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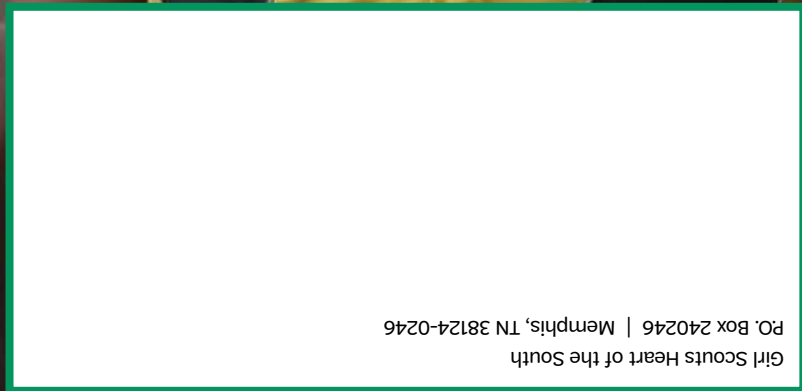
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# Empower girls. Change the world.

It takes a lot of drive to push past boundaries and limits to change the world. We're proud to support Girl Scouts Heart of the South and everyone who works to give girls the confidence they need to make their communities a better place. We're glad they're a part of our global community.



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# Hi there

Girl Scout Friends!



Happy New Year! I can't believe it! We're entering a new decade of Girl Scouting together! I'm not usually one to make New Year's Resolutions (those tend to only last a day or two), but I do like to make goals for the new year. I find it encouraging to think about what all I could feasibly improve upon or accomplish in the coming year and choose a few, *write them down* (that's VERY important), and then work at them little-by-little throughout the coming twelve months. I find a real sense of satisfaction at the end of the year looking back and knowing that I DID accomplish something important and meaningful over the year because I took the time to really assess what needed to be done; I thought about it; I planned it out, and I took action over time to make it happen.

I think my time as a Girl Scout troop leader taught that to me. When our girls were little, my fellow leaders and I would meet at the beginning of each school year to set goals for our troop and to plan out their year. As they grew older, those annual meetings became more about getting them together to help them set goals for themselves; we were just there to help them as they worked together to make their own plans. Now they are all off at college setting goals for their lives and making plans for their futures. While it's a little bittersweet, I could not be prouder of each of them and the fine young women they have become. They are all incredibly confident and fully capable of doing anything they set their minds to, thanks - in large part - to Girl Scouts.

One of my recurring goals over the past few years has been to continue to bring you inspiring issues of *The Promise*. This issue - our *tenth!* - is especially exciting as it shows the amazing impact our creative council initiatives like the Stand Beside Her Movement, the Trefoil Leadership Academy and She Leads are having not only on girls in our area but also girls and women across the country!

At GSHS our New Year's Goal has been and will continue to be to find new and unique ways to help build girls of courage, confidence, and character, and we look forward to sharing more stories of how those girls are reaching their goals and making the world a better place!

Your Friend in Scouting Always,

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In the list of girls earning their 2018-2019 Girl Scout Silver Award published in the Spring/Summer 2019 edition of *The Promise Magazine*, Kyla Echols, Troop 13366, and Alexandra Williams, Troop 20320 were missing. We apologize for the oversight, girls, and congratulations!



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## The 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.

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Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

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# All Girls Have a Place in Girl Scouts, and Girl Scouts is for ALL Girls

A Message from our CEO

**e**leanor Roosevelt famously said, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." True and inspiring words from a truly great and inspiring lady. Did you know Mrs. Roosevelt served as Honorary President of Girl Scouts throughout her tenure in the White House? She did! You can find pictures of her with Girl Scouts from around the country in the Roosevelt Presidential Library. She was an active role model for our girls then, and her legacy and her words still serve to inspire our girls today.

I truly believe that one of the greatest things about Girl Scouts is how our program not only encourages girls to dream but gives them the tools to achieve those dreams - no matter what they might be. The Girl Scout Leadership Experience is specially designed to foster girls' abilities to lead their own lives - to dream their own dreams - no matter their background or interests, talents or gifts. All girls have a place in Girl Scouts, and Girl Scouts is for ALL girls.

Hands-down, Girl Scouts offers the best leadership development experience for girls in the world. Our programming is based on time-tested methods and research-backed curriculum that help girls take the lead—in their own lives and in the world.

Research shows that girls learn best in an all-girl, girl-led, and girl-friendly environment. As both a former troop leader and Girl Scout mom, I know that Girl Scouts is a place where she'll practice different skills, explore her potential, take on leadership positions—and even feel allowed to fail, dust herself off, get up, and try again. The inclusive, all-female environment of a Girl Scout troop creates a safe space where girls can try new things, develop a range of skills, take on leadership roles, and just be themselves.

In Girl Scouts, girls get to lead their own adventure (it's her world!) and team up with other girls in an all-girl environment to choose the exciting, hands-on activities that interest her most. Girl Scouts takes the potential of girls, combines it with robust skill-building programming, and adds caring adult mentors and strong female role models. Everything a Girl Scout does centers around STEM, the outdoors, development of life skills, and entrepreneurship, and is designed to meet her where she is now and to grow along with her. While she may be exposed to these subjects at school, in other youth programs, or even on her own, at Girl Scouts she'll experience them in a unique way that puts her on a path to a lifetime of leadership, adventure, and success. And because our program is girl-led, girls decide what they'll do, together.

At Girl Scouts, "Can I?" quickly turns into "I will!" as girls transform their ideas into action, turn their questions into adventure, and grow their confidence through practice. And with millions of other G.I.R.L.s to cheer them on every step of the way, there's no limit to what she can accomplish. Simply put, Girl Scouts works. It's the best leadership experience for girls in the world for one very good reason: because it's girl-led!

At Girl Scouts, girls are inspired to discover their talents and passions in a safe and supportive all-girl setting. She'll join with other Girl Scouts and people in her community—and together, they'll take action to change the world. We keep hearing every day how the world needs more girl leaders. What they're really asking for - is more Girl Scouts!

Thank you for your continued dedication to our amazing organization, and Happy New Year! I'm looking forward to a new decade of building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place with you!

Sincerely,

MELANIE SCHILD | Chief Executive Officer  
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## Earn Your GSHS CEO Patch!



The CEO Patch is named for the work of the Chief Executive Officer, who is seen in the public eye as the premier representation of the Girl Scout community. While earning the CEO Patch, girls learn the importance of the power of positive recognition in their community and the media.

GSHS Girl Scouts can earn the CEO Patch by completing any act that raises recognition for the vision of Girl Scouts. Recognition can be earned at your school, on social networking sites, in the media, or any other avenue in which the act is made known to the public.

By earning the CEO Patch you will be entered into a drawing to become "CEO for a Day" and will be invited to attend a "CEO Meet and Greet" reception. At the reception you will receive a message from the CEO, participate in Girl Scout focus groups, and meet other CEO Patch recipients from around the council.

For more information about the GSHS CEO Patch, contact Amanda Merritt at [amanda.merritt@girlscoutshs.org](mailto:amanda.merritt@girlscoutshs.org)



In 2018, a group of GSHS Girl Scouts took notice of the long hours working moms keep. To help honor not only their own working mothers, but ones all over the country, they launched Working Mothers Day – a celebration of mothers in the workforce to be celebrated the Friday before Mother’s Day each year.

Make plans to honor the working moms in YOUR life this year! Working Mothers Day will be celebrated nationwide on Friday, May 8. Individuals everywhere along with national, regional, and local businesses and organizations are encouraged to show their appreciation for today’s working moms by wearing something green on this special day and posting pictures online using the hashtag #workingmothersday2020.

# WORKING mothers FRIDAY • MAY 8 • 2020 day



**HOLIDAY INN MEMPHIS**  
**University of Memphis**  
**Thursday, March 5, 2020**

Tickets: \$100 each • Cocktails & Silent Auction 6:00 PM • Dinner 7:00 PM  
for more information visit [www.girlscoutshs.org/onesmartcookie](http://www.girlscoutshs.org/onesmartcookie)



## A Message from our GSHS Board Chair

Once a Girl Scout, Always a Girl Scout

Like many of you, my passion for Girl Scouts as an adult started with my experience in Girl Scouting as a child. The courage, confidence, and character I gained in Girl Scouts played a big part in shaping who I am today. I am proud - every day - to say that I not only "was" a Girl Scout, but I AM a Girl Scout, and as GSHS Board Chair, I hope to educate and encourage other adults who had a connection to Girl Scouts as a child to stay connected and stay involved.

Today's girls need to see us and know us. They need our support and they need our guidance. Girls learn to be what they can see, and the more women they have in their lives who share their same "Girl Scout DNA" - the better!

Since Girl Scouts' inception in 1912, women have explored new fields of knowledge, learned valuable skills, and developed strong core values through Girl Scouting. The Girl Scout organization has shaped the lives of the majority of female senior executives and business owners, two-thirds of women in Congress, and almost every female astronaut.

Whether you logged one year as a Girl Scout Brownie or went all the way through and earned your Girl Scout Gold Award (previously called Curved Bar or First Class), you're a Girl Scout alumna! You're an important part of a group of over 50 million women who understand what it means to lead like a G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Risk-taker, Innovator, Leader)<sup>TM</sup> to make the world a better place. Girl Scout alumns say they made lasting friendships, learned life skills, developed confidence, and gained a variety of unique experiences - all of which continues to impact their lives today.

Girl Scouts certainly had an amazing influence on my life. What impact did Girl Scouting have on you? Today's girls want to get to know you, and they want to hear your story! Our lifelong connection to Girl Scouts gives us a special perspective on just what this inspiring program has to offer girls, and we know first-hand the positive impact all the excitement and fun they are experiencing now will have on the women they will become.

Staying involved with Girl Scouts throughout the years has brought me so much joy, and I wish the same for you! Girl Scouts Heart of the South wants you to stay connected and stay involved - or reconnect and get involved if you haven't before! No matter where you lived while you were a Girl Scout or how long you were involved - **Once a Girl Scout, always a Girl Scout!**

Join us! And help us make great things happen for girls all across the Mid-South!

Yours in Girl Scouting,

LORI PATTON | 2019 - 2021 Board Chair  
Girl Scouts Heart of the South

51% of women in the House of Representatives and 73% of current female senators are Girl Scout alums.

4 of the 6 current female governors and every female secretary of state are former Girl Scouts.

52% of female business leaders are Girl Scout alums and 57% of women in business say the Girl Scout Cookie Program was beneficial in the development of their skills today.

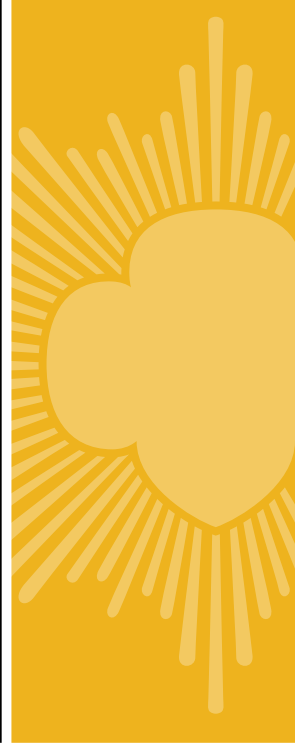
59% of alumnae say their Girl Scout experience contributed to their success in life.

