



**2023-2024  
PROGRAM GUIDE**

**VOLUME 1**

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**girl scouts**   
of central & western  
massachusetts



## Our Mission

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

## Girl Scout Promise

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

## Girl Scout Law

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

## Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement

One girl can make a difference; together we can change the world. Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts is committed to building a robust organizational culture where diversity, equity, and inclusion are at its core. We denounce racism, violence, injustice, and inequity. We strive to ensure that ALL who engage in this community are valued and recognized, and that they find a true sense of belonging.

Join us in creating welcoming spaces that seek to empower and engage youth and adult members to be authentic partners in this endeavor.

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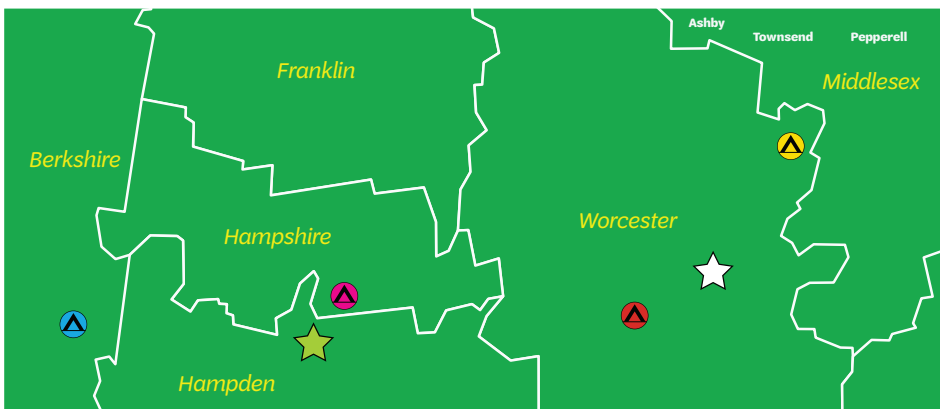
## Our Locations

Holyoke Leadership Center  
301 Kelly Way  
Holyoke, MA 01040

Worcester Leadership Center  
115 Century Drive  
Worcester, MA 01606

## Need Assistance?

508-365-0115, 413-584-2602 and [info@gscwm.org](mailto:info@gscwm.org)



- Holyoke Leadership Center
- Worcester Leadership Center

### Girl Scout Camps

- Camp Green Eyrie: Harvard
- Camp Laurel Wood: Spencer
- Camp Lewis Perkins: South Hadley
- Camp Bonnie Brae: East Otis

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Welcome!

We are thrilled to welcome you to the new Girl Scout year! With exciting new programs as well as tried and true girl program favorites, there are many different offerings based on feedback from girls, their families, and data from the Girl Scout Research Institute. Favorites such as our GIG STEM Day at WPI and our Thunderbirds Cookie Rally are back, as well as new STEM programs at our Leadership Centers and camps thanks to an amazing donation from LEGO®. To kick off our LEGO® theme, we have programs including LEGO® Stop Motion Movie Making and Intro to LEGO® Robotics.

Speaking of camps, we continue to add fun year-round programs for girls ranging from archery to hatchet-throwing, to challenge courses, to a new partnership to learn about Spring Foraging with Mrs. G, Car Care Essentials for up-and-coming drivers, and of course arts and crafts. We are grateful to our community partners who continue to work with us to provide content-specific programming and are instrumental in supporting our travel and higher awards programs. And I would be remiss not to mention our iconic Product Programs, based on the Five Skills. So come join us for a memorable experience as we continue to build girls of Courage, Confidence, and Character - who make the world a better place.

Yours in Girl Scouting,

Sara Rowan  
Senior Director, Girl Experience





**GET READY!**

**NEW PROGRAM**

**CONTENT**

**COMING JUST IN**

**TIME FOR BACK**

**TO TROOP**

**2023-2024**



# NEW BADGES

Girl Scout families can learn about financial literacy together in their preferred language. Girls develop an entrepreneurial mindset and build confidence while learning the skills they need to prepare for future careers. The bilingual versions of these badges are made possible by the FINRA Investor Education Foundation. These are the badges included: · My First Cookie Business Badge · Cookie Goal Setter Badge · Money Explorer Badge · My Money Choices Badge · Toy Business Designer Badge · Cookie Entrepreneur Family Pin



## NEW MAKER BADGES!

Three new Maker Badges each for Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors: Art and Design, Craft and Tinker, and Create and Innovate. Look for NEW programs to help you earn these new badges throughout the Program Guide!



## COMING SOON! NEW

Daisy Animal Observer Badge! Newly updated Animal badges for Juniors and Cadettes are coming soon too!





## GIRL SCOUT TREE PROMISE:

Plant, protect, and honor trees as a nature-based climate solution and help plant or protect over five million trees by 2025



## GIRL SCOUT CLIMATE CHALLENGE

Connect with your community to spread awareness about climate change. Made possible by Johnson & Johnson Foundation, the Girl Scout Climate Challenge invites both Girl Scouts and non-Girl Scouts to learn about climate science, connect with their communities, and share hope to create change.



## GIRL SCOUTS LOVE THE OUTDOORS CHALLENGE

50 fun outdoor-focused activities for all ages! Earn this with your troop, with your family, by yourself – even great for camp!



## GIRL SCOUTS LOVE STATE PARKS

Girl Scouts largest outdoor event celebrating our love of the outdoors in 400+ state parks in all 50 states! This nation-wide event happens every year-this year, it's September 9 & 10, 2023. Visit your favorite state park and get outdoors!



## WORLD THINKING DAY 2024 AND GLOBAL ACTION AWARDS

Join Girl Scouts and Girl Guides from over 150 countries around the world to make a difference on a global level. On February 22 of each year, Girl Scouts and Girl Guides celebrate World Thinking Day with a different theme. This year's theme is: Our World, Our Thriving Future: The Environment and Global Poverty.



## GLOBAL ACTION AWARDS FOR ALL LEVELS

Help heal our world and make a better future for everyone. The United Nations—where nations come together to solve problems that affect humanity—might not seem to have much of an impact on your life, but that couldn't be farther from the truth. From climate action to gender equality, they're working on the same issues that are close to your heart—and you can help!



## RESILIENT. READY. STRONG.

Life isn't always easy, but dealing with tricky emotions doesn't have to be so hard. Try activities from the Girl Scouts: Resilient. Ready. Strong. program to unlock a patch and strengthen your mental wellness. Nobody can snap their fingers and make the world all sunshine and lollipops, but you can take steps to be ready when things get tough. Go get 'em, Girl Scout!



## “I AM A GIRL SCOUT!” FUN PATCH PROGRAM

Celebrate Cultural Richness. Explore multicultural diversity. We’re stronger together. By acknowledging the diversity, heritage, and contributions of our multicultural communities, Girl Scouts can find new ways to make the world a better place for everyone. Now, Girl Scouts of all levels, your friends, and your leaders have plenty of activities to choose from to earn each segment of this fun patch. Whether they choose to do one or all of them, you’ll discover interesting new things about your neighbors—and yourself.



## NEW MENTAL WELLNESS PATCH PROGRAMS COMING IN AUGUST:

Knowing My Emotions for Juniors

Finding My Voice for Cadettes

Showing Up for Me & You for Seniors and Ambassadors

## NEW! GIRL SCOUTS AND AT&T OFFER FREE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES VIA THE ACHIEVERY

Girl Scouts and AT&T are collaborating to deliver FREE, entertaining, and engaging educational resources to students in grades K–12 on the Girl Scout Activity Zone and The Achievery™, a new digital learning platform from AT&T. With a library of educational activities and entertaining videos across seven subject areas from education experts, The Achievery keeps kids engaged in learning outside of the classroom and connects students everywhere to a whole new world of digital learning.

Girl Scouts can sign up for a FREE account and access The Achievery online at [www.theachievery.com](http://www.theachievery.com) or via mobile app. In addition, three Girl Scout badge activities are cross-promoted on The Achievery to kids in grades K–5.

Learn about the elements of a story from Young Storytellers;

Go on a poetry scavenger hunt with Amanda Gorman and 826 National;

Learn how to use block coding to create a jumping game from Scratch;

And so much more!



