdoor cooking. Don't miss out on all the fun!

COMING SOON!!

## Global Girl Scout Conference

Salve Regina University, RI | Friday March 07 – Sunday March 09

For youth + adult attendees

## Juniors in the Urban Jungle

New York, NY

Girl Scouts will explore the sights and sounds of New York one of the most iconic cities in the world! They'll spend two days and one night in Manhattan exploring all that "The Big Apple" has to offer!

## Winter Carnival

Join your friends for a giant snowball fight, sledding, field games and more!

Key Dates

## World Thinking Day - February 22<sup>nd</sup>

Celebrated since 1926, World Thinking Day sees Girl Scouts worldwide celebrate their international friendships and sense of sisterhood. GSUSA is the largest organization for girls and women in the world.

## Girl Scouts' Birthday & Girl Scout Week

Girl Scout Week celebrates the anniversary of the first Girl Scout meeting on March 12, 1912, in Savannah, Georgia. Troops can celebrate the anniversary by making a cake, attending a Girl Scout event, or conducting a community service project.

# Fall & Winter Events

Program - Grade Levels	Program Date	Location	Register By
<a href="#">Adult Training: Archery/Slingshot - Ad</a>	10/5/24	Weston, CT	9/20/24
<a href="#">Adult Training: Archery/Slingshot - Ad</a>	11/2/24	Lebanon, CT	10/17/24
<a href="#">Adult Training: Archery/Slingshot - Ad</a>	10/27/24	Oxford, CT	10/12/24
<a href="#">Adult Training: Boating</a>	10/6/24	Lebanon, CT	9/21/24
<a href="#">Adult Training: Camporee Planning - Ad</a>	10/23/24	Virtual	10/20/24
<a href="#">Adult Training: Ready, Set, Camp - Ad</a>	10/5/24	Weston, CT	9/20/24
<a href="#">Adult Training: Ready, Set, Camp - Ad</a>	10/27/24	Oxford, CT	10/12/24
<a href="#">Adult Training: Ready, Set, Camp - Ad</a>	11/2/24	Lebanon, CT	10/18/24
<a href="#">Adult Training: Wilderness First Aid for Camp and Travel - Ad</a>	2/8/25	Weston, CT	1/24/25
<a href="#">Amazing Artists - DB</a>	2/23/25	Oxford, CT	2/8/25
<a href="#">Amazing Artists - DB</a>	10/19/24	Stamford, CT	10/4/24
<a href="#">Amazing Artists - J</a>	2/23/25	Oxford, CT	2/8/25
<a href="#">Amazing Artists - J</a>	10/19/24	Stamford, CT	10/4/24
<a href="#">Archery - BJ</a>	11/3/24	Oxford, CT	10/19/24
<a href="#">Around the World with Literature: China - DBJ</a>	1/16/25	Virtual	1/12/25
<a href="#">Carving and Letterboxing - JCSA</a>	10/6/24	Lebanon, CT	9/21/24
<a href="#">Celebrating People in STEM - DBJ</a>	11/1/24	Virtual	10/17/24
<a href="#">Charcuterie Boards and Knife Skills - BJ</a>	1/14/25	Hartford, CT	12/30/24
<a href="#">Citizen Scientist Journey - CSA</a>	1/23/25	Virtual	1/8/25
<a href="#">Citizen Scientist Journey - DBJ</a>	1/23/25	Virtual	1/8/25
<a href="#">Craft for a Cause - DB</a>	11/17/24	Oxford, CT	11/2/24
<a href="#">Craft for a Cause - DB</a>	11/16/24	Lebanon, CT	11/1/24
<a href="#">Craft for a Cause - J</a>	11/16/24	Lebanon, CT	11/1/24
<a href="#">Craft for a Cause - J</a>	11/17/24	Oxford, CT	11/2/24
<a href="#">Cuisine Corner: Decades of Delicious: 1950s - DBJ</a>	10/13/24	Virtual	10/9/24
<a href="#">Cuisine Corner: Decades of Delicious: 1980s - DBJ</a>	1/26/25	Virtual	1/22/25
<a href="#">Design Your Own Adventure Overnight - BJC</a>	11/1/24	Lebanon, CT	10/17/24
<a href="#">Diving Deep into Oceanography - DBJ</a>	12/8/24	Danbury, CT	11/23/24
<a href="#">Diving Deep into Oceanography - DBJ</a>	12/7/24	North Haven, CT	11/22/24
<a href="#">Diving Deep into Oceanography - DBJ</a>	12/15/24	Stonington, CT	11/30/24
<a href="#">Explore the World Centers! - DBJ</a>	2/1/25	Oxford, CT	1/17/25
<a href="#">Explore the World Centers! - DBJ</a>	2/2/25	Weston, CT	1/18/25
<a href="#">Fireside Wassail and Cocoa - DBJ</a>	12/9/24	Stamford, CT	11/24/24
<a href="#">Food and Deserts and Insecurities - CSA</a>	2/19/25	Virtual	2/4/25
<a href="#">Games with Juliette! - DBJ</a>	10/27/24	Oxford, CT	10/12/24
<a href="#">Games with Juliette! - DBJ</a>	10/27/24	Weston, CT	10/12/24
<a href="#">Games with Juliette! - DBJ</a>	10/26/24	Killingworth, CT	10/11/24