Girl Scout alumnae display positive life outcomes to a greater degree than non-alumnae on several indicators of success.



**WE ARE 50 MILLION STRONG.**

# Create a roadmap to your future success.



## ////// The Girl Scout Gold Award

*The Gold Award makes a difference in the college admissions process.*

*Scholarships are available to Gold Award recipients.*

*Gold Award Take Action Projects distinguish girl leaders.*

*GSHS 2019 Gold Award Recipients were recognized at the 2018-2019 G.I.R.L. Celebration.*



## *GSHS is ready to help you Go Gold!*

Open to girls in high school, this prestigious award challenges you to change the world—or at least your corner of it, and be eligible for college scholarships at the same time. By the time you put the final touches on your seven-step Take Action project, you'll have solved a community problem—not only in the short-term, but for years to come. Join us at one of the upcoming trainings listed below to learn about the requirements, necessary paperwork, timing of your projects, and deadlines. Training is MANDATORY for any girl who wishes to pursue earning the Girl Scout Gold Award.

At the training, you will learn about the proposal submission process for your Take Action project, the cornerstone of your Girl Scout Gold Award journey. Girl Scouts Heart of the South's Girl Scout Gold Award project proposals are reviewed and approved by the GSHS Gold Award Committee.

Girl Scout Gold Award Training ~ Tupelo  
Date: Thu, Jan 16, 2020, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM CST  
Location: CREATE Foundation Board Room

Girl Scout Gold Award Training ~ Memphis  
Date: Mon, Mar 23, 2020, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Location: Imagine Center at the Memphis Leadership Center





the national  
**stand beside her**  
[www.standbesideher.org](http://www.standbesideher.org) **movement**

created by Girl Scouts for Girls everywhere

**Stand Beside Her is a rallying cry inspiring girls and women to stand up for each other and commit to shutting down unhealthy comparison that tears down and divides.**

**By celebrating one another's talents and successes,  
we all rise - one courageous, confident girl and woman at a time.**

**i**n the fall of 2019, Girl Scouts Heart of the South, along with our 41 Stand Beside Her Collaborative Council Partners, FedEx, and others celebrated the 5th Anniversary of the Stand Beside Her Movement with our most inspiring month of programs and activities to date! Begun right here by

Girl Scouts Heart of the South in 2014, this now *national* movement is a call to action for women and girls to unite their voices in a divisive world and end the comparison, competition and criticism that undermines female relationships. Stand Beside Her Month is celebrated each November and encourages people to commit to supporting all girls and women from the classroom to the board room through a variety of inspiring events, programs, initiatives and the promotion of our FREE Stand Beside Her Patch program.

This year, over 1,400 girls in 15 US States, Washington, D.C. and Japan earned their Stand Beside Her Patch! We invite

you to take a look at the many pictures of these Girl Scouts in action on the following pages! Our friends at FedEx and the ladies of their FedEx Cares division once again planned and organized an amazing Stand Beside Her Girl Celebration for local Girl Scouts, and we invite you to learn more about not only this exciting program but many of the other Stand Beside Her-inspired events that took place during Stand Beside Her Month 2019!

Read on to learn more about how girls, women, and organizations everywhere are getting inspired and getting involved with this uplifting movement that's changing our culture for good!

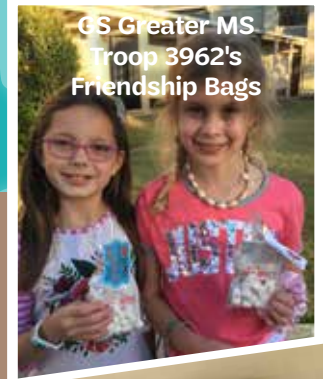
GS Badgerland Troop 9120  
"Chalked-Up" a Local Park



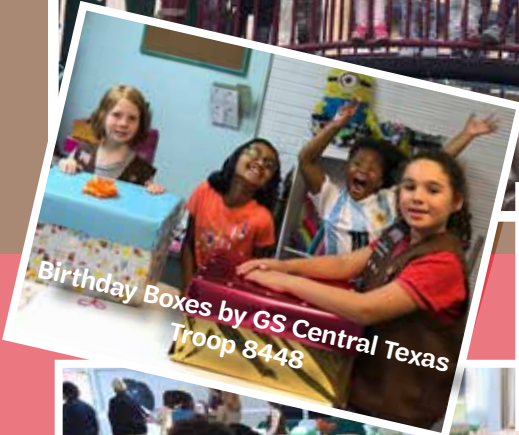
Strengths Poster  
GS Troop 09 Camp Courtney  
Okinawa, Japan



GS Greater MS  
Troop 3962's  
Friendship Bags



Birthday Boxes by GS Central Texas  
Troop 8448



GS Eastern Massachusetts Troop 962  
Inspirational Mirrors & Bulletin Board



"We're a Pair" GSHS Troop 10739



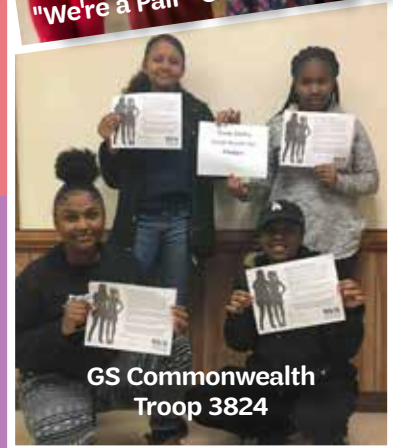
GSHS Lee Co. Stand Beside Her  
Dinner & Awards Ceremony



GSHS Troop 20239



GS Commonwealth  
Troop 3824



## the 4th Annual Stand Beside Her Celebration

For the fourth year in a row, the wonderful ladies of FedEx Cares planned and organized an amazing Stand Beside Her Celebration for girls in 2nd - 8th grade. This FREE interactive and hands-on event took place on Sunday, October 27 at the beautiful Grove at Red Oak Lake in Cordova, TN, and offered attendees the opportunity to discover, connect, and take action in their lives, school, and community. Girls enjoyed activities focused around STEM, self-confidence, and leadership.



Attendees were welcomed by Leslie James, FedEx Marketing Specialist Advisor and member of the GSHS Greater Memphis Community Advisory Board, and GSHS CEO Melanie Schild. GSHS is grateful for our continued partnership with FedEx and for their outstanding support of the Stand Beside Her Movement. Thank you to all of the amazing ladies of FedEx Cares who gave of their time and talents to bring this event to life for our girls again this year! We're already looking forward to next year!





GS Southern Alabama Troop 8201 and the Mayor of Daphne, AL



GS Central & Southern New Jersey Troop 24713



GS Heart of New Jersey Troop 80400



GSHS Troops 40031, 40080, 40118, 40238



GS Central & Southern New England Troop 141 Strengths Poster



GSHS Troop 10555 Strengths Poster



GSHS Troop 13784



GS Kentuckiana Troop 1875



## Second Annual Stand Beside Her Luncheon

On Wednesday, November 13, 2019, GSHS held our Second Annual Stand Beside Her Luncheon for local corporate representatives and prominent local leaders at the beautiful Tower Center at Clark Tower in Memphis, TN. Attendees gathered to hear about the importance of having the support of strong female mentors from accomplished area women



including Rose Flenorl, Manager, Global Citizenship, FedEx Corporation (*pictured center above*); Dacquiri Baptiste, Vice President & Chief Operations Officer of the Orpheum Theatre Group (*pictured above left*); and Kate Schaffzin, Dean of the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law (*pictured above right*). Moderated by Rosemarie Fair, owner of One Source Commercial, Inc., and former GSHS Board Chair and current Co-Board Chair of the Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis, this inspiring panel shared their stories and discussed how women in their lives stood beside them to help make them the people they are today.

Jil Greene, Director of Human Resources Customer Satisfaction, AutoZone, and GSHS Board 2nd Vice Chair, then led the attendees in a brainstorming session about how they could take the message of Stand Beside Her back to their organization and get them involved (*pictured below right*).

At the close of this inspiring event, GSHS Board Chair, Lori Patton, presented Rosemarie with the first Stand Beside Her award in recognition of her untiring efforts to stand beside women and girls in the Memphis area (*pictured below left*). Thank you to everyone who participated in this amazing day, and we look forward

to continuing to spread the message of the Stand Beside Her Movement with you this year and in years to come!



► SBH Girl Coalition Chair Jordan Ashley Green explains why she thinks it's vital that women and girls everywhere #standbesideher!

<https://youtu.be/AorxLLepVHg>



GSHS Troop 10192



GS Southern New England Troop 134  
Discussed Kindness



GS Greater Mississippi Troop 3890



Girl Scouts Nation's Capital Troop 22023  
Caring Cards



◀ GSHS Troop 10136 discussed bullying and made a video to document their experience! Enjoy and be inspired!

[https://youtu.be/eSRJPR8\\_3GM](https://youtu.be/eSRJPR8_3GM)

# STAND BESIDE HER NORTH MISSISSIPPI

a collaborative coalition for girls and women

The Fall of 2019 saw the inception of the second Stand Beside Her Collaborative Coalition! Following the example of the Greater Memphis Area's Stand Beside Her Memphis initiative, organizations in the North Mississippi area banded together to form Stand Beside Her North Mississippi.

Guided by Girl Scouts Heart of the South and NEWMS (New Expectations for Women in North Mississippi), local organizations and corporations including Toyota have committed to work together for the betterment of girls and women in their area. The mission of Stand Beside Her North Mississippi states:

When women connect with one another, and with girls, to freely share their knowledge and experience, and form positive relationships, everyone succeeds. Across the nation, and in North Mississippi, girls and women are working against extreme adversity in order to achieve their goals and dreams.

Myra Collins, GSHS Chief Girl Experience Officer and NEWMS board member, was instrumental in establishing this new partnership in North Mississippi. She believes, "Women are the Heart of the Home, and when they are in a healthy space so is the family." She added, "So often, however, the pressure to be everything to everyone along with unhealthy comparisons between each other leaves women feeling isolated, alone, and lacking. When women connect with one another, and with girls, to freely share their knowledge and experience, and form positive relationships, everyone succeeds."

Stand Beside North Mississippi is committed to bringing organizations and individuals together to support girls and women, in order to bust barriers, help girls and women to overcome all obstacles, and achieve each of their respective dreams. The coalition aims to bring organizations and individuals together to rally support behind strategic initiatives aimed at improving opportunities and outcomes for girls and women in their area. Stand Beside Her North Mississippi is volunteer-driven and completely dependent upon the time, talent, and resources of organizational and individual partners.

For more information about Stand Beside Her North Mississippi, contact Myra Collins at [myra.collins@girlscoutshs.org](mailto:myra.collins@girlscoutshs.org).

For more information about Stand Beside Her Memphis, contact Elizabeth Roper at [elizabeth.roper@girlscoutshs.org](mailto:elizabeth.roper@girlscoutshs.org).