## GIRL SCOUTS ACTIVITY ZONE

The Girl Scouts Activity Zone is a free website featuring self-guided activities from select new and existing programming. The website is updated regularly and includes badge and Journey-related videos and activities, national service projects, national patches, a calendar of virtual events, and information about national challenges and contests. Girl Scouts Activity Zone is perfect for potential members looking to try out Girl Scout activities, girls looking for additional Girl Scout activities outside their troop experience, and troop leaders looking to supplement their troop meeting content with digital resources. Visit the Girl Scouts Activity Zone at <https://www.girlscouts.org/en/activity-zone.html>.





# LEGO® DROP-IN

## FUN FACTS

- 1** The word LEGO comes from the two Danish words “leg godt”, meaning “play well”.
- 2** There are over 400 billion LEGO pieces on Earth. If you divide all LEGO pieces by Earth’s population, each person would own more than 80 bricks! If stacked together, these elements could form 10 towers reaching all the way to the Moon!
- 3** Due to a generous donation of LEGOs from previously used pieces in holiday window displays, GSCWM received 350 boxes with approximately 6,600 LEGO pieces per box! That’s enough LEGOs to supply all four of our camps and both of our Leadership Centers!
- 4** You can combine a set of 6 2x4 LEGOs in 915 million ways! That’s a ton of different combinations for how you can use and mix up LEGOs. Imagine what you can do with GSCWM’s 2,310,000 pieces!
- 5** YOU can reserve one of our Leadership Centers for plenty of LEGO fun at no charge, and play well to your heart’s content!



From one-minute challenges to LEGO games, to badge work, to full structure builds, to team-building exercises, to open-ended fun, your troop can use our space to let your imagination run wild! Our large conference rooms offer plenty of creative space for your troop to enjoy our never-ending supply of LEGOs for your never-ending fun! Along with the LEGO bricks, our Leadership Centers also have LEGO Challenge cards and building ideas for your use.

To reserve a LEGO Drop-In at either the Worcester or Holyoke Leadership Center, contact [info@gscwm.org](mailto:info@gscwm.org) for availability. Bring your own imagination and build something fun!

Our Program Team has put together some really great program opportunities using the LEGOs throughout the year, like LEGO Stop Motion Movie Making, Intro to LEGO Robotics, and MakerZone programs. More information on these can be found throughout the Program Guide.



# TD Bank Financial Literacy Program

*Open to Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors throughout GSCWM.*

TD Charitable Foundation is dedicated to providing girls with resources and knowledge about setting goals and becoming financially responsible when earning and managing money. Through their generous funding, GSCWM members (Daisies through Ambassadors) who earn any Financial Literacy, Cookie Business, or Entrepreneurship Badges will receive ONE award free of charge.

## Financial Literacy, Cookie Business Badges, and Entrepreneurship Badges



- After you have completed a badge, visit our survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FinancialLiteracy2024>. There you will find surveys specific to the badge that your troop completed.
- Upon completion of the survey, you will receive a certificate within 6 weeks which may be redeemed at our council shops for your free award.
- Each girl member may receive only one free badge through this grant funding.
- All rewards must be earned by June 1, 2024 and claimed by July 1, 2024.
- We are limited to only 1500 badges and are on a first-come, first served basis and we will close the survey when we have hit our limit.



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### Questions?

Email [program@gscwm.org](mailto:program@gscwm.org)



**Charitable Foundation**



# Election Connection Patch Program

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With special thanks, this free patch program is funded in part by the League of Women Voters of Amherst and is available for Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts throughout Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts.

The Election Connection Patch Program is designed to engage and empower Girl Scouts to understand the voting process in a patriotic - not political - manner, to eagerly anticipate their right to vote, and to encourage and enable everyone to exercise their right to vote.

- Activities for Girl Scouts in all grade levels with each level completing a specific number of activities.
- Activities focus on general election issues and provide age appropriate, non-partisan interpretation of the election process and encourage Girl Scouts to become informed citizens and be the change they want to see in their communities and country now and in the future.
- Materials support members in learning about their federal, state, and local government.
- All details of our 2023-2024 Election Connection FREE Patch Program are available on GSCWM.org under *Schedule Your Own Activities*.
- Upon completion of the patch program, fill out the brief survey to receive the free patch.
- Upon completion of the survey you will receive a certificate within 4 weeks which may be redeemed at the Holyoke or Worcester store located at each Girl Scout Leadership Center for your free patch.
- Each girl member may receive one free patch through this grant funded program.



Election Connection is a nonpolitical and nonpartisan program designed to increase civic participation. As a tax-exempt, § 501(c)(3) organization, Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts cannot take sides in elections or support or oppose any political candidates. Material will not be used to target a particular political party or individuals on any one side of an issue. The focus is on encouraging everyone, regardless of political party, affiliation, or beliefs, to participate in the democratic process.



# PROGRAMS & EVENTS



Girl Scouts



# AUGUST

**\*BE SURE TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE OFTEN FOR ANY UPDATES, ADDITIONS, OR CANCELLATIONS OF PROGRAMS. THE WEBSITE WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE MOST UPDATED INFORMATION AVAILABLE.**

## **J-A FORAGING WITH MRS. G (GR 4-12)**

*Date: Friday, August 25, 2023*

*Time: 3:00-4:30 PM*

*Place: Camp Laurel Wood*

*Cost: \$15 per girl/\$15 per adult*

Come on a walk/hike to learn about seasonal treasures, as well as plants, trees, and mushrooms that can be foraged at other times of the year- so you can look for them when it's the best time to forage them. Rachel will teach you how to identify the plants safely, methods of preparation and preservation, and all about their nutritional and medicinal value. Bring a camera and/or notebook so you can document our finds, collection bags (plastic), and a knife or shears. Wear comfortable walking shoes or boots as the terrain may be uneven or muddy. Insect spray and sunscreen are recommended. Rachel Goclawski, Forager, Certified educator, State-Certified in Mushrooming, is a Programmer for The Museum of Natural History, Sudbury Valley Trustees, New England Botanic Garden and other organizations. She is a contributing writer for The Cook's Cook: Now, Forager Magazine and has been featured in The Boston Globe, WBZ, Edible Worcester and Baystate Parent magazines, local television talk shows, documentary films and print. Rachel comes from a long line of foragers, including her great-grandfather, Arthur W. Fairbanks, a founder of the Boston Mycological Club in the 1800's. Visit her Facebook, Instagram or YouTube for Forage to Table tips, recipe ideas and videos: all called, "Cooking With Mrs G" Open to troops and individual girls with an adult. Register through GSCWM by August 10.

## **S-A GO FOR GOLD ORIENTATION (GR 9-12)**

*Date: Saturday, August 26, 2023*

*Time: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM*

*Place: Zoom*

*Cost: \$5 per girl/\$5 per adult*

Are you ready to make a lasting change on an issue you care about? The Girl Scout Gold Award is the most prestigious award in the world for girls. This orientation is for any girl who wants to earn her award or is interested in learning more about it. Orientations provide valuable information about the award process, deadlines, national requirements, and the benefits for going for the Gold. Attending an orientation can be the most beneficial thing you do before beginning to work on the award. Leaders, advisors, and parents are encouraged to attend to learn how to best support girls working on their awards. Are YOU ready to take the lead? All materials are provided electronically the week of the Zoom call. It is a requirement for all girls to have taken a Go for Gold Orientation within one year of beginning the Gold Award process and submitting a Gold Award Proposal. Open to troops, girls with an adult, individual girls, and adults. Register through GSCWM by August 17.





# AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

## **J BRONZE PATROL (GR 4-5)**

*Date: Thursday, August 31, 2023*

*Time: 5:00 PM-5:30 PM*

*Place: Zoom*

*Cost: No charge to attend*

Do you have questions about the Girl Scout Bronze Award? Bronze Patrols are informal calls where girls and adults can ask questions, get help with a challenge, run your project ideas by the council, do some brainstorming, and get general assistance. Just starting out and need more than that? Be sure to register for a Bronze Award Orientation where we go over all of the steps in detail! Bronze Patrols do not meet the requirement of taking a Bronze Orientation. Open to troops, girls with an adult, and adults. Register through GSCWM by August 31.