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<a href="#">Games with Juliette! - DBJ</a>	10/26/24	Manchester, CT	10/11/24
<a href="#">Geology Hike - DBJ</a>	10/10/24	Torrington, CT	9/25/24
<a href="#">Gingerbread Houses - DBJ</a>	12/11/24	Hartford, CT	11/26/24
<a href="#">Gingerbread Houses - DBJ</a>	12/12/24	Lebanon, CT	11/27/24
<a href="#">Gingerbread Houses - DBJ</a>	12/7/24	Manchester, CT	11/22/24
<a href="#">Gingerbread Houses - DBJ</a>	12/10/24	North Haven, CT	11/25/24
<a href="#">Gingerbread Houses - DBJ</a>	12/8/24	Oxford, CT	11/23/24
<a href="#">Gingerbread Houses - DBJ</a>	12/9/24	Stamford, CT	11/24/24
<a href="#">Gingerbread Houses - DBJ</a>	12/14/24	Weston, CT	11/29/24
<a href="#">Girl Scout Game Night: Hooray for Charades! - CSA</a>	2/8/25	Danbury, CT	1/24/25
<a href="#">Glow Archery - BJ</a>	10/24/24	Weston, CT	10/9/24
<b><a href="#">Great Girl Scout Round Up 2025! - DBJCSA</a></b>	1/11/25	New Haven, CT	12/27/24
<a href="#">High Five Project Prep: Community Problems and Roots Causes- JCSA</a>	10/9/24	Virtual	10/5/24
<a href="#">High Five Project Prep: Community Problems and Roots Causes - JCSA</a>	1/15/25	Virtual	1/11/25
<a href="#">High Five Project Prep: From Plans to Project - JCSA</a>	10/23/24	Virtual	10/19/24
<a href="#">High Five Project Prep: From Plans to Project - JCSA</a>	1/29/25	Virtual	1/25/25
<a href="#">High Five Project Prep: Leadership and Team Building - JCSA</a>	10/2/24	Virtual	9/28/24
<a href="#">High Five Project Prep: Leadership and Team Building - JCSA</a>	1/8/25	Virtual	1/4/25
<a href="#">High Five Project Prep: Series - JCSA</a>	10/2/24	Virtual	9/28/24
<a href="#">High Five Project Prep: Series - JCSA</a>	1/8/25	Virtual	1/4/25
<a href="#">High Five Project Prep: Share Your Story - JCSA</a>	2/5/25	Virtual	2/1/25
<a href="#">High Five Project Prep: Take Action Process - JCSA</a>	10/16/24	Virtual	10/12/24
<a href="#">High Five Project Prep: Take Action Process - JCSA</a>	1/22/25	Virtual	1/18/25
<a href="#">How is our food made? - DBJ</a>	2/19/25	Virtual	2/4/25
<a href="#">How Things Float- DBJ</a>	2/16/25	Stamford, CT	2/1/25
<a href="#">How Things Float - DBJ</a>	1/25/25	Oxford, CT	1/10/25
<a href="#">How to Catch a Yeti - DBJ</a>	12/14/24	Weston, CT	11/29/24
<a href="#">Leadership: Earning the Bronze Award - J</a>	12/5/24	Virtual	12/1/24
<a href="#">Leadership: Earning the Silver Award - C</a>	12/5/24	Virtual	12/5/24
<a href="#">Letterboxing - BJCSA</a>	10/27/24	Oxford, CT	10/12/24
<a href="#">Maker Space: A for Art - DBJ</a>	1/14/25	Hartford, CT	12/30/24
<a href="#">Maker Space: A for Art - DBJ</a>	12/12/24	Lebanon, CT	11/27/24
<a href="#">Maker Space: A for Art - DBJ</a>	10/5/24	Weston, CT	9/20/24
<a href="#">Maker Space: E for Engineering - CSA</a>	2/22/25	Danbury, CT	1/23/25
<a href="#">Maker Space: S for Science - BJ</a>	12/8/24	Danbury, CT	11/23/24