***Let's work together today to make a better tomorrow for women and girls everywhere!***



Girl Scouts of Southern Alabama Troop 8201



GSHS Troop 13366 "Shine ON!"



Girl Scouts Badgerland Troop 8201 Caring Cards



Girl Scouts Badgerland Troop 7103 Caring Cards



▲ West TN Fall 2019 Trefoil Leadership Academy Graduates: (back row l-r) Giann Hoosier & Becca Jacoby (GSHS Staff), Lilyanna Mose; (front row l-r) Rayanna Williams, Bella Melson, Dallace Wallace, Lyruc Ceaser.



▶ Participants in the inaugural TLA cohort in West TN had the opportunity to experience meaningful discussions and impactful activities aimed to help them learn more about each other and themselves.



▼ Greater Memphis Fall 2019 Trefoil Leadership Academy Graduates: (back row l-r) Toryn Pearson, Joselyn Jordan, Megan Garrett, Lily May Clippinger, Angela Zhuang, Naomi Brown, Triniti Penelton (front row l-r) Becca Jacoby (GSHS), Arden Weeks, Nia Harvey, Keira Mahoney



# Trefoil LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Excitement and enthusiasm for Girl Scouts Heart of the South's new Trefoil Leadership Academy continued to build this fall as we graduated the first West TN-area cohort on November 9 and the second Greater Memphis-area cohort on December 5!

Created specifically for girls in 4th and 5th grade, Trefoil Leadership Academy participants come together for six inspiring sessions - each focusing on a different aspect of leadership. Session topics include: *The Ins and Outs of Confidence*, *Respect is a Two-Way Street*, *Kick the Drama to the Curb*, *Finding Your Passion*, *Girl of Action*, and *The Art of Etiquette*. At their seventh meeting, girls are treated to a full graduation ceremony and get to celebrate their success!

The mission of the Trefoil Leadership Academy is to equip girls with the skills to be a leader in all aspects of their life. GSHS Leadership Specialist and Trefoil Leadership Academy Lead Becca Jacoby has taken notice of exactly how the program's mission is truly resonating with participants. "Often at the start of a session," she said, "girls would share a problem or conflict they had over the past few weeks and spoke about applying what they had learned in Trefoil previously to dealing with that issue. They did this entirely unprompted and it was really cool to hear how impactful the experience really was for them!"

The Trefoil Leadership Academy strives to provide an enriching experience that remains true to the three tenants

of a Girl Scout - courage, confidence, and character. TLA focuses on social and emotional learning in order to prepare girls for a lifetime of leadership. Throughout the program, girls gain self-advocacy skills, compassion, the ability to compromise, conflict resolution skills, critical thinking skills, resilience, and responsibility.

Participation in TLA also affords girls the opportunity to meet new Girl Scout friends from other troops. Girls in each cohort have gotten to know one another and even have met outside of TLA meetings for playdates. TLA is one of many ways Girl Scouts Heart of the South is working to help keep girls of all ages engaged with Girl Scouting at a larger scale.

Want to join them and be a part of the next group of girl leaders? Spring 2020 Trefoil Leadership Academy cohorts will be forming at various locations throughout our council this fall! For more information, please visit our website at [www.girlscoutshs.org/tla](http://www.girlscoutshs.org/tla) or contact Becca Jacoby at [rebecca.jacoby@girlscoutshs.org](mailto:rebecca.jacoby@girlscoutshs.org).



◀ All graduates of TLA receive a certificate, t-shirt and TLA patch at their graduation ceremony. Girls must attend at least 4 of the 6 sessions in order to "graduate" from the program. All participants receive a special button/pin at each session. 2019 GMA TLA graduate Megan G. proudly wears her 6 pins on her sash and shows off her certificate, t-shirt and patch!



## You asked, we answered!

In the spring of 2020, Cadettes will have the opportunity to attend **SOAR!** This retreat is designed to further develop the leadership skills of Cadettes by providing them a space to discuss topics including self-compassion, using their power and voice to create positivity, and understanding one's place globally. Look for information regarding this fun and exciting leadership initiative for middle school-aged girls **COMING SOON!**

## GSHS Introduces the GRN - Girl Resource Network



Earlier this fall, Girl Scouts Heart of the South put out a call to all service units inviting them to "Nominate a 'Greenie'" - a representative of their service unit area for the newly formed Girl Resource Network.

The Girl Resource Network is a group of high-school aged Girl Scouts (aged 14+) nominated by their respective service units to work with the Girl Scouts Heart of the South council team to discuss various topics of interest to girls and give feedback regarding girl matters. GRN members ("Greenies") will meet throughout the membership year with members of GSHS council staff to discuss various topics of interest to girls and give feedback regarding girl matters.

GSHS values the vital input of girls in each and every area we serve, and through the formation of the Girl Resource Network, we hope to determine how girls truly feel about Girl Scouts, what they want to see more of, and how we can make the experience for girls even better.

Throughout the membership year, Greenies will meet with council staff periodically via webinar or conference call to discuss the goings on in their service units. GRN representatives may be asked to conduct surveys amongst other Girl Scouts in their areas, come up with questions or suggestions about what they want to

see from the council, and even just let GSHS know what they think we should know about girls today!

As we all know, Girl Scouts is GIRL-LED, and Girl Scouts Heart of the South wants all of our members' Girl Scout experience to be the best one possible, and what better way to achieve that than with the help, advice and input OF GIRLS!

Meet our MY20 Greenies! All 41 GSHS Service Units were invited to nominate a GRN representative. To date, 10 Greenies have been chosen by their service units, and we look forward to adding more girls to this prestigious group soon! For more information about the

Girl Resource Network, contact Elizabeth Roper at [elizabeth.roper@girlscoutshs.org](mailto:elizabeth.roper@girlscoutshs.org).



▲ **Myiesha Smith**  
328 Sunflower



▲ **Julia Howell**  
175 TN South Suburban



▲ **Danielle Johnson**  
239 Lee County



▲ **Lauren Hobson**  
173 Cordova



▲ **Camille Clippinger**  
177 Midtown



▶ **Samantha Hansel**  
426 TN East Central



▲ **Madison Mobley**  
172 Bartlett



◀ **Kirsten Fair**  
169 Downtown

*Not pictured: Hannah Dunn - 326 Tallahatchie/Grenada; Jimidria Harvey - 329 Leflore*

*Chosen girls may serve as a Greenie for one membership year. Participating Service Units will be asked to select a new Greenie by September 30 of each year to serve as their GRN representative for the next membership year. Participation in the GRN program is entirely optional and is at the discretion of each Service Unit Team. Service Units may choose to select/elect/appoint their chosen GRN representative by whatever manner they see fit provided that the chosen girl is both age-eligible (14 by October 1 of the next membership year) and is both a registered Girl Scout for the current membership year and has renewed her membership for the next membership year.*



## GSHS is Here for YOU!

**h**ere at GSHS, we want our families and volunteers to have the BEST Girl Scout experience! Council staff are here to provide guidance, support, and programming to all of our members. If you ever need anything, simply call 800-624-4185, email [info@girlscoutshs.org](mailto:info@girlscoutshs.org) or access the brand new chat feature on our website to speak to a member of our nationally recognized Customer Care team. This team provides technical support for member communities (MyGS), the Volunteer Toolkit, Campwise, M2 Online System, eBudde, Looker, and gsLearn. They assist with membership registration and renewal, program questions, shop orders, issues with product sales, and just about anything else you can think of. *If you have a question, they can get you the answer!*

We're nothing without the members we serve. The goal of our Membership Department is to grow Girl Scouts in the community and to support our volunteers who provide the experience to girls. Our Membership Recruitment team works primarily outside of the office, building relationships with school administrators and community leaders, and introducing families to the Girl Scout experience. If families or prospective volunteers need assistance in finding that "right fit", we have Placement Specialists here to help. The Placement team also works to support new volunteers through the registration and screening process.

Our volunteers deserve the best support! Members of the Volunteer Care team spend their days checking in with volunteers by phone, providing guidance, sending out reminders and other information, attending service unit meetings, and offering assistance with troop and service unit issues. Navigating the first year as a volunteer can be

especially challenging, so we recently introduced a New Member Specialist on the Volunteer Care team who focuses solely on that first-year experience. This team's overall goal is to make sure volunteers are enjoying their time with us and have all they need to provide great programming for the girls.

The council's Program team provides a wide variety of council-level programming for girls. With focuses on STEM education, the outdoors, life skills and entrepreneurship, there's always something on the calendar for everyone. To fund the big plans our girls have, our Product Program team make the Fall Product and Cookie Programs possible for troops. Together, these teams provide fun and engaging programs for all Heart of the South members.

While many teams work directly with members and families, others work diligently behind the scenes to keep the council running smoothly. Our retail team keeps shops stocked with badges, patches, uniform components, and fun gifts. The Fund Development department works with area United Ways and other grant providers, as well as individual and corporate sponsors who financially support the mission of Girl Scouts. Our Finance team ensures the responsible management of our financial assets, and the Marketing & Communications department shares all of the great things our girls are doing with our membership and the communities they impact.

All of our council staff are here because they truly believe in the impact of the Girl Scout program. We know that, in partnership with our girls, their families, and our volunteers, we're making the world a better place! We're here for you! Connect with us today at [www.girlscoutshs.org](http://www.girlscoutshs.org)!

*Coming*

*Juliette's School  
of  
Etiquette*

*Soon!!*

**In our ongoing effort to provide unique, quality programming aimed to enrich girls' lives and enhance their skills, GSHS is proud to announce the upcoming launch of *Juliette's School of Etiquette* in Spring 2020.**

This multi-session workshop for 4th and 5th grade girls will include interactive activities focusing on dining etiquette, gratitude and thank-you letter writing, dancing, business etiquette, manners, and comportment. Cost will be \$40 per participant and will include all necessary materials.

***More Information and registration links COMING SOON!***



This festive bunch of Tipton County Girl Scouts participated in the City of Munford's holiday parade!



Collierville, TN Girl Scouts show how Girl Scouts is the "World Wide Supplier" for Santa's Cookies!  
(More Collierville Girl Scouts are pictured on page 3.)



Girl Scout Troop 13137 participated in the Memphis Christmas Parade in Whitehaven to kick-off the holiday season!



Troop 10267 in the Germantown Holiday Parade



Troop 13806 poses on their "Fa-La-La-La Llama" float at the Munford holiday parade.

◀ Girl Scout Troop #13926 in Germantown visited Brookdale Assisted Living Facility for some caroling and holiday cheer!

## 2019 Holiday Parades & Caroling

Girl Scouts took to the streets to spread good cheer and represent Girl Scouts in 2019 Holiday Parades and caroling events all across our council area! We're so proud of all of their amazing costumes, floats, signs and themes! Parade participation and caroling are wonderful ways to show our communities just how fun it is to be a Girl Scout and to encourage others to get involved in the upcoming year!