## **C SILVER PATROL (GR 6-8)**

*Date: Thursday, August 31, 2023*

*Time: 5:30 PM-6:00 PM*

*Place: Zoom*

*Cost: No charge to attend*

Do you have questions about the Girl Scout Silver Award? Silver Patrols are informal calls where girls and adults can ask questions, get help with a challenge, run your project ideas by the council, do some brainstorming, and get general assistance. Just starting out and need more than that? Be sure to register for a Strive for Silver Orientation where we go over all of the steps in detail! Silver Patrols do not meet the requirement of needing to take a Strive for Silver Orientation. Open to troops, girls with an adult, and adults. Register through GSCWM by August 31.

## **S-A GOLD PATROL (GR 9-12)**

*Date: Thursday, August 31, 2023*

*Time: 6:00 PM-6:30 PM*

*Place: Zoom*

*Cost: No charge to attend*

Do you have questions about the Girl Scout Gold Award? Gold Patrols are informal calls where girls and adults can ask questions, get help with a challenge, run your project ideas by the council, do some brainstorming, and get general assistance. Just starting out and need more than that? Be sure to register for a Go for Gold Orientation where we go over all of the steps in detail and even meet members of the Gold Award Committee! Gold Patrols do not meet the requirement of needing to take a Go for Gold Orientation. Open to troops, girls with an adult, and adults. Register through GSCWM by August 31.

## **J PLAYING THE PAST JUNIOR BADGE BUILDER (GR 4-5)**

*Date: Saturday, September 9, 2023*

*Time: 9:30 AM-12:00 PM*

*Place: Salisbury Mansion*

*Cost: \$15 per girl/no charge for adults*

Playing the Past allows you to dream up a character of a girl or woman who lived in the past. What better place to do that than a 1772 historic house that is restored to the 1830s? Learn about life in the 1800s at the Salisbury Mansion and then work on projects that will lead to the Playing the Past Badge. Handouts covering the requirements will be provided. Badges are not included. If your troop cannot make this date, contact us and we can set up an alternate date. Open to troops and girls with an adult. To register, email [info@worchesterhistory.net](mailto:info@worchesterhistory.net) or call 508-753-8278 by August 31.

## **J-C GSCWM COOKIE ROBOTICS (GR 4-8)**

*Date: Wednesdays, Sept 13, 2023-Dec 13, 2023*

*Time: 6:00 PM-7:30 PM*

*Place: Worcester Leadership Center*

*Cost: \$100 per girl/girl-only event*

Program a robot, complete challenges, and solve real-world problems! Join with other Girl Scouts to learn all about robotics when the FIRST® LEGO® League 2023 challenge is released. We'll get to work right away to program our robot and help create a solution for a real life challenge facing our communities. Meetings are every Wednesday from September 13-December 13 from 6:00-7:30 PM. We are looking for two adult volunteers to assist weekly at our meetings. All adults must be registered, CORId, and available for each meeting, including the competition. Please note: cost includes 14 weeks of programming, staff instruction, FIRST® LEGO® League team registration, 2023 team challenge starter kit, team t-shirts, and competition fees. Open to individual girls only. Register through GSCWM by September 11.

# SEPTEMBER

## ADULT

### GSCWM CHALLENGE COURSE TRAINING

*Date: Saturday, September 16, 2023*

*Time: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM*

*Place: Camp Bonnie Brae*

*Cost: Adult-only event/\$30 per adult*

Learn how to safely facilitate activities on a low-elements Challenge Course. Participants will learn how to run teambuilding activities for girls, safety protocols, and how to use the different elements. Completing this course allows Girl Scout volunteers to facilitate Challenge Course activities at all GSCWM properties. Open to adults only. Register through GSCWM by September 3.

## C TEEN LIFE: BUILDING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS (GR 6-8)

*Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2023*

*Time: 5:30 PM-6:30 PM*

*Place: Worcester Leadership Center*

*Cost: \$4 per girl/no charge for adult*

Learn the 10 signs of what unhealthy and healthy relationships look like with a member of The Office of District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr. office. Learn how to resolve escalated conflict, practice consent, communicate boundaries, how to help a friend who is a survivor of an unhealthy relationship, and how to navigate a breakup. This program teaches you the importance of creating healthy relationships, as well as teaching tips to help you know if you or anyone you know is in an unhealthy relationship. This program will meet some of the requirements for your Finding Common Ground Badge and Resilient. Ready. Strong. Patch (not included). Register for CyberSecurity immediately following and get the most of your night! Open to troops, girls with an adult, individual girls, and adults. Register through GSCWM by September 7.

## C CYBERSECURITY (GR 6-8)

*Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2023*

*Time: 6:30 PM-7:30 PM*

*Place: Worcester Leadership Center*

*Cost: \$4 per girl/no charge for adults*

Learn the importance of staying safe online with The Office of District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr. office. This presentation includes topics such as defining bullying and the various forms of harassment, including cyberbullying. Learn about current issues encountered when using social media and the legal ramifications of harassment. Internet safety tips are provided, along with addressing how your personal use of social media can affect your future opportunities and personal relationships. We'll provide tips on how to recognize and resolve these situations as both the target and as a bystander, as well as how to identify who is your trusted adult. You'll work toward earning your CyberSecurity: Safeguards 2 Badge (not included). Register for the Teen Life: Building Healthy Relationships program right before this one to make the most of your night! Open to troops, girls with an adult, individual girls, and adults. Register through GSCWM by September 7.

## S-A TEEN LIFE: BUILDING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS (GR 9-12)

*Date: Thursday, September 21, 2023*

*Time: 5:30 PM-6:30 PM*

*Place: Worcester Leadership Center*

*Cost: \$4 per girl/no charge for adults*

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*Place: Salisbury Mansion*

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## ADULT

### GSCWM CHALLENGE COURSE TRAINING

*Date: Saturday, September 23, 2023*

*Time: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM*

*Place: Camp Green Eyrie*

*Cost: Adult-only event/\$30 per adult*

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## ADULT

### SMALL CRAFT SAFETY TRAINING

*Date: Sunday, September 24, 2023*

*Time: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM*

*Place: Camp Green Eyrie*

*Cost: Adult-only event/\$30 per adult*

Learn how to facilitate kayaking and canoeing for your troop and service unit. Learn kayaking and canoeing skills and safety practices, how to facilitate boating with large groups, and basic water rescue skills. Participants are not required to have extensive boating experience, but should be comfortable being in and around water. Completing this course allows Girl Scout volunteers to run boating activities at GSCWM camp properties. Open to adults only. Register through GSCWM by September 10.



# SEPTEMBER

## J-A FORAGING WITH MRS. G (GR 4-12)

*Date: Friday, September 29, 2023*

*Time: 4:30 PM-6:00 PM*

*Place: Camp Green Eyrie*

*Cost: \$15 per girl/\$15 per adult*

Come on a walk/hike to learn about seasonal treasures, as well as plants, trees, and mushrooms that can be foraged at other times of the year- so you can look for them when it's the best time to forage them. Rachel will teach you how to identify the plants safely, methods of preparation and preservation, and all about their nutritional and medicinal value. Bring a camera and/or notebook so you can document our finds, collection bags (plastic), and a knife or shears. Wear comfortable walking shoes or boots as the terrain may be uneven or muddy. Insect spray and sunscreen are recommended. Rachel Goclowski, Forager, Certified educator, State-Certified in Mushrooming, is a Programmer for The Museum of Natural History, Sudbury Valley Trustees, New England Botanic Garden and other organizations. She is a contributing writer for The Cook's Cook: Now, Forager Magazine and has been featured in The Boston Globe, WBZ, Edible Worcester and Baystate Parent magazines, local television talk shows, documentary films and print. Rachel comes from a long line of foragers, including her great-grandfather, Arthur W. Fairbanks, a founder of the Boston Mycological Club in the 1800's. Visit her Facebook, Instagram or YouTube for Forage to Table tips, recipe ideas and videos: all called, "Cooking With Mrs G". Open to troops and individual girls with an adult. Register through GSCWM by September 17.