# Fall & Winter Events

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<a href="#">Maker Space: S for Science - BJ</a>	1/20/25	Wilton, CT	1/5/25
<a href="#">Map Reading - DBJ</a>	11/8/24	Lebanon, CT	10/24/24
<a href="#">Map Reading - DBJ</a>	11/21/24	Manchester, CT	11/6/24
<a href="#">Map Reading - DBJ</a>	11/19/24	Oxford, CT	11/4/24
<a href="#">Map Reading - DBJ</a>	11/20/24	Weston, CT	11/5/24
<a href="#">Mycelium Madness - DB</a>	11/23/24	Stamford, CT	11/8/24
<a href="#">Mycelium Madness - DB</a>	10/20/24	Waterbury, CT	10/5/24
<a href="#">Mycelium Madness - J</a>	11/23/24	Stamford, CT	11/8/24
<a href="#">Mycelium Madness - J</a>	10/20/24	Waterbury, CT	10/5/24
<a href="#">Nature Investigator - DBJ</a>	11/4/24	Lebanon, CT	10/20/24
<a href="#">Nature Investigator - DBJ</a>	11/6/24	Manchester, CT	10/22/24
<a href="#">Nature Investigator - DBJ</a>	11/7/24	Weston, CT	10/23/24
<a href="#">Night at the Girl Scouts of Connecticut Museum - DB</a>	10/25/24	North Haven, CT	10/8/24
<a href="#">Night at the Girl Scouts of Connecticut Museum - BJ</a>	10/25/24	North Haven, CT	10/15/24
<a href="#">Origami Party - DBJ</a>	11/12/24	Virtual	11/8/24
<a href="#">Outdoor Cooking: Campfire Cooking - CSA</a>	2/25/25	Lebanon, CT	2/10/25
<a href="#">Outdoor Cooking: Campfire Cooking - CSA</a>	10/17/24	Manchester, CT	10/2/24
<a href="#">Outdoor Cooking: Campfire Cooking - CSA</a>	1/13/25	Weston, CT	12/29/24
<a href="#">Outdoor Cooking: Campfire Cooking - DBJ</a>	11/14/24	Lebanon, CT	10/30/24
<a href="#">Outdoor Cooking: Campfire Cooking - DBJ</a>	11/18/24	Oxford, CT	11/3/24
<a href="#">Outdoor Cooking: Campfire Cooking - DBJ</a>	11/13/24	Weston, CT	10/29/24
<a href="#">Outdoor Journey Weekend - JCSA</a>	10/11/24-10/13/24	Lebanon, CT	9/26/24
<a href="#">Outdoor Skills: Fire Building 101 - DBJ</a>	11/2/24	Lebanon, CT	10/18/24
<a href="#">Pumpkin Chuck - BJ</a>	10/6/24	Lebanon, CT	9/21/24
<a href="#">Pumpkin Chuck - BJ</a>	10/5/24	Weston, CT	9/20/24
<a href="#">Pumpkin Chuck - CSA</a>	10/6/24	Lebanon, CT	9/21/24
<a href="#">Pumpkin Chuck - CSA</a>	10/5/24	Weston, CT	9/20/24
<a href="#">Rental Equipment Learning Lab - CSAAD</a>	10/22/24	Virtual	10/18/24
<a href="#">S'Monthly Campfire - Wassil - JCSA</a>	12/11/24	Lebanon, CT	11/26/24
<a href="#">Speak Up, Change the World! - DBJ</a>	11/10/24	Hartford, CT	10/26/24
<a href="#">Speak Up, Change the World! - DBJ</a>	11/9/24	North Haven, CT	10/25/24
<a href="#">Story Craft - CSA</a>	1/6/25	Virtual	1/2/25
<a href="#">Story Craft - CSA</a>	2/3/25	Virtual	1/30/25
<a href="#">Take a Hike - CSA</a>	10/26/24	Simsbury, CT	10/11/24
<a href="#">Tent Tales - DB</a>	11/2/24	Lebanon, CT	10/18/24
<a href="#">Tent Tales - DB</a>	10/19/24	Weston, CT	10/4/24
<a href="#">Travel: Girl Scout Travel Information Session - JCSA</a>	10/15/24	Virtual	10/11/24
<a href="#">Travel: Girl Scout Travel Information Session - JCSA</a>	11/6/24	Virtual	11/2/24