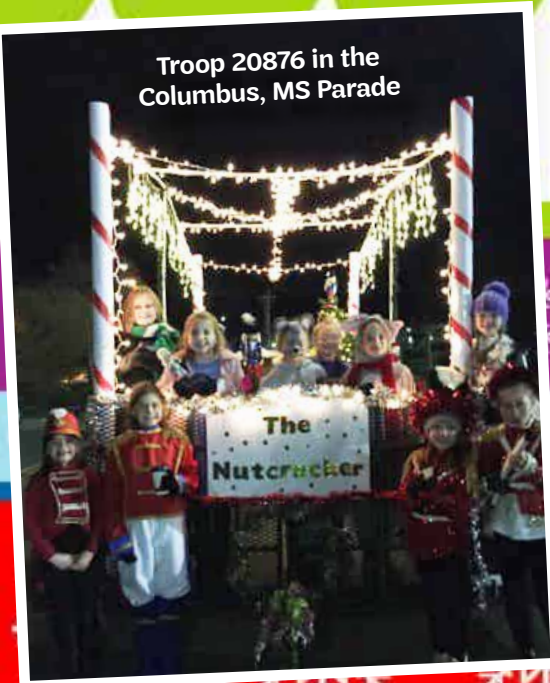
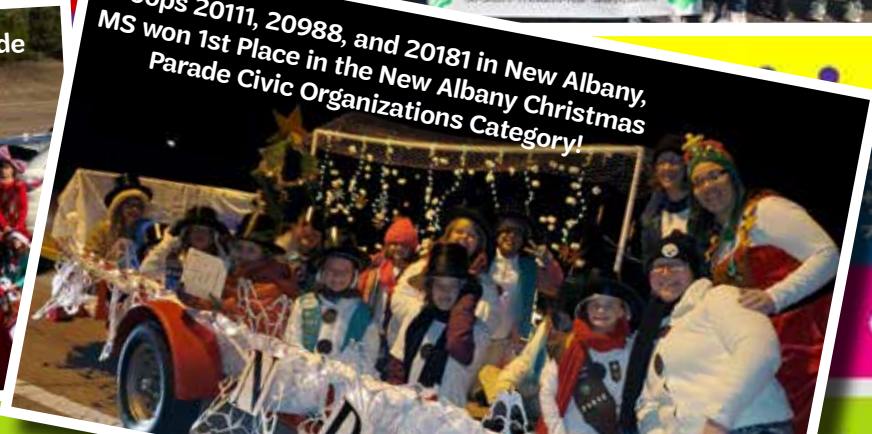
Troop 20376 in Tupelo, Mississippi's Parade



Troops 2011, 20988, and 20181 in New Albany, MS won 1st Place in the New Albany Christmas Parade Civic Organizations Category!



Service Unit 171 in the Arlington Christmas Parade



Troop 20876 in the Columbus, MS Parade



Alcorn County Girl Scouts participated in the 4th annual Caroling for Cans event and in the Corinth Christmas Parade! Way to go Troops 20010, 20026, 20029, 20055, 20001, 99236, 20030, 23804, 20180 and 23806 for spreading holiday cheer all around Alcorn County!



# GO-GETTERS

► The girls of Troop 13137 had the opportunity to spend an evening with the reigning Miss USA, Cheslie Kryst, as she visited Memphis for the Dress for Success "Little Black Dress" event. During this time she shared the key to her success with the girls and gave them insights on how to set and achieve goals.



◀ Troop 40127 at the Humboldt Fall Festival

▼ 6th Grade Girl Scout Troop #13367 from Germantown traveled to Ocean Springs, MS and participated in a Sea Camp at Gulf Coast Research Laboratory and also enjoyed the Dozing with Dolphin program at the Institute for Marine Mammals in Gulfport, MS. During this trip, the girls got to dissect a shark, beach comb on Ship Island, learn how to rescue a dolphin, swim with sting rays and sharks, interact with dolphins, and go on a swamp tour. This Girl Scout Troop has been together since kindergarten and they have been traveling on trips every summer since they were in 1st grade.



## WANT TO SEE YOUR TROOP IN THE PROMISE?

GSHS encourages you to submit professional quality, "print-worthy" photography for use in our various media campaigns. Photographs should be sent in JPG, TIFF or PDF format, 300 dpi at 2550x3300 pixels (at least, preferably), to [news@girlscoutshs.org](mailto:news@girlscoutshs.org). Photographs should not be date-stamped OR cropped in any way. Please note that submitted photographs may be chosen for use in a variety of publications and without advance notice. Please be sure to have a signed copy of the Girl Scout media/photo release form on file for each girl pictured. Submissions should include a brief but detailed description of the event pictured in the email body. Submissions may be saved and published at a later date. Not all submissions will be chosen for publication.



# INNOVATORS



▲ Girl Scouts Heart of the South Troop 13922 is so happy to announce that they have “Adopted a Soldier!” In order to receive their fun patch, they will be sending items, letters, art work, snacks, treats, Girl Scout cookies and more to a soldier in Korea for the next year and a half!



▲ After a fun-filled year, Bartlett SU troops 10711, 10471, 10472, 10470 and 10298 celebrated in style with a unique bridging ceremony. The creative bridge was built by the girls and led by Leader Mrs. Linda Harris. There was food, fun and lots of gifts to make this year a fun ending. After the ceremony, the troops took to the road and traveled to Sikeston, Missouri to the “Home of the Thrown Rolls,” Lambert’s Restaurant for a super lunch and quick shopping spree!



▲ Girls from Troop 13804 have been purchasing coats for displaced veterans for the past 3 years. The girls raised funds and purchased them so that everyone would be protected from the weather. We are very proud that these girls continue to support our veterans and hope to continue in the future.

▼ GSHS is pleased to announce a new school partner for MY20. Tunica Elementary will be a school staff/volunteer led troop supported by Danae Rawlinson, and already has 64 girls registered to the troop. They are clearly very excited to be Girl Scouts, as they already marched in a local parade and were eager to look as much like Girl Scouts as possible, without official t-shirts or uniforms yet. (If you look closely, you’ll see our little recruitment stickers as their Girl Scout “emblem” on their shirts (pictured right). The Tunica community has really embraced Girl Scouts over the past couple of years. Pictured also (left) are some of the returning girls for Dundee Elementary (also in Tunica) in their Girl Scouts room at school!





# RISK-TAKERS



▲ Troops 13029 and 13209 completed Thanksgiving Baskets for Families who have loved ones at Unity Hospice Care.

◀ Members of Troop 10012 with the donations they collected at Maxine Smith STEAM Academy for the MIFA gift bag service project at Lindenwood. Troop leader is Lisa Hall, SU 177 Midtown.



◀ Bartlett Girl Scouts manned a booth at the 2019 Bartlett Fall Festival. Hundreds of Bartlett and Shelby County citizens walked through their tent and learned more about Girl Scouts! The event was a success making our Bartlett Service Unit one to watch!



▲ Troop 10608 visited the KD house at Union University.



▲ On September 14, 2019, the GSHS West Tennessee Community Action Board staged their first "Tea in Wonderland" fundraising event for Girl Scouts Heart of the South! This fantastically fun Alice in Wonderland-themed event was a wonderful way for girls in the West TN area to learn about all the great things Girl Scouts has to offer! It was an amazing event with delicious food and stunning decor! Thank you for all of your amazing hard work, ladies, and for all you do to further Girl Scouts' mission to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place in the West TN area every day! Pictured above left are West TN CAB members (l-r) Leonie Hefley, Mandy White, Lana Suite, Helen York, Judy Arrington, and Sharon Younger.



# LEADERS



▲ 33 Girl Scouts and 13 registered Girl Scout volunteers from Troops 13778, 13779 & 10568 of the Cordova Service Unit 173 joined together for an overnight STAND BESIDE HER Lock-In at St. Luke Lutheran Church. In a mission to stand beside other girls in Shelby County and tackle "Period Poverty," girls collected feminine hygiene products and created hygiene packages. Thrivent Financial generously donated funds to support the overnight event which included decorating product bags, a S.T.E.A.M. Pumpkin Activity, making S.W.A.P.S., earning the Stand Beside Her patch and eating lots of food! Malco Theatres donated popcorn to go along with the movie "Standing Up" which fit so well with the Stand Beside Her theme. Each Girl Scout even had the chance to blow out a candle on a green cupcake in honor of Juliette Gordon Low's birthday! "I know in my heart that we made our founder proud with this event," shared Marta Lopez-Flohr, Cordova SU Program & Events Coordinator and Troop Co-Leader.

Melissa Mann, Co-Leader of Troop 10568 said, "We have used Stand Beside Her programming in our troop for years, but bringing girls together from different troops made the activity more meaningful and more fun!" Before leaving, several Girl Scouts shared how we can make next year's lock-in even better. A new tradition for the Cordova Service Unit has been born!

▲ Junior (10293) and Cadette (10830) Girl Scouts completed their Bronze and Silver Award Take Action Project by creating a Senior Resource Corner at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, a church with more than 65% senior citizens.



◀ Gabriella Flohr from Troop 13778 earned her GSHS CEO patch by spreading awareness of the Stand Beside Her campaign during her church's annual service fair.



◀ To earn their 2019 Stand Beside Her patch, girls from GSHS Troop 10661 read the book *Have You Filled a Bucket Today*. They then discussed how they could show kindness everyday. The girls made buckets with slips of paper they will use to remind them of ways to be considerate and caring such as inviting a friend to play, telling the bus driver, "Thank you," or asking a parent how they could help them. The girls also wrote pen pal letters to girls in California to remind their troop that they have sister Girl Scouts around the country and the world!

## GSHS Celebrates the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment in 2020 with new Patch Program and Civic Engagement Activities

**O**n August 18, 1920, Tennessee became the 36th state to ratify the 19th Amendment (first passed in the House of Representatives two years prior in 1918) thus giving it the two-thirds majority of state ratification necessary to make it the **law of the land**.

Women first organized and collectively fought for suffrage at the national level in July of 1848. Suffragists such as Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott convened a meeting of over 300 people in Seneca Falls, New York. In the following decades, women marched, protested, lobbied, and even went to jail. By the 1870s, women pressured Congress to vote on an amendment that would recognize their suffrage rights. This amendment was sometimes known as the "Susan B. Anthony Amendment" and became the 19th Amendment.

After decades of arguments for and against women's suffrage, Congress finally passed the 19th Amendment in June 1919. After Congress approved the 19th Amendment, at least 36 states needed to vote in favor of the amendment for it to become law. This process is called ratification.

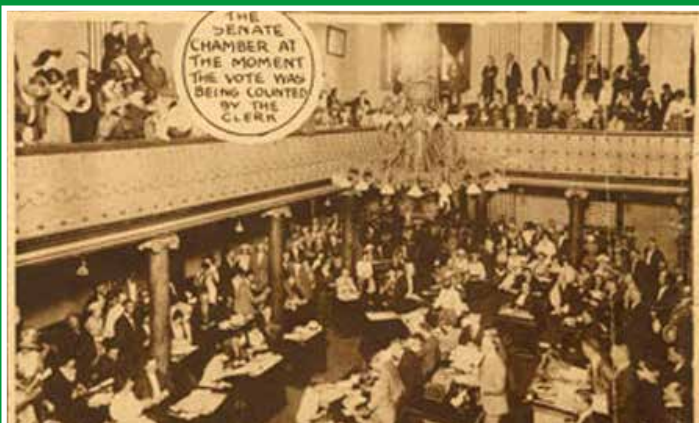
When members of the Tennessee state legislature debated on whether or not to ratify the amendment, the state senate voted to ratify, but in the state house of representatives, the vote resulted in a tie. A young man named Harry Burn cast the tie-breaking vote. Acting on advice from his mother Phoebe, Burn voted to ratify the amendment.