## J BRONZE PATROL (GR 4-5)

*Date: Friday, September 29, 2023*

*Time: 5:00 PM-5:30 PM*

*Place: Zoom*

*Cost: No charge to attend*

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## C SILVER PATROL (GR 6-8)

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## S-A GOLD PATROL (GR 9-12)

*Date: Friday, September 29, 2023*

*Time: 6:00 PM-6:30 PM*

*Place: Zoom*

*Cost: No charge to attend*

Do you have questions about the Girl Scout Gold Award? Gold Patrols are informal calls where girls and adults can ask questions, get help with a challenge, run your project ideas by the council, do some brainstorming, and get general assistance. Just starting out and need more than that? Be sure to register for a Go for Gold Orientation where we go over all of the steps in detail and even meet members of the Gold Award Committee! Gold Patrols do not meet the requirement of needing to take a Go for Gold Orientation. Open to troops, girls with an adult, and adults. Register through GSCWM by September 22.

## D-A REACH FOR THE STARS (GR K-12)

*Date: Saturday, September 30, 2023*

*Time: 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM*

*Place: Camp Green Eyrie*

*Cost: \$25 per girl/\$5 per adult*

Explore the mysteries of the night sky with our eVscope telescope! Girl Scouts are invited to join us for this evening program, where we will scan the stars for constellations and investigate the wonders of the solar system. This event will consist of two individual program tracts designed exclusively for K-5 and 6-12 girls and will feature exciting partnerships with local STEM community partners. All levels will complete the steps for their respective Space Science badges by the conclusion of this program. Badges may be purchased at either leadership center. Open to troops and individual girls with an adult. Register through GSCWM by September 14.



# OCTOBER

## S-A GO FOR GOLD ORIENTATION (GR 9-12)

*Date: Monday, October 2, 2023*

*Time: 6:00 PM-8:00 PM*

*Place: Zoom*

*Cost: \$5 per girl/\$5 per adult*

Are you ready to make a lasting change on an issue you care about? The Girl Scout Gold Award is the most prestigious award in the world for girls. This orientation is for any girl who wants to earn her award or is interested in learning more about it. Orientations provide valuable information about the award process, deadlines, national requirements, and the benefits for going for the Gold. Attending an orientation can be the most beneficial thing you do before beginning to work on the award. Leaders, advisors, and parents are encouraged to attend to learn how to best support girls working on their awards. Are YOU ready to take the lead? All materials are provided electronically the week of the Zoom call. It is a requirement for all girls to have taken a Go for Gold Orientation within one year of beginning the Gold Award process and submitting a Gold Award Proposal. Open to troops, girls with an adult, individual girls, and adults. Register through GSCWM by September 28.

## D-B SLINGSHOTS (GR K-3)

*Date: Saturday, October 7, 2023*

*Time: 10:00 AM-11:30 AM*

*Place: Camp Lewis Perkins*

*Cost: \$15 per girl/no charge for adults*

For Girl Scouts, slingshots serve as a progression step for target range activities (like archery!) by teaching girls about range rules and commands, as well as helping them to build aim, target skills, and hand-eye coordination! Safety will be emphasized, and bullseyes are encouraged! Registration is limited to 10 Girl Scouts total so reserve your spot today! Open to troops and individual girls with an adult. Register through GSCWM by September 28.

## D-A WHIMSICAL FAIRY WALK (GR K-12)

*Date: Saturday, October 7, 2023*

*Time: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM*

*Place: Stanley Park*

*Cost: No charge to attend\**

Join us for a whimsical walk through our Woodland Wildflower Garden that will be sprinkled with fairy houses for a magical experience of the natural world. Volunteer builders create a fairyland of small structures built out of natural materials, opening a portal to the imagination and the incredible world around us through deep observation of nature's gifts. This is a family-friendly celebration of nature, creativity, inspiration and community. At the end of your walk, you can even enjoy some free of charge crafts. Spend a few hours, or spend the day! \*Admission is free, with a donation box available if you would like to contribute. This is a great opportunity for troops to get outside and even work on your Outdoor Art and Nature badges! **BUILDERS NEEDED!** Fairies are moving into Westfield in record numbers and are in need of new homes! Will you build one? This is a great opportunity for troops and/or families to not only volunteer, but to get creative with nature! Visit the website for full details, deadlines, and to register your troop to participate. Open to troops, families, and girls with an adult. No registration necessary to attend the event but there is a September 16 deadline if you want to register your troop to build Fairy Homes.

## A, ADULTS USA ARCHERY LEVEL 1 INSTRUCTOR (GR 11-12; ADULT)

*Date: Saturday, October 7, 2023*

*Time: 1:00 PM-4:00 PM*

*Place: Camp Lewis Perkins*

*Cost: \$65 per girl/\$65 per adult*

As an Archery Level 1 certified instructor you will be able to assist in archery programs with other instructors. This course consists of two parts. The first part is an online course that is approximately 4 hours long and can be completed at your own pace. After the online course is completed, you will participate in an in-person practical, hands-on experience. Upon completion of the online course and the in-person practical, you will be certified as a USA Archery level 1 instructor for 3 years. If you have any questions, please email [astevens@gscwm.org](mailto:astevens@gscwm.org). \*Please note that this course is weather dependent and may need to be rescheduled due to rain, snow, or poor-range conditions. Open to individual girl scouts with adults and adults. Register through GSCWM by September 28.

# OCTOBER

## D ANIMAL OBSERVER (GR K-1)

*Date: Sunday, October 8, 2023*

*Time: 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM*

*Place: Camp Green Eyrie*

*Cost: \$10 per girl/no charge for adults*

We will be animal observers by finding animal tracks outside and playing an animal observation game! We'll finish the program by focusing on one of the animals we saw in camp! Daisies will complete their Animal Observer badge (not included). Open to troops and individual girls with an adult. Register through GSCWM by September 28.

## D-A WHIMSICAL FAIRY WALK (GR K-12)

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## ADULT

### AXE YARD & HATCHET- THROWING CERTIFICATION

*Date: Sunday, October 8, 2023*

*Time: 1:00 PM-4:00 PM*

*Place: Camp Green Eyrie*

*Cost: Adult Only/\$45 per adult*

Become a GSCWM facilitator for our axe yards and hatchet-throwing ranges at Camp Bonnie Brae and Camp Green Eyrie. You will learn how to safely use a saw and axe as well as facilitate an axe yard program for GSCWM girl scouts. You will also learn how to safely throw a hatchet and facilitate a hatchet-throwing program for your girls. Axe Yard and hatchet-throwing programs are for Cadettes and up only. Please note that this program is weather dependent and may be canceled in the event of rain or snow. Open to adults only. Register through GSCWM by September 28.

## J PLAYING THE PAST JUNIOR BADGE BUILDER (GR 4-5)

*Date: Saturday, October 9, 2023*

*Time: 9:30 AM-12:00 PM*

*Place: Salisbury Mansion*

*Cost: \$15 per girl/no charge for adults*

Playing the Past allows you to dream up a character of a girl or woman who lived in the past. What better place to do that than a 1772 historic house that is restored to the 1830s? Learn about life in the 1800s at the Salisbury Mansion and then work on projects that will lead to the Playing the Past Badge. Handouts covering the requirements will be provided. Badges are not included. If your troop cannot make this date, contact us and we can set up an alternate date. Open to troops and girls with an adult. To register, email [info@worchesterhistory.net](mailto:info@worchesterhistory.net) or call 508-753-8278 by September 28.



# OCTOBER

## S-A VOLUNTEER-IN-TRAINING (GR 9-12)

*Date: Monday, October 9, 2023*

*Time: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM*

*Place: Worcester Leadership Center*

*Cost: \$15 per girl/girl-only event*

Discover and develop your talents in mentoring and leading younger girls! Volunteers-in-Training (VIT) are girls who have completed 9th grade and would like to mentor a Girl Scout Daisy, Brownie, Junior, or Cadette group outside of the camp experience. The skills learned are also applicable to everyday life and will help you become confident, effective leaders in everything you do. Becoming a Volunteer-in-Training is also a great résumé boost and sets you up for success when going for your Gold! You'll leave this VIT program with the tools of the trade to complete earning the pin and leading the way! Open to individual girls only. Register through GSCWM by September 28.