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<a href="#">Travel: Girl Scout Travel Information Session - JCSCA</a>	1/8/25	Virtual	12/24/24
<a href="#">Ugly Sweater Party - DBJ</a>	12/19/24	Virtual	12/15/24
<a href="#">Valentine Robots - DBJ</a>	2/4/25	Hartford, CT	1/20/25
<a href="#">Valentine Robots - DBJ</a>	2/5/25	North Haven, CT	1/21/25
<a href="#">Valentine Robots - DBJ</a>	2/6/25	Stamford, CT	1/22/25
<a href="#">Winter Challenge - DBJCSCA</a>	1/1/25	Virtual	12/28/24
<a href="#">Winter Challenge - DBJCSCA</a>	2/1/25	Virtual	1/28/25
<a href="#">Winter Challenge Kick Off - DBJCSCA</a>	12/1/24	Virtual	11/27/24
<a href="#">Winter Exploration - DBJC</a>	1/15/25	Manchester, CT	12/31/24
<a href="#">World Thinking Day: Around the World - DBJ</a>	2/20/25	Virtual	2/5/25

## JOIN THE FUN!

Additional events  
may be available  
after printing.



Scan QR code  
to see [events calendar](#).





# Volunteer & Family Resources

**2025  
Camp  
Season  
Save the  
Date**

**Summer Camp 2025  
Growing Together:  
Rooted in Nature**

Look out  
Summer Camp Registration  
opens December 4th!



## **My Account - myGS**

Log on to your Girl Scout account to access and edit your personal information and troop information. Once logged in, you'll be able to access the Volunteer Toolkit and gsLearn for trainings. From the GSOFCT homepage, click "myGS" in the top right corner. Ensure you are opted in to receive our newsletter and other important communications about your membership by updating your profile.

## **Meet Your Council**

The Member Experience department supports every parent, member, and volunteer across our council. Connect with our team to learn more and to receive the support and resources you need to have a successful Girl Scout year! Reach out to Customer Care at **(800)-922-2770** or via email at [customercare@gsfct.org](mailto:customercare@gsfct.org)

## **VOLUNTEERS**

### **Volunteer Essentials**

This guide is designed to support troop volunteers. Easily find what you need to get started on your Girl Scout journey and safely guide your Girl Scouts.



### **Volunteer Toolkit**

The Volunteer Toolkit is a useful resource on your account that will help you stay organized. Keep track of Girl Scout information such as meeting attendance and awards earned. Plan the year with a calendar, locations, topics, and requirements for activities and involve others to help. The VTK provides step-by-step suggestions for badge facilitation and instructions for submitting the end of year financial report for troop volunteers.



### **Safety Activity Checkpoints**

The safety and well-being of Girl Scouts is our top priority. Safety Activity Checkpoints outlines the safety standards and guidelines used in Girl Scouting, which apply to all Girl Scout activities. All volunteers must review the Safety Activity Checkpoints manual when planning Girl Scout-approved activities.





## Daisy Experience Box

Girl Scout Daisy (K-1) troop leaders will receive a monthly supply box filled with step-by-step instructions, ready-to-go supplies, and thoughtful script suggestions. This complimentary resource will follow the Daisy First Year Troop Plan and be delivered directly to troop leaders. Contact GSOFCT to opt into this new program!



## gsLearn

All your training will be accessible through gsLearn including virtual training. In-person training can also be recorded here for reference. Your account will keep track of your achievements so that GSOFCT can verify your training for troop trips.

## Outdoor Adult Development

Don't miss out on exciting outdoor training for adults!

- ◆ Out and About – Online training required for any time you leave your meeting spot.
- ◆ Ready, Set, Camp training – Required for overnights outdoors or where you will be having a campfire
- ◆ Archery/Slingshot – For archery and slingshot activities on our property
- ◆ Camporee – Virtual training to help you plan and prepare all the logistics of your SU camporee