On August 18, 1920, Tennessee became the 36th state to

ratify the amendment. With Tennessee's ratification, the 19th Amendment became law, ensuring that the right to vote could not be denied based on sex.\*

Following in the footsteps of these inspiring female trailblazers, the Girl Scout Movement is made up of individuals who hold beliefs as varied as our nation itself. And because all girls have a home at Girl Scouts, we encourage each and every one in our Movement to form her own ideas, opinions, beliefs, and political ideology, and thanks to the work of these remarkable women, and to the courageous Tennessee legislators of 1920, girls and women everywhere are able to express those ideals, opinions, beliefs, and political ideologies today.

At our core, Girl Scouts aims to inspire girls to be leaders in their own lives by building the courage, confidence, and character to raise their voices and be advocates for the issues and ideas important to them. Girl Scouts use their determination to lead every day in the fight for a clean environment, racial and gender equality, safety issues, local concerns, and so much more. Through Girl Scouts' G.I.R.L. Agenda initiative which aims to inspire, prepare, and mobilize girls and those who care about them to lead positive change through civic action, and the new civic engagement badges coming soon, Girl Scouts - more than any other organization - celebrates and continues the efforts of the women's suffrage pioneers whose hard work resulted in women enjoying the right to have a voice and to have a vote today.



◀ This photograph from the "Ratification Issue" of the Nashville Tennessean, Sunday morning, August 29, 1920, depicts the Senate chamber at the moment that the clerk counted the historic vote on women's suffrage.

Women flood the gallery and floor as the clerk counts the votes. Young Senator Harry T. Burn from McMinn County cast the deciding vote for the 19th Amendment. With this vote, Tennessee became the 36th and deciding state to approve the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, granting women the right to vote.



◀ W.J. Jameson, National Finance Committee of the Democratic Party, and Anita Pollitzer, National Woman's Party, check the votes in favor of the 19th Amendment.

▶ Western Union Telegram from US President Woodrow Wilson to TN Governor Albert H. Roberts congratulating him on Tennessee's ratification of the 19th Amendment.





# SHELEADS

**She Leads empowers and motivates girls to advance their leadership potential and transform their local and global communities.**

She Leads is serving high-school girls in schools across Memphis - and more She Leads clubs are on the way!

Currently, we have three official She Leads clubs in action in Greater Memphis area schools. Two are in their early phases and our pilot club at Hutchison is thriving within their school and Girl Scout community!

*She Leads Hutchison* girls had a successful Stand Beside Her month by holding a number of events for the girls of their school community including a movie screening and a speaker who shared with the upper school her experiences of having supportive females in her life. Additionally, they engaged their fellow students in Stand Beside Her Trivia based on statistics about confidence and the roles women play in the workforce. Additionally, they continue to work with Trezvant to create a mural for its residents. GSHS is currently in the early phases of establishing a She Leads club at Briarcrest. Charter *She Leads Briarcrest* members held their elections in early December and are beginning to brainstorm areas of service they wish to pursue. Lastly, Whitehaven High School has signed on to start a She Leads club and we are excited to grow that club in partnership with Shelby County Schools.

## Help GSHS start a SHELEADS Club in YOUR SCHOOL!

Increase your leadership skills and help us give more girls more opportunities...

- To develop critical leadership skills that they will use throughout their entire lives!
- To experience unique opportunities for networking!
- To attend training summits where they can learn to see their own leadership potential, inspire others, and use their skills to impact their community!
- To connect with local leaders and enriching leadership experiences!
- To build their confidence!
- To take action in their school and community!
- To earn the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award!\*

To learn more about She Leads, contact Becca Jacoby at [rebecca.jacoby@girlscoutshs.org](mailto:rebecca.jacoby@girlscoutshs.org).

*\*She Leads is an initiative of Girl Scouts Heart of the South. She Leads members are registered members of Girl Scouts USA and are therefore entitled to participate in all activities and programs available to active Girl Scouts including the opportunity to earn the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor in Girl Scouting, where girls make a lasting contribution to their community and become eligible for college scholarships.*

**She Leads develops the potential of girls who want to grow their leadership skills and are driven by a desire to serve their community. Members will complete a service project in their community, mentor younger girls, participate in unique, life-enriching experiences and have the opportunity to earn the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award\*. In addition to regular girl-led meetings, girls will have the opportunity to attend regional leadership summits.**

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment and to celebrate Tennessee's place in this historic event, Girl Scouts Heart of the South will launch a new patch program in the spring of 2020. Girl Scouts at all age levels will have the opportunity to engage with the history of the women's suffrage movement and the 19th Amendment through different activities ranging from creating their own picture book highlighting important figures in the movement to considering how the women's suffrage movement would look different today based on our access to social media and other forms of technology. The patch will also emphasize the important role women in the area our council serves held in the passing of the 19th amendment, some of whom are pictured below. The goal of the patch in general is to provide Girl Scouts with an understanding of the history, a personal connection to the history, and an understanding of how this history impacts the lives of girls and women today. ♦



◀ Women's Suffrage Statue in Market Square in downtown Knoxville honors some of Tennessee's many state suffragists. The square is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The memorial is dedicated to local suffragists: Elizabeth Avery Meriwether (Memphis), Lizzie Crozier French (Knoxville), and Anne Dallas Dudley (Nashville).

\*<https://www.nps.gov/articles/tennessee-women-s-history.htm>



▲ When news of Tennessee's ratification reached Alice Paul on August 18, she sewed the thirty-sixth star onto her ratification banner and unfurled it from the balcony of Woman's Party headquarters in Washington.

Read more: [https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/tennessee\\_became\\_final\\_battleground-fight-suffrage-180968073/#Qp3tkfYSRGPemGhK.99](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/tennessee_became_final_battleground-fight-suffrage-180968073/#Qp3tkfYSRGPemGhK.99)



## **What women are saying about We Lead...**

“I was happy to meet other leaders in Girl Scouts, and I'm excited to use what we learned during these courses to develop, not only myself, but our girls.”

~ Leslie Archibald

“Learning how we communicate, not only in what we say, but in body language, facial expressions, and how we listen all makes a huge difference in how we are perceived by others.”

~ Mya Orr

“I was able to use this time in We Lead to take a break from kids, homework, and other stresses to focus on improving and enriching myself!”

~ Amanda Baugh



# WE LEAD



women. elevated.

We Lead seeks to encourage, empower, and equip women of all backgrounds with the courage, confidence, and character required to serve as inspiring role models and catalysts for change wherever they live, work, and volunteer.

## JOIN WE LEAD IN 2020!

Be a part of the next group of inspiring female leaders in our community!

**DEADLINE  
TO APPLY FOR THE  
WE LEAD SPRING  
2020 COHORT  
IS FRIDAY,  
MARCH 21,  
2020.**

More information coming soon regarding **SUMMER/FALL 2020** Cohort dates, times and registration!

## **We Lead: Women. Elevated. is an inclusive leadership experience for women across the Mid-South.**

**THE MISSION of WE LEAD is to provide accessible, quality leadership training to women of all backgrounds helping them to develop into ethical, culturally competent, civic-minded leaders with the practical skills and personal integrity needed to make a positive impact in every facet of their lives.**

Open to all registered GSHS female adults ages 23 and older across the Mid-South, We Lead participants meet monthly to learn from a wide variety of experts about topics and characteristics or attributes vital to today's most successful leaders. Join the We Lead Spring 2020 Cohort today to reserve your opportunity to network and learn from local leaders doing amazing things in our community!

We Lead participants will have the opportunity to network and engage in inspiring sessions on topics such as inclusive leadership, critical thinking, cultural competency and respect for others, communication skills and conflict negotiation, financial leadership, work/life balance, and personal branding.

**About Spring We Lead 2020:** Regular meetings will begin on Tuesday, March 31 and will be held on 4 additional Tuesday nights throughout April and May with a graduation ceremony on June 2.

All meetings will take place from 6:00 - 7:30 PM at the Possibility Place located at the Memphis Leadership Center (unless otherwise specified). See the calendar on our website at [www.girlscoutshs.org/welead](http://www.girlscoutshs.org/welead) for specific dates and times.

For more information and to register, visit our website at [www.girlscoutshs.org/welead](http://www.girlscoutshs.org/welead).

**\*WE LEAD IS OFFERED FREE OF CHARGE TO ALL REGISTERED FEMALE GSHS ADULTS AND VOLUNTEERS!**

2018 **girl scouts**  2019  
heart of the south  
**COUNCIL AND GSUSA**

**VOLUNTEER AWARDS**

Each year, we acknowledge the important contributions of our Girl Scout volunteers through the formal presentation of council-level and national-level awards and recognitions. Over the past few months, members of our Volunteer Care team worked to make these presentations a little more personal this year by taking them directly to service units. Recipients were recognized during service unit meetings, events, and our Service Unit of the Year received their honor during their annual camporee at Camp Tik-a-Witha.

GSUS wishes to extend a sincere “thank you” to each of our recipients for all their hard work! Volunteers are truly the heart of Girl Scouts Heart of the South, and without their dedication to the mission of Girl Scouts and to the next generation, our impact as an organization would be diminished. Their efforts allow us to excel as the premier leadership organization for girls, and we look forward to honoring our outstanding volunteers in 2020 at our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on April 25! Thank you!