## D-A RESILIENT. READY. STRONG. (GR K-12)

*Date: Tuesday, October 10, 2023*

*Time: 7:00 PM-8:00 PM*

*Place: Zoom*

*Cost: \$5 per girl/girl-only event*

Life isn't always easy, but dealing with tricky emotions doesn't have to be so hard. Try activities from the Girl Scouts: Resilient. Ready. Strong. program to unlock a patch and strengthen your mental wellness. Nobody can snap their fingers and make the world all sunshine and lollipops, but you can take steps to be ready when things get tough. Go get 'em, Girl Scout! We'll focus on learning yoga and mindfulness activities and complete three activities from the activity guide. Bring a journal or notebook, and something to write with. A yoga mat is recommended, but not required. This program requires some physical activity, participate at your comfort level. This live course is roughly 60 minutes and will cover all patch requirements (patch not included). Not able to join us live? This program is also offered on-demand with a self-paced recording. Open to troops, girls with an adult, and individual girls. Register at <https://www.vineimages.org/product/resilient-ready-strong-patch/> by September 26.

## B BUDDING ENTREPRENEUR (GR 2-3)

*Date: Wednesday, October 11, 2023*

*Time: 7:00 PM-8:00 PM*

*Place: Zoom*

*Cost: \$10 per girl/girl-only event*

Everyone has million-dollar ideas, but people rarely act on those thoughts. Sometimes, all you need is an out of the world thought, some great marketing skills, and someone to believe in you to bring that idea to life. We're going to learn how to bring a business concept to reality and the one thing every successful entrepreneur has in common. Join Pam, founder of Vine Images, INC as she walks you through real life experiences and techniques used to become an entrepreneur. Submit your business pitch to Vine Images for review after your course. We will be creating a Boutique Store that sells bath bombs, creating your own brand, and learning how to pitch our idea. A list of what you'll need is in the link. This program requires you to complete Step 1 prior to zoom, and Step 3 after our zoom. We'll cover all of the badge requirements in this roughly 60 minute live program (badges are not included). This date doesn't work for you? This program is also offered on-demand, in a self-paced recording. Open to troop and girls with an adult. Register at <https://www.vineimages.org/product/entrepreneurship/> by October 7.

## C BUSINESS CREATOR (GR 6-8)

*Date: Wednesday, October 11, 2023*

*Time: 7:00 PM-8:00 PM*

*Place: Zoom*

*Cost: \$10 per girl/girl-only event*

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## **J BUSINESS JUMPSTART (GR 4-5)**

*Date: Wednesday, October 11, 2023*

*Time: 7:00 PM-8:00 PM*

*Place: Zoom*

*Cost: \$10 per girl/girl-only event*

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## **J-C GEEK IS GLAM STEM EXPO (GR 4-8)**

*Date: Saturday, October 14, 2023*

*Time: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM*

*Place: Worcester Polytechnic Institute*

*Cost: \$45 per girl/girl-only event*

This is definitely an experience you won't want to miss. It's 2023 and Geek IS Glam-and our GiG STEM Expo-is back! Explore and experiment, not for a grade but for fun! Become a real innovator exploring opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). Empower yourself to change, create, collaborate and contribute; and discover how YOU can make a real difference in the world. Hands-on exhibits, crazy inventions, interactive workshops, and demonstrations are all part of this fun-packed day! Snacks, a college dining hall lunch experience, t-shirt, backpack, and patch are all included. Don't wait to register, this event WILL fill fast and so will the most popular workshops. So, what's YOUR gig? THIS IS A GIRL-ONLY EVENT, adults do not stay. \*Adult volunteers are needed to help make this day a success. All adult volunteers must be registered, CORI'd, and understand they will not be with their girls. If interested, please fill out our Volunteer Interest form at <https://forms.office.com/r/5KTyCcba5u>. The first 35 volunteers will receive a GIG t-shirt. Open to individual girls. Register through GSCWM by September 18.

## **S-A GEEK IS GLAM STEM EXPO (GR 9-12)**

*Date: Saturday, October 14, 2023*

*Time: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM*

*Place: Worcester Polytechnic Institute*

*Cost: \$55 per girl/girl-only event*

Watch our website for information coming soon about our second older-girl GiG program! In true GiG fashion, you'll visit the STEM Expo Hall, enjoy a college dining experience, and participate in day-long, hands-on STEM workshops meant JUST for older girls! And of course, your snacks, lunch, t-shirt, backpack, GiG patch, and any badges you earn are included. STAY TUNED! Would you rather volunteer at the event for service hours? Great! We have a limited number of spaces for girls to do just that! Reach out to Alysha at [AStevens@gscwm.org](mailto:AStevens@gscwm.org) for more details. Registration will close on September 18.

## **S-A GO FOR GOLD ORIENTATION (GR 9-12)**

*Date: Saturday, October 14, 2023*

*Time: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM*

*Place: Zoom*

*Cost: \$5 per girl/\$5 per adult*

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# Worcester Polytechnic Institute

\$45 per girl Includes lunch, snacks, a shirt, backpack and exclusive GiG patch! Registration opens August 16.

Saturday, October 14, 2023

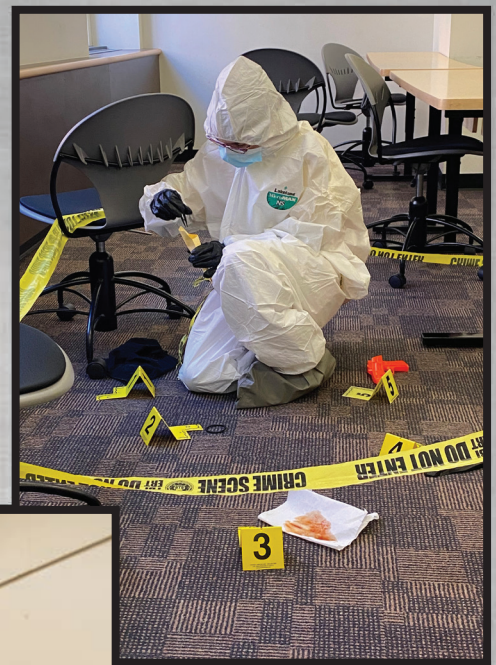
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For Girls in Grades 4-8

Financial assistance is available



Have you ever wondered, “How does that work” or thought, “I could build that!” Explore, experience and experiment, not for a grade, but for fun! Experience hands-on opportunities in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). Discover how you can make a difference in the world.



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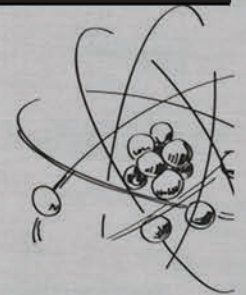
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Educational Career Panels

Lunch in a College Dining Hall



\*Additional workshops are added on a need-be basis within the first couple of weeks of registration; workshop selections cannot be changed.



  
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# OCTOBER

## D CODING FOR GOOD (GR K-1)

*Date: Saturday, October 14, 2023*

*Time: 11:00 AM-2:00 PM*

*Place: Code Wiz Westborough*

*Cost: \$45 per girl/no charge for adults*

Learn what makes computers work, explore how to create apps and video games that help others, and earn your Coding for Good Badges! During this three-hour workshop, you'll earn your Coding Basics, Digital Game Design, and App Development badges with a curriculum designed specifically for you! This workshop covers the badge requirements for all Coding for Good Badges (badges are not included). Additionally, each girl will receive an exclusive Code Wiz participation patch, with potential add-on patches that correspond to our Robotics and Cybersecurity workshops! Open to troops only. Register at <https://app.iclasspro.com/portal/codewizwestborough/booking> by October 5.

## B OUTDOOR BASICS FOR BROWNIES (GR 2-3)

*Date: Sunday, October 15, 2023*

*Time: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM*

*Place: Camp Lewis Perkins*

*Cost: \$5 per girl/no charge for adults*

Get ready for outdoor adventures! Learn basic knife safety, simple knots, and several fire building techniques. Once you have your fire going, roast a marshmallow and make a s'more. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through GSCWM by October 2. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through GSCWM by October 2.