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<a href="#">Adult Training: Archery/Slingshot - Ad</a>	10/5/24	Weston, CT	9/20/24
<a href="#">Adult Training: Archery/Slingshot - Ad</a>	11/2/24	Lebanon, CT	10/17/24
<a href="#">Adult Training: Archery/Slingshot - Ad</a>	10/27/24	Oxford, CT	10/12/24
<a href="#">Adult Training: Boating</a>	10/6/24	Lebanon, CT	9/21/24
<a href="#">Adult Training: Camporee Planning - Ad</a>	10/23/24	Virtual	10/20/24
<a href="#">Adult Training: Ready, Set, Camp - Ad</a>	10/5/24	Weston, CT	9/20/24
<a href="#">Adult Training: Ready, Set, Camp - Ad</a>	10/27/24	Oxford, CT	10/12/24
<a href="#">Adult Training: Ready, Set, Camp - Ad</a>	11/2/24	Lebanon, CT	10/18/24
<a href="#">Adult Training: Wilderness First Aid for Camp and Travel - Ad</a>	2/8/25	Weston, CT	1/24/25

## Volunteer Recognitions

Girl Scout volunteers work hard to create a fun and empowering environment for our girls to thrive. Visit the GSOFCT website to learn about the many ways that members, service units, and council can recognize our volunteers.



# Volunteer & Family Resources

## Equipment /Program Kit Rentals (available year-round)

Use your resources wisely and simplify your outdoor packing list, try something new without investing in equipment, use the right helmet for horseback riding, or lead a STEAM program with equipment you borrow from GSOFCT. Rentals can be picked up/dropped off at any GSOFCT office or property.

### Equipment Rentals

Rent equipment that adds to your adventure or activity!

- ◆ Horseback Riding Helmets  
(required by Safety Activity Checkpoints)
- ◆ Tents (2 or 4 person)
- ◆ Cook Kits – Backpacking or Tent Camping
- ◆ Ceremony Flags and Stands
- ◆ Snowshoes
- ◆ Woodworking/Maker equipment
- ◆ Backpacks
- ◆ Sewing Machine
- ◆ Historic Uniforms
- ◆ Hammocks

### Program Kit Rentals

Program Kits come with everything you need to lead activities with your Girl Scouts – instructions, supplies, and resources.

- ◆ Techbridge Kits
- ◆ Birding Kits
- ◆ Juggling and Magic Kit
- ◆ Jump Roping Kit
- ◆ Animal Tracking Kit
- ◆ History of Girl Scouting Kit

### Property Rentals

From hiking, camping, or seeking adventure, Girl Scouts of Connecticut properties are an affordable way to connect with the outdoors. Whether you're a troop, school, family, corporate or religious group, GSOFCT properties are a great choice for your next event.

## Learn More!

### Rental Equipment Learning Lab-CSAAD

Date: 10/22/24

Location: Virtual

Register by: 10/18/24



### Equipment and Program Kit Rental Form



## Team Building

Your team needs some fun ways  
to work together?

**Join us.**





# Stay Connected

**We want to keep in touch with every single one of our members!**

Follow and tag us on Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram to see all the exciting adventures Girl Scouts embark on throughout the year.

**Facebook:**

@Girl Scouts of Connecticut Inc.

**LinkedIn:**

@Girl Scouts of Connecticut

**Instagram:**

@gsocft

Scan the  
QR Code to  
opt in to our  
monthly  
newsletter



## **Newsroom**

Stay up to date on what local Girl Scouts are doing in your community! In our newsroom, you will find recent media coverage, press releases, council announcements and more.



## **Share Your Story**

Submit news about a GSOFCT member, troop, volunteer, alumna, or donor so we can share their experiences with the rest of the Girl Scout community. Your story could be featured on our council's website, social media, newsletters, and more!



## **Did You Know?**

Girl Scouts of Connecticut is a 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit organization. Membership fees cover approximately 2.7% of the costs to provide Girl Scout experiences to the youth we serve. We rely on philanthropic support to fund our mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character.

**Together, we make her world  
a better place.**

**Learn more about how  
you can support!**



**Please stay in touch!**

If you have any questions,  
reach out to Customer Care at **(800)-922-2770** or  
via email at **customer care@gsocft.org**

## Get a Seamless Start to Your Troop Year

Order a new uniform from your GSOFACT Shop,  
spend \$60, and get a FREE bag\*!

*\*While supplies last. Choice of color: Green or Purple*

Use our handy checklist to make sure you have everything:

- ◆ Vest, Sash, or Tunic
- ◆ Wavy American Flag Patch
- ◆ Connecticut Council Identification Set
- ◆ Troop Crest
- ◆ Troop Numerals
- ◆ Insignia Tab
- ◆ Membership Pin
- ◆ WAGGGS Pin
- ◆ Handbook
- ◆ Optional Heat Pressing



Visit our [GSOFACT Shops page](#) here.  
This page has our updated locations  
and hours, our online ordering form for  
quick and easy shopping, the online fun  
patch catalog, and so much more!