**Volunteer of Excellence Pins**

Monica Blair  
Magalys Bonner  
Susan Hurst  
Darla Joure

Sarah Smith  
Brook Young  
Bobbie Willis

**Appreciation Pins**

Tim Flohr  
Linda Harris  
Ginger Radtke

**Honor Pin**

Rosalind Davis

**Outstanding Program Coordinator Award**

Heather Ebbs

**Development Through Service Award**

Chelsie East

**Development & Community Engagement Award**

Dr. Karen Bowyer  
Holly Reynolds  
Cathy Fitzpatrick

**Public Relations Award**

Itawamba  
Union/Pontotoc

**Friendraiser Award**

Ginger Radtke                      Tanisha Williams

**Outstanding Product Sales Volunteer Award**

Karyn Bondi                      Dori Stearns  
Sarah Dockstader                      Melissa White

**Outstanding Community Relations Volunteer**

Lori Robertson

**2018 Fall Product Program Awards**

**2018 Fall Product Program Highest Per Girl Average**  
MS South East

**2018 Fall Product Program Highest Sales Increase**  
Tallahatchie/Grenada

**2018 Fall Product Program Highest Online Sales - Service Unit Level**  
Collierville/South Fayette

**2018 Fall Product Program Highest Online Sales - Troop Level**

Troop 10007, TN North Suburban

**2018 Fall Product Program Troop-to-Troop Award**  
Troop 10266, Shelby South

*Pictured opposite, Service Unit of the Year - Alcorn ▶*

## 2019 Cookie Program Awards

**2019 Cookie Program Highest Per Girl Average**  
Crit-Ark

**2019 Cookie Program Highest Sales Increase**  
TN North Central

**2019 Cookie Program Highest Digital Cookie Sales – Service Unit Level**  
Germantown

**2019 Cookie Program Highest Digital Cookie Sales – Troop Level**  
Troop 10276, Shelby Central

**2019 Cookie Program Troop-to-Troop Award**  
Troop 10606, Riverside

### Faithful Community Partners

Bethel Cathedral of Faith in Grenada	Faith Presbyterian Church in Germantown
Second Baptist Church in Memphis	Foote Street Church of Christ in Corinth
Bartlett United Methodist Church	Fullview Baptist Church in Bartlett
Brown Baptist Church in Southaven	HealthWorks! North Mississippi
Christ United Methodist Church in West Point	St. Paul United Methodist Church in Lakeland
Collierville Christian Church	St. Philip Episcopal Church in Bartlett
Collierville United Methodist Church	Wesley United Methodist Church in Tupelo
Corinth Public Library	

### Growth Award (SU Level)

Germantown, Krista Antonuk

### Growth Award (Troop Level)

Troop 30209, Mikwaevonn Mills

### Rookie of the Year

*SU Level*

Patty Rainey

### Distinguished Leader

*SU Level*

Krista Antonuk  
Melissa Garrett

Judy Green  
Nikki Smith

### VTK Champion

Collierville/South Fayette



### New Community Partner

New Hope Presbyterian Church in Alcorn County

### Labor of Love Award

Derrick & Katie McNeal

### Stand Beside Her Award

Raven Broussard  
Leslie James  
Tiare Stone

### Retention Award

Tallahatchie/Grenada

### SU Spring Renewal Champions

Alcorn  
Millington/Tipton  
MS West Central

Tallahatchie/Grenada  
TN East Central

### Goal-Getter Award (SU Team)

Bartlett

### Rookie of the Year

*Troop Level*

Jennifer Birckbichler  
Jeannie Brock  
Jessica Cain  
Kelly Cates  
Pamela McLaughlin  
Sandra Nguyen

Randi Smelcer  
Giovanna Smith  
Stephanie Virgin  
Rashonda Wiggins  
Tina Wildman  
Allison Woodward

### Distinguished Leader

*Troop Level*

Holly Barker  
Misty Bateman  
Shelly Bogda  
Erica Coleman  
Rebecca England  
Sally Fienup

Cynthia Hightower  
Deborah Hummel  
Cheryl Swinderman  
Chloe Weeks  
Tiffany Williams

### SERVICE UNIT OF THE YEAR

**ALCORN**

**TROOP OF THE YEAR**  
**(SISTER) TROOPS 10007 & 10339**  
TN North Suburban

*Congratulations!*



**DOC**  
HOLLIDAY

**BRANDON**  
ARTILES

**KATINA**  
RANKIN

**JOHN**  
BRYANT

**LOCAL** abc **24**

**LOCAL EVERY DAY**

# GEAR UP FOR COOKIES!



**#CookieGoals T-Shirt**  
**YS-AXL: \$10 / 2X-3X: \$10**

Get ready to crush your #CookieGoals in this cookie variety t-shirt that proudly introduces the new Lemon-Ups!



**Cookie Cart**  
**\$30**

Take your sales on the road with this Cookie Cart - which holds approximately 36 boxes of cookies and features additional side and inside pockets to store small items. They are made of a durable canvas case on a rolling frame. 23"hx13"wx8 1/2"d In-store only.



**Cookie Yard Sign \$9.50**

Grab attention to your cookie booth with this 24"wx16"h corrugated plastic, double-sided sign with galvanized steel H stakes. In-store only.



**Cookie Twist and Fold Sign \$30**

Grab your customers' attention with this 24"x32" twist and fold cookie sign. Customizable space to trace your own troop number and permanent green marker included. In-store only.



**Cookie Tablecloth \$15**

Grab your folding card table, cookies and chair for a ready-to-go cookie booth with this 60" square polyester tablecloth. In-store only.



**Cookie Tote \$3.96**

Lightweight and versatile, this bag is perfect for toting Girl Scout Cookies or to use as a shopping bag. White, non-woven laminated, water-resistant polypropylene with cookie screenprint. 16" H x 12" W x 8" bottom with 22" handles In-store only.

## GIRL SCOUTS HEART OF THE SOUTH TREFOIL TRUNK

**MEMPHIS**  
 717 S. WHITE STATION RD., SUITE 2  
 MEMPHIS, TN 38117

**JACKSON**  
 1007 OLD HUMBOLDT RD.  
 JACKSON, TN 38305

**TUPELO**  
 1140 W. MAIN ST.  
 TUPELO, MS 38801

REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 3 AT 10 A.M.



At Girl Scout summer camp, the adventure is high and the fun is big—like, really big. Girls will spend their summer trying new things, exploring the great outdoors, making incredible memories with awesome new friends, and much more.

Attending camp is consistently cited as girls' favorite memories of their Girl Scout years. At camp, she'll rise to meet the challenges of learning new skills and earning badges, while enjoying what she already loves best. There are tons of fun activities, cool themes and unique programs for girls to choose from all under the guidance of caring, trained adults.

Our overnight camps are designed with girls in mind and offer a variety of activities that include aquatics and equestrian programs, archery, culinary and creative arts, high-adventure travel, and a whole lot of campfires, songs and s'mores!

We offer resident camp at Kamp Kiwani in Middleton, TN and at Camp Tik-A-Witha in Van Vleet, MS. Camps are open to all girls entering grades 1st - 12th, regardless of Girl Scout membership.

#### CAMP OPEN HOUSES

Check out camp before your sleepaway adventure! Poke your head in a tent, test out the beds, play games, explore camp, and make a s'more. You'll be able to meet some summer camp staff members, and ask any questions that you may have about resident camp.

- Camp Tik-A-Witha, Sunday, April 19 from 2-4 p.m.
- Kamp Kiwani, Sunday, May 3 from 2-4 p.m.

#### SESSIONS, INFORMATION, MENUS AND MORE

We know sending your girl to camp is a big decision. We've filled our Summer Camp Guide with tons of information, sample schedules, menus, packing lists and frequently asked questions so you have all the information needed in making your decision. View our Summer Camp Guide online at [www.girlscoutshs.org/camp](http://www.girlscoutshs.org/camp)

#### REGISTRATION

Summer camp registration will open online on Friday, February 3 at 10 a.m. Space is limited in all sessions so we highly encourage you to register as soon as possible.

You can hold her spot with a \$50 deposit, with the remaining balance due two weeks prior to her arrival.

#### COOKIES PAY FOR CAMP!

Your girl can earn her way towards camp with the Girl Scout Cookie Program! Check out the reward levels and have her choose the Passport Bucks option to pay for a portion of her camping experience.

If your girl is planning on using Passport Bucks from the Girl Scout Cookie Program, register her as soon as possible and pay the \$50 deposit. Passport Bucks cannot be used to pay the deposit. Once she has completed the Cookie Program and received her Passport Bucks she can apply them towards her final balance.





## SESSION ONE JUNE 7-12 Kamp Kiwani

### KAMP KODE

**GRADES: 2-3 | \$400**

Do you love the great outdoors and computers too? Then we have a special session just for you! Combine both of your favorite things in one week at Kamp Kiwani. Come swim and boat on the lake, shoot at the archery range, hike the trails, and dive deeper into the exciting world of computer coding. Girls will spend time with our STEM program specialist earning their *Brownie Coding for Good* badges!

### KAMPTASTIC

**GRADES: 4-6 | \$400**

Come kick it at Kamp'tastic! Pack your bags and head to camp. Make new friends, hang out with counselors, and try something new during your week!! Awesome activities that include swimming, archery, boating, hiking, crafts, and so much more. The best thing about this session? You get to work with your group to decide what you want to do this week!!

### BITS AND PIECES

**GRADES: 4-5 | \$450**

Giddy up, cowgirls, and head to camp for a rootin' tootin' good time! Make a western craft, learn cowgirl songs to sing 'round the campfire, and get to know our four-legged friends down at our equestrian center.

### ROCK ON!

**GRADES: 6-8 | \$400**

Rock your summer away as you enjoy edible experiments that demonstrate how rocks and minerals form. Take a hike to Soapstone Falls to examine Kiwani rock layers, and hunt for specimens to start your own collection. Participate in all the awesome camp activities and discover the many ways geology and camp rocks!

### HORSIN' AROUND

**GRADES: 6-8 | \$450**

Grab your boots and giddy up as we discover Kamp Kiwani on horseback! In the mornings you'll be working on your horsemanship and riding skills, and afternoons will be spent exploring all kamp has to offer like kayaking, archery and swimming. Grab your bestie and get ready to Horse Around at Kamp Kiwani. Campers must bring long pants and hard sole shoes with a heel, such as riding boots.



### JUST ROUGHIN' IT - 8 DAYS

**GRADES: 6-8 | JUNE 7-14 | \$450**

Are you interested in a NEW adventure? Come join us for an **8-day session** as we teach you beginner backpacking skills that you will use throughout the week. Head out to different Kamp Kiwani destinations for practicing these newly learned skills in preparation for an off-site excursion! You'll plan a great adventure to Henry Horton State Park for an overnight backpacking trip. Girls will blaze new trails, and learn First Aid, outdoor skills, and even more backpacking tricks that will help them earn portions of the *Girl Scout Cadette Trailblazing Badge*.

### WRANGLER IN TRAINING I

**GRADES: 11-12 | JUNE 6-26 | \$400**

Wranglers in Training is a progression based session where you'll be prepared for roles in youth leadership in, and outside of camp. Over this three-week session you'll explore what it means to be a leader, child development, outdoor skills, group dynamics, conflict resolution, and interaction with campers. Although most of the time at camp will be focused on the WIT curriculum, girls will have the opportunity to participate in all their favorite camp activities. The last week WIT's travel to Camp Tik-A-Witha to explore our sister camp, and meet fellow Counselors-In-Training. Girls will be eligible to receive their *Girl Scout CIT I Award*.

### WRANGLER IN TRAINING II

**GRADES: 12 | JUNE 6-26 | \$0**

WIT II is takes your summer camp leadership experience to the next level. Three weeks of living at camp learning the skills you will need to become a counselor with the option of learning specialized skills in helping girls with horseback riding. You will also shadow other staff to learn more about their day-to-day jobs and have an opportunity to work with girls during specialized camp activities. That's not all, you will also visit Camp Tik-A-Witha to explore our sister camp, meet fellow Counselors-In-Training, learn and practice teaching techniques, and by the end of your program you will graduate from the WIT program, and earn your *Girl Scout CIT II Award!* WIT Graduation will be on June 26 after the annual Kamp Kiwani Horse Show.

## SESSION TWO JUNE 14-19 Kamp Kiwani

### GNOME PLACE LIKE KIWANI

**GRADES: 1-3 | \$400**

Ready for your first camp getaway? This is the perfect session to introduce you to all the wonderful things at Kamp Kiwani. You'll swim and canoe in beautiful Lake Okalowa, sing songs at the Singing Trees, eat in the Thunderbird, get muddy in the Gullies, hike the Gnome Trail, and enjoy all the things we love about camp.