## J OUTDOOR BASICS FOR JUNIORS (GR 4-5)

*Date: Sunday, October 15, 2023*

*Time: 1:00 PM-3:00 PM*

*Place: Camp Lewis Perkins*

*Cost: \$5 per girl/no charge for adults*

Gear up for camping fun by practicing basic knife safety, knots, and fire building. Work in small groups to see which team's fire can burn through a string first, then celebrate by making a s'more over your campfire. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through GSCWM by October 2. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through GSCWM by October 2.

## C-A HATCHET-THROWING (GR 6-12)

*Date: Sunday, October 15, 2023*

*Time: 2:00 PM-4:00 PM*

*Place: Camp Green Eyrie*

*Cost: \$20 per girl/no charge for adults*

Learn how to properly throw a hatchet at our new hatchet throwing range at Camp Green Eyrie. Learn about the hatchet, how to safely and successfully throw it, and see if you can get a bullseye. Come and enjoy this new GSCWM older girl activity. Open to troops and individual girls with an adult. Register through GSCWM by October 5.

## C STAYING FIT WITH AERIAL YOGA (GR 6-8)

*Date: Sunday, October 15, 2023*

*Time: 3:00 PM-4:30 PM*

*Place: Earth & Aerial Yoga*

*Cost: \$35 per girl/\$35 per adult\**

Fly high in this exclusive Girl Scout event! You'll build awareness, flexibility, strength, and mobility, all while reducing stress and tension, and learning about practical ways you can maintain your health and wellbeing. Join in a healthy living discussion, followed by guided meditation practice. Then, you'll flow through a series of guided aerial yoga poses and transitions, characterized by mindful movement. This event is open exclusively to Girl Scout troops that belong to Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts. Participants can earn a fun patch (custom patch provided). Troop leaders and parents are welcome to join in on the fun. \*If the adults are not participating, there is no fee. The cost includes the use of studio silk. There is a maximum of 14 participants. We also offer an abbreviated version of this program as a Schedule Your Own program, call 978-257-0075 or email [info@earthandaerialyoga.com](mailto:info@earthandaerialyoga.com). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register online at [https://earthandaerialyoga.com/girl-scout-events/?utm\\_source=gscw&utm\\_medium=website](https://earthandaerialyoga.com/girl-scout-events/?utm_source=gscw&utm_medium=website) by October 8.



# OCTOBER

## **S-A TEEN LIFE: BUILDING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS (GR 9-12)**

*Date: Monday, October 16, 2023*

*Time: 5:30 PM-6:30 PM*

*Place: Worcester Leadership Center*

*Cost: \$4 per girl/no charge for adults*

Learn the 10 signs of what unhealthy and healthy relationships look like with a member of The Office of District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr. office. Learn how to resolve escalated conflict, practice consent, communicate boundaries, how to help a friend who is a survivor of an unhealthy relationship, and how to navigate a breakup. This program teaches you the importance of creating healthy relationships, as well as teaching tips to help you know if you or anyone you know is in an unhealthy relationship. This program will go toward the requirements of the Senior Mission: Sisterhood Journey and the Ambassador Your Voice, Your World Journey and the Resilient. Ready. Strong. Patch (not included). Register for CyberSecurity immediately following and get the most of your night! Open to troops, girls with an adult, individual girls, and adults. Register through GSCWM by October 5.

## **S-A CYBERSECURITY (GR 9-12)**

*Date: Monday, October 16, 2023*

*Time: 6:30 PM-7:30 PM*

*Place: Worcester Leadership Center*

*Cost: \$4 per girl/no charge for adults*

Learn the importance of staying safe online with The Office of District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr. office. This presentation includes topics such as defining bullying and the various forms of harassment, including cyberbullying. Learn about current issues encountered when using social media and the legal ramifications of harassment. Internet safety tips are provided, along with addressing how your personal use of social media can affect your future opportunities and personal relationships. We'll provide tips on how to recognize and resolve these situations as both the target and as a bystander, as well as how to identify who is your trusted adult. You'll work toward earning your CyberSecurity: Safeguards 2 and Digital Leadership Badge (not included). Register for the Teen Life: Building Healthy Relationships program right before this one to make the most of your night! Open to troops, girls with an adult, individual girls, and adults. Register through GSCWM by October 5.

## **C TEEN LIFE: BUILDING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS (GR 6-8)**

*Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2023*

*Time: 5:30 PM-6:30 PM*

*Place: Worcester Leadership Center*

*Cost: \$4 per girl/no charge for adults*

Learn the 10 signs of what unhealthy and healthy relationships look like with a member of The Office of District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr. office. Learn how to resolve escalated conflict, practice consent, communicate boundaries, how to help a friend who is a survivor of an unhealthy relationship, and how to navigate a breakup. This program teaches you the importance of creating healthy relationships, as well as teaching tips to help you know if you or anyone you know is in an unhealthy relationship. This program will meet some of the requirements for your Finding Common Ground Badge and Resilient. Ready. Strong. Patch (not included). Register for CyberSecurity immediately following and get the most of your night! Open to troops, girls with an adult, individual girls, and adults. Register through GSCWM by October 5.

## **C CYBERSECURITY (GR 6-8)**

*Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2023*

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*Place: Worcester Leadership Center*

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# OCTOBER

## **C STRIVE FOR SILVER ORIENTATION (GR 6-8)**

*Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2023*

*Time: 6:00 PM-7:30 PM*

*Place: Zoom*

*Cost: \$5 per girl/\$5 per adult*

Becoming a Silver Award Girl Scout is no easy feat, and this workshop will certainly get you started on your way! At the end of this orientation, you'll know the national steps necessary to complete the Girl Scout Silver Award, understand the pros and cons of an individual vs. team project, understand the difference between Take Action and community service, and the importance of the community impact of the project. Troop leaders and parents are strongly encouraged to join us. We will have plenty of opportunities to answer your questions, learn some helpful tips, and find out what it takes to become a Silver Award Girl Scout! It is a requirement for all girls to have taken a Strive for Silver Orientation within one year of beginning the Silver Award process and submitting a Silver Award Proposal. Open to troops, girls with an adult, and adults. Register through GSCWM by October 5.

## **C STRIVE FOR SILVER ORIENTATION (GR 6-8)**

*Date: Thursday, October 19, 2023*

*Time: 6:00 PM-7:30 PM*

*Place: Zoom*

*Cost: \$5 per girl/\$5 per adult*

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## **J PLAYING THE PAST JUNIOR BADGE BUILDER (GR 4-5)**

*Date: Saturday, October 21, 2023*

*Time: 9:30 AM-12:00 PM*

*Place: Salisbury Mansion*

*Cost: \$15 per girl/no charge for adults*

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## **D-A TROOP CAMPING WEEKEND (GR K-12)**

*Date: Sat-Sun, October 21-22, 2023*

*Time: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM*

*Place: Camp Green Eyrie*

*Cost: \$60 per girl/\$20 per adult*

Enjoy the camp experience with your troop in this two-day, one-night event! You'll get to try all the summer camp activities Green Eyrie has to offer—arts & crafts, boating, swimming, the challenge course, and field games. Girls at the Brownie level and up can try archery, and girls at the Cadette level and up can try out Green Eyrie's new hatchet throwing lanes. In the evening, join together to sing camp songs around the fire before making s'mores. Troops will be provided a schedule for the weekend. Troops will stay together in platform tents in one of Camp Green Eyrie's units, or can opt to stay in Dillon Lodge or one of the nearby rustic cabins for an additional fee (lodge and cabin accommodations can be selected during the registration process and are available on a first-come, first-served basis). Open to troops. Register through GSCWM by October 7.



# OCTOBER

## **B CODING FOR GOOD (GR 2-3)**

*Date: Saturday, October 21, 2023*

*Time: 11:00 AM-2:00 PM*

*Place: Code Wiz Westborough*

*Cost: \$45 per girl/no charge for adults*

Learn what makes computers work, explore how to create apps and video games that help others, and earn your Coding for Good Badges (badges not included)! During this three-hour workshop, you'll earn your Coding Basics, Digital Game Design, and App Development badges with a curriculum designed specifically for you! This workshop covers the badge requirements for all Coding for Good Badges. Additionally, each girl will receive an exclusive Code Wiz participation patch, with potential add-on patches that correspond to our Robotics and Cybersecurity workshops! Open to troops only. Register at <https://app.iclasspro.com/portal/codewizwestborough/booking> by October 12.