### OUTSIDE THE BOX

**GRADES: 2-3 | \$400**

Think Outside the Box! This session offers girls an experience where they can get away from technology and enjoy the outdoors. Girls will go to the lake, archery range, and all the other fun camp activities offered during the summer. Girls will also learn about letterboxing, an amazing adventure game played all over the world! Girl Scouts will earn their *Brownie Letterbox Badge*.

NEW

### MUDSTOMPERS

**GRADES: 4-6 | \$400**

Ready to get messy and muddy, and have a good time?! Mudstompers has you creating messy crafts, visiting the Gullies, our camp's natural clay slip and slides, making mud pies and creek stomping! You'll clean-up and cool off with all the other fun camp activities. We guarantee you'll have a messy good time!

### HOGWARTS EXPRESS

**GRADES: 6-8 | \$400**

Step off Platform 9<sup>3/4</sup> to Kamp Kiwani! Let your wand choose you, be sorted into your own camp house, and head down to the Quidditch pitch. From flying class to canoeing, herbology to arts and crafts, and potions to the challenge course, get ready to start your magical week at camp! Girl Scouts can earn the *Cadette Good Sportsmanship* badge as you play chess and a game of Quidditch.

### TREE-MENDOUS!

**GRADES: 6-8 | \$400**

Are you looking for the most POPLAR session this summer? WOOD you believe that we have the perfect one for you? YES! In this session, girls will get a closer look at nature as they hike through the trails of Kamp Kiwani learning all the different indigenous types of trees that call camp home! While exploring our campgrounds girls will also take part in the other activities and earn portions of their *Girl Scout Cadette Trees Badge*.

### RANCHEROS

**GRADES: 7-10 | \$750**

Are you ready for a more advanced equestrian session? Ready to stay at the Sorrel Ridge Unit? Then you're ready for Rancheros! Improve your riding skills as you spend serious time in the saddle, ride the trails and prepare for the Annual Kamp Kiwani Horse Show! Participants must be comfortable around horses and able to control a horse at a walk and trot. Long riding pants and riding boots are a must!! The annual Kamp Kiwani Horse Show will be June 26 at 2 p.m.

## SESSION THREE JUNE 21-26

### Camp Tik-A-Witha

NEW

### CLAY MAKER

**GRADES: 2-3 | \$400**

Crafts are made with clay. Clay pots, clay beads, and clay statues. People love to use clay to make everyday objects. Come join us for this session and learn the different ways to create pottery and also fire your creations in our Camp Tik-A-Witha kiln! Girls will earn their *Girl Scout Brownie Potter Badge* during this session.

### ROLY POLYS

**GRADES: 2-3 | \$400** Discover the fascinating world of bugs this summer! See how lady bugs, centipedes and even roly polys do important work in the world. Experts from the Mississippi State University Extension Office will be on-site to share how these little bugs have big jobs. You'll also create bug boxes, go on a bug hunt, make fun bug-related snacks- LIKE BUG JUICE! Girls will also learn about the different types of bugs that are indigenous to Camp Tik-A-Witha. Girl Scouts will earn their *Brownie Bug Badge*

### CAN YOU DIG IT?

**GRADES: 4TH - 5TH | \$400**

Dig deep this summer by becoming an amazing gardener with a real green thumb! Learn about sustainable growing methods and different techniques you can use for flowers, veggies, plants and more. Design your own garden based on what you learned! Conduct experiments to learn about growing conditions and plant a mini garden to take home. Girl Scouts will earn their *Junior Gardener Badge*, and spend time at the lake, pool, challenge course and archery range!

### BON APPETIT!

**GRADES: 4-5 | \$400**

Budding foodies, bring your flair for flavor and your sensational senses to this culinary camp! Measure, mix, taste test, and experiment while learning to perfect breakfast, lunch, and dinner recipes. There will even be a special session on cheese making. Girls will have two special classes throughout the week to help them prepare for a camp-style CHOPPED competition on cookout night! Girl Scouts will earn their *Junior Simple Meals Badge*.





### EXPLORE CAMP

**GRADES: 6-8 | \$400**

When girls get outdoors, their confidence soars as they seek challenges, become resourceful problem-solvers, and have fun with new friends. Whether you are new to camp or a camp regular, experience camp traditions and try a little bit of everything- including hiking, ropes course, archery, and so much more. Choose your own adventure and have a summer to remember!



### ART IN ACTION

**GRADES: 6-8 | \$400**

Get creative and embrace your inner artist in this action-packed week. While at Camp Tik-A-Witha, you will get to spend time working on our old-fashioned looms, then head outside for some splatter painting, before hitting the trails to see what art you can find in nature. You'll top off the week with a camp style paint night!

### WHATEVER FLOATS YOUR BOAT

**GRADES: 7-12 | \$400**

Paddle Boarding, canoeing, swimming at the pool, zip lining, & kayaking! If it's water fun at camp then we have it planned just for you. When you come to camp it's "Whatever Floats your Boat" and we may even build a raft to get there!

### COUNSELOR IN TRAINING I

**GRADES: 11TH - 12TH | JUNE 20 - JULY 17 | \$400**

The Counselor in Training I is a progression based session where you'll be prepared for roles in youth leadership in, and outside of camp. Over this **four-week session** you'll explore what it means to be a leader, child development, outdoor skills, group dynamics, conflict resolution, and interaction with campers. Although most of the time at camp will be focused on the CIT curriculum girls will have the opportunity to participate in all their favorite camp activities. After we receive your registration form, you will be sent a CIT application. Girls will be eligible to receive their **Girl Scout CIT I Award**. Girls should plan to come home the weekend of July 3-5.

### COUNSELOR IN TRAINING II

**GRADES: 12 | JUNE 20 - JULY 17 | \$0**

Already completed CIT I training and you're ready for the next big step? Then this is the program for you. **Four weeks** of living at camp learning the skills you will need to become a counselor with the option of learning specialized skills in helping girls. You will also shadow other staff to learn more about their day-to-day jobs and have an opportunity to work with girls during specialized camp activities. That's not all, you'll meet Wranglers in Training from Kamp Kiwani to learn and practice teaching techniques, and by the end of your program you will graduate from the CIT program, and earned your **Girl Scout CIT II Award!** Girls should plan to come home the weekend of July 3-5. CIT Graduation will be on July 16.

### SESSION FOUR JUNE 28 - JULY 3 Camp Tik-A-Witha

### FAIRIES AND FIREWORKS

**GRADES: 1-3 | \$400**

Discover your inner fairy during this magical session! Come daydream with fairy tales, create your own whimsical fairy house, and stroll along a magical fairy trail. In addition to classic camp activities, you'll dress up, create fairy wings, eat under the forest and look upon the night sky as we celebrate the 4th of July weekend with fireworks.

### WATER! WATER! EVERYWHERE!

**GRADES: 4-6 | \$400**

Do you love water? This is the session for you! There are so many water activities to do at camp! Canoeing, kayaking, water games, swimming in the pool, and much more. Spend your days doing all the fun camp activities, and at night do a canoe under the stars!

### FILLY FUN

**GRADES: 4-5 | \$450**

Giddy up, let's go - the horses are waiting! Check out camp from horseback while being able to enjoy all the other activities at camp. Visit the barn and spend time with some of your favorite furry friends! **Girl Scouts will earn their Junior Horseback Riding Badge.**

### PAMPER ME PLEASE!

**GRADES: 4-6 | \$400**

This session is totally about you! Your time to be pampered. Your time to relax. Your time to be you! You and your friends can "hang out" together. Swim, lounge by the pool, watch movies on the big screen, sing karaoke, try new hairstyles, get a makeover, order "Room Service", or paint your nails. You'll also select from traditional camp activities like crafts, archery, canoeing or hiking to round out your pampered week. Girls will earn their Social Butterfly Badge.



### GET A CLUE!

**GRADES: 6-8 | \$400**

Join us on a quest to play this classic game but with a twist! Put your skills to the test as you help your team gain points by witnessing something unusual and making notes. Crack the case, but not before heading to an Escape Room to test out your detective skills. **Girl Scouts will earn their Cadette Special Agent Badge.**

### HAPPY TRAILS

**GRADES: 7-12 | \$450**

There's nothing better than discovering Camp Tik-A-Witha on horseback! This session lets you spend more time in the saddle and explore the camp on trail rides. You'll be able to take your horse skills to the next level by spending more time in the saddle exploring camp with your four-legged friends. Campers must wear long pants and hard sole shoes with a heel, such as riding boots.



### OUTDOOR MASTER CHEF

**GRADES: 7TH - 12TH | \$400**

Have you watched MASTER CHEF? Do you have what it takes to compete and be judged like Gordon Ramsey? Our camp has taken a NEW spin on this well-known television show to offer Outdoor Master Chef this summer. Sessions will consist of learning the basics to outdoor cooking, but also two very special sessions with local chefs to teach you ALL the tricks!!! Do you think you have what it takes???



**SESSION FIVE**  
**JULY 5-10**  
 Camp Tik-A-Witha

**OH! THE THINGS YOU CAN DO**

**GRADES: 1-3 | \$400**

The best way to know if you are good at something is to try it! Come play and do all the camp activities to see what makes you uniquely you! Try your hand at making a pretty craft or friendship bracelet! See how many diving rings you can get from the bottom of the pool. And test your building skills while making a fairy house!

**MAD SCIENTIST**

**GRADES: 2-3 | \$400**

It's time for some science shenanigans! Experiment with slime, create a soda geyser, paint with rockets, and more during this hands-on, interactive session. Draw inspiration and ideas from fellow campers as you explore the exciting wonder of science and enjoy traditional camp activities. *Girl Scouts will earn their Home Scientist Badge.*

**WALL-E AND ME**

**GRADES: 4-5 | \$400**

Do you love the movie Wall-E? Have you ever wondered how Wall-E was made and how he works? Come learn how to design your own robot and program them to do really cool tasks. This STEM session will have you inventing the future, while enjoying classic camp activities like swimming, hiking and archery. Join us at camp this summer and learn all about robots while *Girl Scouts will earn their Junior Designing Robots Badge and Programming Robots Badge.*

**HOOF PRINTS**

**GRADES: 4-6 | \$450**

Come make some horse tracks! Filled with learning how to brush, saddle, and of course ride your horse, this week is about learning new things about horses. When not at the riding ring, you'll be doing all the other great camp activities like archery, swimming, and climbing the rock wall!

**PACK AND PADDLE 8-DAYS**

**GRADES: 7-12 | \$450**

Love camp but want to explore new areas? Spend **8-days** on this great adventure! This session includes adventures at camp as well as a trip to paddle along Tishomingo State Park's Bear Creek. Come explore this beautiful state park with waterfalls, caves and more. Requirements are you must be 12 years old, and over 90lbs. at the time of the trip to participate.

**WIDE OPEN SPACES 8-DAYS**

**GRADES: 7-12 | \$475**

Designed for the adventurous horse enthusiast! Learn advanced riding techniques and experience an off-camp trail riding trip at this **8-day session**. Must have previous horse experience. Overnight camping skills are encouraged such as fire building and tent camping, but not mandatory. Girls will have horse classes each day and pack up and head out on a unique trail ride experience.

**JUNIOR COUNSELOR IN TRAINING**

**GRADES: 9-10 | \$500**

Are you looking to take your camp experience to the next level? Thinking about going into the CIT program, but want to get a taste for what it's all about? Come spend two weeks and take your Camp Tik-A-Witha experience to the next level. Space is limited, so sign up soon!



## SESSION SIX

**JULY 12-17**

Camp Tik-A-Witha

### Daisy Daze 1

#### Mini Session with Mom

**GRADES: 1 | JULY 12 - 14 |**

**\$200 PER GIRL | \$100 PER ADULT**

### DAISY DAZE 2

#### MINI SESSION WITH MOM

**GRADES: 1 | JULY 15 - 17 |**

**\$200 PER GIRL | \$100 PER ADULT**

A perfect session for our first-time campers and their moms! Daisy Daze gives you a three-day, two-night introduction of camp highlighting all the fun and possibilities for Daisy Girl Scouts. You two will enjoy classic camp activities like swimming, cooking out, exploring nature, and singing silly songs around a campfire. Overnight accommodations will be in our climate controlled lodge. Please be sure to register both MOM AND DAUGHTER separately.

### WEE BIT 1 MINI SESSION

**GRADES: 2-3 | JULY 12 - 14 | \$200**

### WEE BIT 2 MINI SESSION

**GRADES: 2-3 | JULY 15 - 17 | \$200**

Come explore summer camp at this super sampler session! Over three-days, two-nights we'll pack in as much camp fun as possible. Go swimming, canoeing, cook-out over a campfire, make arts and crafts, go on a wilderness hike, gaze upon the stars, and eat yummy S'mores!



### BROWNIE BREAK OUT 1

#### MINI SESSION WITH MOM

**GRADES: 2-3 | JULY 12 - 14 |**

**\$200 PER GIRL | \$100 PER ADULT**

### BROWNIE BREAK OUT 2

#### MINI SESSION WITH MOM

**GRADES: 2-3 | JULY 15 - 17 |**

**\$200 PER GIRL | \$100 PER ADULT**

Enjoy the summer with your girls at Brownie Breakout! First-time campers will enjoy camping with their own favorite female in this "core-camping" program. All activities will be planned and guided by the camp staff. Come be a kid again and experience camp with your girls. Experience the camp favorites, like swimming, S'mores, boating, and meeting new friends! Please be sure to complete registration for both yourself and the young lady you are bringing.

### ANIMAL HABITATS

**GRADES: 4-5 | \$400**

Imagine meeting a monkey or hopping around with a kangaroo! These animals live in the wild and would be hard to find in our backyard, but there are other animals that do live at camp, come and join us as we learn about the WILD animals, but also research those that live close. Make animal track prints and even discover what they eat and how they make their homes. *Girl Scouts will earn their Junior Animal Habitats Badge.*

### H2O EXTREME

**GRADES: 4-6 | \$400**

Have a week of water fun at camp, swimming in the pool, paddle boarding, canoeing, ziplining, and playing water games! You'll also create and test out your homemade raft on the lake, take a late-night swim, and canoe by moonlight! Can you imagine anything more WATER-ific??!

### ROPES AND REINS

**GRADES: 7-12 | \$450**

Take your horse experience to the next level. Participate in ropes and challenge course and reins at the barn. We'll explore our trails at camp. You'll also experience the Camp Tik-A-Witha Outpost. Participants should be comfortable around horses.



### ELIZABETH GWIN SPECIAL SESSION

**AGES: 6 - 21 | JULY 20 - 25 |**

**COST: \$175 PER CAMPER**

For over 40 years, Girl Scouts Heart of the South has hosted the Elizabeth Gwin Special Session, an inspiring resident camp program that allows children with special needs to experience and explore their capabilities in the great outdoors.

This session is staffed with well-qualified and experienced adults who provide challenging, safe and fun opportunities to each camper that are adapted to meet individual's needs and are designed to help them grow, be creative and have fun.

Exciting and enriching activities include games, swimming, canoeing, fishing, hiking, crafts, outdoor cooking, horseback riding, singing, all-camp final campfire and wish boats. All-camp special events are held daily including a carnival, theme parties, and a dance.

Girls and boys ages 6 - 21 who have special needs are encouraged to apply for the six day, five night, residential camp program held at Camp Tik-A-Witha, an American Camp Association Accredited Camp.

Running concurrently is the **LET'S ALL PLAY SESSION** open to girls and boys entering grades 6 -8 who are interested in learning, inclusion, having fun and meeting new friends at camp. Pairing EG campers with campers from Let's All Play creates a special friendship that benefits both children.

The cost to attend the Elizabeth Gwin Special Session is \$175 and includes all activities, accommodations and meals. Partial financial assistance is available thanks to the generosity of many service organizations, businesses and individuals.

# ...check out our awesome new... VIRTUAL BADGE LABS!!!

**GSHS is excited to bring you these amazing new resources designed to enhance many of your troop's badge-earning experiences!**



**Each Virtual Badge Lab includes a video, guides, and supplemental resource materials to help make your meetings successful and fun!**

You'll find our new Virtual Badge Labs on **Google Classroom**.  
**To use Google Classroom:**

- Sign in to [classroom.google.com](https://classroom.google.com)
- Click the "+" sign to join a class
- Enter the class code listed in the badge lab description

Once there, you will notice a few menu options across the top. **To access the lab, select "Classwork."** Here you will find all things related to the topic, including recorded webinars, resources, forms, and more.

Five Virtual Badge Labs are currently available and many more are "in the works!" To access the current Virtual Badge Labs in Google Classroom use the following codes:

- Daisy Design a Robot - **dk3gnh**
- Brownie Programming Robots - **t1vic0**
- Junior Program Robotics - **hy350xm**
- Cadette Comic Artist - **ubrest**
- Senior Website Design - **v86t4u**

**Girl Scouts Heart of the South's Virtual Badge Labs are meant to *supplement* the steps outlined in the corresponding badge requirements found in the VTK. You can access the VTK through our website at [www.girlscoutshs.org](http://www.girlscoutshs.org).**

## GSHS Summer 2020 Travel Opportunities

### Let's Explore - Atlanta! ♦ June 3 - 6, 2020

Junior Girl Scouts, pack your bags and let's explore Atlanta, GA! This mommy and me trip is sure to be an amazing experience for your Girl Scout. The girls will get a chance to sleep under the sea and have a behind-the-scenes look at the Georgia Aquarium, go to the Fox Theatre to see Blue Man Group, head over to Six Flags to ride the roller-coasters, sip some international sodas at the Coke Museum, visit the Atlanta Zoo, and much more!

### Girl Scouts Go! - Utah Mighty 5 National Parks July 8 - 13, 2020

Cadette, Senior & Ambassador Girl Scouts, get ready to go and discover the Mighty 5 National Parks of Utah! This will be a week full of adventure hiking all five National Parks: Zion, Bryce Canyon, Canyonlands, and Arches. Girls will get to experience these National Parks through white water rafting, horseback riding, Hummer tours, and more! It will be an experience of a lifetime!

For more info and to register, visit [www.girlscoutshs.org/calendar](http://www.girlscoutshs.org/calendar) and click on your chosen trip!

# GSHS Council Calendar Spring/Summer 2020

Events & Important Dates to Remember\*

## JANUARY

- 1/1-3 Winter Break - Offices Closed
- 1/11 HERo Leadership Event
- 1/11 New Year, New Me with The Well
- 1/11 Play Your Part! Fine Arts Badge Day at Hutchison School
- 1/11 2020 Cookie Program Begins
- 1/15 Wear Your Uniform to School Day
- 1/16 Gold Award Training - Tupelo
- 1/17 Girl Scout Night at the Grizzlies
- 1/20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - Offices Closed
- 1/25 4th Annual GIRL Event

## FEBRUARY

- 2/1 Girl Scout Night with the University of Memphis Men's Basketball
- 2/1 Zoom! Pop! Wow! Day
- 2/3 Summer Camp Registrations Open
- 2/13 Dessert First - Tupelo
- 2/15 Cupcake Wars - Tik-A-Witha
- 2/21-22 Memphis Cookie Count-N-Go
- 2/22 Jackson, TN Cookie Count-N-Go
- 2/22 World Thinking Day
- 2/22 Cooking as a First Language Event
- 2/24-27 SU Cookie Delivery
- 2/28 Cookie Booth Sales Begin
- 2/28-3/1 National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend

## MARCH

- 3/3 Women of Distinction - Dyersburg
- 3/5 One Smart Cookie
- 3/7 Red Wagon Campaign
- 3/8-14 Girl Scout Week
- 3/10 Digital Cookie Day
- 3/14 Art in the Outdoors - Brownie Badge Day
- 3/21 Invent it, Build it - Memphis
- 3/22 Cookie Program Ends
- 3/23 Bling Your Booth Submission Deadline
- 3/23 Gold Award Training - Memphis
- 3/27 Cookies on Tap
- 3/27 Girl Scouts Day at Memphis Hustle
- 3/28 Girl Scouts Rock Graceland
- 3/30 Bling Your Booth Voting Begins

## APRIL

- 4/1/20 Early Bird Renewal Period Begins
- 4/3-4/5 Teen Camporee
- 4/4 Cookie Prom
- 4/4 Moon Girl and Martians
- 4/10 Good Friday - Offices Closed
- 4/12 Bling Your Booth Voting Ends
- 4/18 Future Pharmacists - Union University
- 4/19 Tik-A-Witha Open House
- 4/22 Volunteer Appreciation Day
- 4/25 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

## MAY

- 5/1-3 Me and Mine
- 5/3 Kamp Kiwani Open House
- 5/9 HERo Day
- 5/16-17 Zoo Snooze
- 5/25 Memorial Day - Offices Closed
- 5/30 CELEB Event

  
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## JUNE

- Summer Resident Camp Sessions
- 6/3-6 Let's Explore - Atlanta
- 6/6 GSHS Annual Meeting
- 6/13 MY19-20 G.I.R.L. Celebration
- 6/15-16 Imagine Center STEAM Day Camp

## JULY

- Summer Resident Camp Sessions
- 7/4 Independence Day - Office Closed
- 7/8-13 Girl Scouts Go - Mighty 5 National Parks Utah
- 7/17-18 Rainwater Observatory Overnight
- 7/17-18 Heart of a HERo

**\*New Events and Programs are being added all the time!**

**Events & dates listed above are subject to change.**

**Head to [www.girlscoutshs.org/calendar](http://www.girlscoutshs.org/calendar) to stay up to date on all of our exciting family and troop opportunities.**



Girls drive the future.  
**Rev it up!**

**4th Annual GIRL Event driven by AutoZone**

**Saturday, January 25**

The Landers Center, Southaven, MS

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Girl Scouts will hit the open road checking-off badge requirements, launching their Cookie business, going hands-on with interactive exhibits, meeting a female astronaut, and much more!

**NEW!** The AutoZone Powderpuff Derby Racing Series will kick-off with a Test-n-Tune!!

Get event details and RSVP at [www.girlscoutshs.org/girlevent](http://www.girlscoutshs.org/girlevent)