## **C STAYING FIT WITH AERIAL YOGA (GR 6-8)**

*Date: Sunday, October 22, 2023*

*Time: 3:00 PM-4:30 PM*

*Place: Earth & Aerial Yoga*

*Cost: \$35 per girl/\$35 per adult\**

Fly high in this exclusive Girl Scout event! You'll build awareness, flexibility, strength, and mobility, all while reducing stress and tension, and learning about practical ways you can maintain your health and wellbeing. Join in a healthy living discussion, followed by guided meditation practice. Then, you'll flow through a series of guided aerial yoga poses and transitions, characterized by mindful movement. This event is open exclusively to Girl Scout troops that belong to Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts. Participants can earn a fun patch (custom patch provided). Troop leaders and parents are welcome to join in on the fun. \*If the adults are not participating, there is no fee. The cost includes the use of studio silk. There is a maximum of 14 participants. We also offer an abbreviated version of this program as a Schedule Your Own program, call 978-257-0075 or email [info@earthandaerialyoga.com](mailto:info@earthandaerialyoga.com). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register online at [https://earthandaerialyoga.com/girl-scout-events/?utm\\_source=gscw&utm\\_medium=website](https://earthandaerialyoga.com/girl-scout-events/?utm_source=gscw&utm_medium=website) by October 15.

## **D-A JULIETTE GORDON LOW'S BIRTHDAY SKATING PARTY (GR K-12)**

*Date: Sunday, October 22, 2023*

*Time: 4:30 PM-6:30 PM*

*Place: Interskate 91 South*

*Cost: \$6 per girl/no charge for adults*

Celebrate Juliette Gordon Low's Birthday with a fun skating event! Skate rental is \$5 if needed. Bonus option, for an additional \$6 you'll get 10 game tokens, playquest, and a drink). Leaders have FREE admission and skate rental. Enjoy face painting, party games, and fun all around! Open to troops, families, and girls with an adult. You do not need to register in advance but if you would like to reserve a table or pre-pay, please call 413-543-3991, ext. 109.

## **ADULT BRONZE AWARD ORIENTATION (ADULTS)**

*Date: Thursday, October 26, 2023*

*Time: 6:00 PM-7:30 PM*

*Place: Zoom*

*Cost: Adult-only event/\$5 per adult*

This orientation is open to troop volunteers and parents who are interested in learning more about the Girl Scout Bronze Award and how to guide their girls to earning it. We'll review the national requirements step-by-step, go over timelines, processes, and paperwork, as well as have plenty of time for questions. Arm yourself with the tools and knowledge you'll need to lead your Juniors to a successful Girl Scout Bronze Award experience. Bronze Award Orientations are required to be taken by at least one adult working with a team of Juniors on their Bronze Awards within one year of beginning the award. Open to adults only. Register through GSCWM by October 12.

## **D-A HALLOWEEN CANDLE LIGHT TOUR AT SALISBURY MANSION (GR K-12)**

*Date: Friday, October 27, 2023*

*Time: 6:30 PM-8:00 PM*

*Place: Salisbury Mansion*

*Cost: \$10 per girl/\$10 per adult*

Join us in celebrating Halloween by candlelight in Worcester's only Historic House Museum. Come and see what it was like to live in a house two hundred years ago when nights were lit only by candlelight. After a tour of the Mansion, we'll finish with a reading of the Legend of Sleep Hollow. Open to troops and girls with an adult. To register, email [info@worcesterhistory.net](mailto:info@worcesterhistory.net) or call 508-753-8278 by October 14.

# OCTOBER

## **B-C AVIATION ADVENTURES GIRL SCOUT WORKSHOP (GR 2-8)**

*Date: Saturday, October 28, 2023*

*Time: 10:00 AM-3:00 PM*

*Place: New England Air Museum*

*Cost: \$40 per girl/\$10 per adult*

Enjoy a day of learning about the history, science, and technology of flight along with stories of pioneering women in aviation through the museum's collection of historic aircraft and hands-on activities. Bring a brown bag lunch and enjoy it at the museum. This program will fulfill all requirements of the Brownie Fling Flyer Design Challenge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Visit [www.neam.org](http://www.neam.org) for registration and additional information by October 14.

## **J CODING FOR GOOD (GR 4-5)**

*Date: Saturday, October 28, 2023*

*Time: 11:00 AM-2:00 PM*

*Place: Code Wiz Westborough*

*Cost: \$45 per girl/no charge for adults*

Learn what makes computers work, explore how to create apps and video games that help others, and earn your Coding for Good Badges (badges are not included)! During this three-hour workshop, you'll earn your Coding Basics, Digital Game Design, and App Development badges with a curriculum designed specifically for you! This workshop covers the badge requirements for all Coding for Good Badges. Additionally, each girl will receive an exclusive Code Wiz participation patch, with potential add-on patches that correspond to our Robotics and Cybersecurity workshops! Open to troops only. Register at <https://app.iclasspro.com/portal/codewizwestborough/booking> by October 19

## **C LEGO® STOP MOTION MOVIE MAKING (GR 6-8)**

*Date: Saturday, October 28, 2023*

*Time: 2:00 PM-4:00 PM*

*Place: Holyoke Leadership Center*

*Cost: \$15 per girl/no charge for adults*

Cadettes will make a stop-motion movie using LEGO® bricks! Girl Scouts will work together to learn how to frame, light, shoot, add sound, and edit their own videos. They will work towards their digital movie-making badge (not included). Open to troops and individual girls with an adult. Register through GSCWM by October 19.

## **D-A HALLOWEEN CANDLE LIGHT TOUR AT SALISBURY MANSION (GR K-12)**

*Date: Saturday, October 28, 2023*

*Time: 6:30 PM-8:00 PM*

*Place: Salisbury Mansion*

*Cost: \$10 per girl/\$10 per adult*

Join us in celebrating Halloween by candlelight in Worcester's only Historic House Museum. Come and see what it was like to live in a house two hundred years ago when nights were lit only by candlelight. After a tour of the Mansion, we'll finish with a reading of the Legend of Sleep Hollow. Open to troops and girls with an adult. To register, email [info@worcesterhistory.net](mailto:info@worcesterhistory.net) or call 508-753-8278 by October 14.

## **ADULT BLENDED ARC FIRST AID/CPR/AED TRAINING**

*Date: Sunday, October 29, 2023*

*Time: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM*

*Place: Worcester Leadership Center*

*Cost: Adult-only/\$65 per adult*

At the completion of this course, you will be certified for two years in Adult and Child First Aid, CPR, and AED through the Red Cross. This training is blended, with both online and in-person instruction. After the registration deadline (approximately one week prior to the in-person skills test date), you will receive an email with detailed information on completing the online portion of this class. All online coursework must be completed before the in-person component (it will take 2-4 hours to complete the online portion). If you do not receive a link for the online portion 5 days prior to the in-person section, please email [astevens@gscwm.org](mailto:astevens@gscwm.org). Upon completion of the online segment, you will receive a Red Cross certificate via email detailing the completion of the online portion. Please save this certificate and present it to your instructor when you check into the in-person segment. Without this certificate, you will be unable to participate in the in-person skills test. This is a scenario-based class, and there will be a lot of hands-on practice of skills. Participants need to be physically able to kneel for up to five minutes. Comfortable and non-restrictive clothing is recommended. \*Please note that this course is limited to 10 participants! Open to adults only. Register through GSCWM by October 19.



# OCTOBER - NOVEMBER

## **B-J INTRO TO LEGO® ROBOTICS (GR 2-5)**

*Date: Saturday, October 28, 2023*

*Time: 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM*

*Place: Holyoke Leadership Center*

*Cost: \$15 per girl/no charge for adults*

You can do AWESOME things with LEGOs®. You can build houses and amazing structures, but you can also build robots and program them to complete tasks! We will introduce Girl Scouts to the block code and we will program our 2 robots to complete tasks on our robotics table. Open to troops and individual girls with an adult. Register through GSCWM by October 19.

## **J-C HOUR OF CODE: STAR WARS: BUILDING A GALAXY WITH CODE (GR 4-8)**

*Date: Sunday, October 29, 2023*

*Time: 1:30 PM-2:30 PM*

*Place: Worcester Leadership Center*

*Cost: \$10 per girl/no charge for adults*

Help Rey program BB8 to save the galaxy. Girl Scouts have the opportunity to either code with blocks or JavaScript. If Girl Scouts want to code with JavaScript, they need to be able to type on a keyboard. Learning JavaScript can be fun and provide an additional challenge. JavaScript is also great for those Girl Scouts who have already learned some coding. Open to troops and individual girls with an adult. Register through GSCWM by October 19.

## **S-A WOMEN IN ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING CAREER DAY (GR 9-12)**

*Date: Monday, October 30, 2023*

*Time: 8:45 AM-1:15 PM*

*Place: UMass Amherst College of Engineering*

*Cost: \$20 per girl/girl-only event*

This career day is designed to provide young women interested in STEM with more information about the fields of engineering and computing, including the various types of engineering, career opportunities, and what it is like to study engineering or computing. The day includes panels, hands-on activities, and a keynote speaker, with optional tours at the end of the day. Girls usually come with their schools, so feel free to share with your school counselors or come solo! Registration will open toward the end of summer. Email [engindiversity@umass.edu](mailto:engindiversity@umass.edu) for information on how to register by October 16.

## **J BRONZE PATROL (GR 4-5)**

*Date: Monday, October 30, 2023*

*Time: 5:00 PM-5:30 PM*

*Place: Zoom*

*Cost: No charge to attend*

Do you have questions about the Girl Scout Bronze Award? Bronze Patrols are informal calls where girls and adults can ask questions, get help with a challenge, run your project ideas by the council, do some brainstorming, and get general assistance. Just starting out and need more than that? Be sure to register for a Bronze Award Orientation where we go over all of the steps in detail! Bronze Patrols do not meet the requirement of taking a Bronze Orientation. Open to troops, girls with an adult, and adults. Register through GSCWM by October 23.

## **C SILVER PATROL (GR 6-8)**

*Date: Monday, October 30, 2023*

*Time: 5:30 PM-6:00 PM*

*Place: Zoom*

*Cost: No charge to attend*

Do you have questions about the Girl Scout Silver Award? Silver Patrols are informal calls where girls and adults can ask questions, get help with a challenge, run your project ideas by the council, do some brainstorming, and get general assistance. Just starting out and need more than that? Be sure to register for a Strive for Silver Orientation where we go over all of the steps in detail! Silver Patrols do not meet the requirement of needing to take a Strive for Silver Orientation. Open to troops, girls with an adult, and adults. Register through GSCWM by October 23.

## **S-A GOLD PATROL (GR 9-12)**

*Date: Monday, October 30, 2023*

*Time: 6:00 PM-6:30 PM*

*Place: Zoom*

*Cost: No charge to attend*

Do you have questions about the Girl Scout Gold Award? Gold Patrols are informal calls where girls and adults can ask questions, get help with a challenge, run your project ideas by the council, do some brainstorming, and get general assistance. Just starting out and need more than that? Be sure to register for a Go for Gold Orientation where we go over all of the steps in detail and even meet members of the Gold Award Committee! Gold Patrols do not meet the requirement of needing to take a Go for Gold Orientation. Open to troops, girls with an adult, and adults. Register through GSCWM by October 23.

# NOVEMBER

## J BRONZE AWARD WORKSHOP (GR 4-5)

*Date: Wednesday, November 1, 2023*

*Time: 6:00 PM-7:30 PM*

*Place: Worcester Leadership Center*

*Cost: \$5 per girl/\$5 per adult*

Imagine what YOU can accomplish when you team up with others and use your special skills and interests to make a difference in the world! The Girl Scout Bronze Award adventure is big - it's the highest honor a Junior Girl Scout can achieve! We're here to help you learn all about the steps, some tips and tricks, and even get you started on your way. Taking this workshop is not required for girls, but it is a great way to take that first step and arm yourself with all you need to know! At least one adult working with Juniors on a Bronze Award is required to take a Bronze Award Orientation. Open to troops, girls with an adult, and adults. Register through GSCWM by October 19.

## ADULT BRONZE AWARD ORIENTATION

*Date: Thursday, November 2, 2023*

*Time: 6:00 PM-7:30 PM*

*Place: Zoom*

*Cost: Adult-only event/\$5 per adult*

This orientation is open to troop volunteers and parents who are interested in learning more about the Girl Scout Bronze Award and how to guide their girls to earning it. We'll review the national requirements step-by-step, go over timelines, processes, and paperwork, as well as have plenty of time for questions. Arm yourself with the tools and knowledge you'll need to lead your Juniors to a successful Girl Scout Bronze Award experience. Bronze Award Orientations are required to be taken by at least one adult working with a team of Juniors on their Bronze Awards within one year of beginning the award. Open to adults only. Register through GSCWM by October 19.

## D ROBOTICS (GR K-1)

*Date: Friday, November 3, 2023*

*Time: 4:00 PM-7:00 PM*

*Place: Code Wiz Westborough*

*Cost: \$45 per girl/no charge for adults*

Find out what robots do and how you can design your own robot while you earn all three of your Robotics Badges (badges are not included)! In this three-hour workshop, you'll learn how to design, build, and program a robot, and will be able to share what you have designed with others. This workshop covers all of the badge requirements for the What Robots Do, How Robots Move, and Design a Robot Badges. Additionally, each girl will receive an exclusive Code Wiz participation patch, with potential add-on patches that correspond to our Coding for Good and Cybersecurity workshops! Open to troops only. We'll even provide your team a package of Girl Scout cookies for testing when you register for the challenge! Register at <https://app.iclasspro.com/portal/codewizwestborough/booking> by October 26.

## D-A RUBE GOLDBERG MACHINE COOKIE DIP CHALLENGE INFO SESSION (GR K-12)

*Date: Friday, November 3, 2023*

*Time: 6:00 PM-6:30 PM*

*Place: Zoom*

*Cost: No charge to attend*

Show off your creativity, ingenuity, and engineering skills and build a Rube Goldberg machine that will dip your favorite Girl Scout cookie into a glass of milk! What's a Rube Goldberg machine? It's a contraption that uses chain reaction to carry out a simple task. Think Mouse Trap the game, and the breakfast machine in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang! You'll learn about simple machines, basic energy transfer, and the engineering design process as you create your contraption out of everyday objects found in your home or meeting space. Participate in the council-wide challenge alone, or with your team of up to five. One team from each level Daisies through Ambassadors will be chosen and will receive medals, and their photos displayed in our Leadership Centers for a year! Attending an information session is not required to participate but will answer all of your questions. **Teams must register to participate in the Challenge opening on January 1, and closing on January 30.** All video submissions will be due at the end of National Engineering Week, February 23. Winners will be announced at a council-wide Zoom Celebration on the Girl Scout Birthday, March 12. We'll even provide your team a package of Girl Scout cookies for testing when you register for the challenge! Open to troops, girls with an adult, individual girls, and adults. Register through GSCWM by October 31.



# Rube Goldberg Machine Cookie Dip Challenge

Calling all engineers, challenge seekers, and builders-  
and anyone else who just wants to have fun!!

## CHALLENGE:

Show off YOUR creativity, ingenuity, and engineering skills and build a Rube Goldberg machine that will dip your favorite Girl Scout cookie into a glass of milk! What's a Rube Goldberg machine? It's a contraption that uses chain reaction to carry out a simple task. Think Mouse Trap the game, and the breakfast machine in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang!

You'll learn about simple machines, basic energy transfer, and the engineering design process as you create your contraption out of everyday objects found in your home or meeting space. No need to pack all of that up! You and your Team will submit a video of your contraption dipping your cookie to the council.

Participate in the council-wide challenge alone, or with your team of up to five!

## ONE TEAM FROM EACH LEVEL WILL WIN

### LEVELS ARE:

Daises | Tags  
Brownies | Samoas  
Juniors | Thin Mints  
Cadettes | Do-Si-Dos  
Senior & Ambassadors | Trefoils

## IMPORTANT DATES:

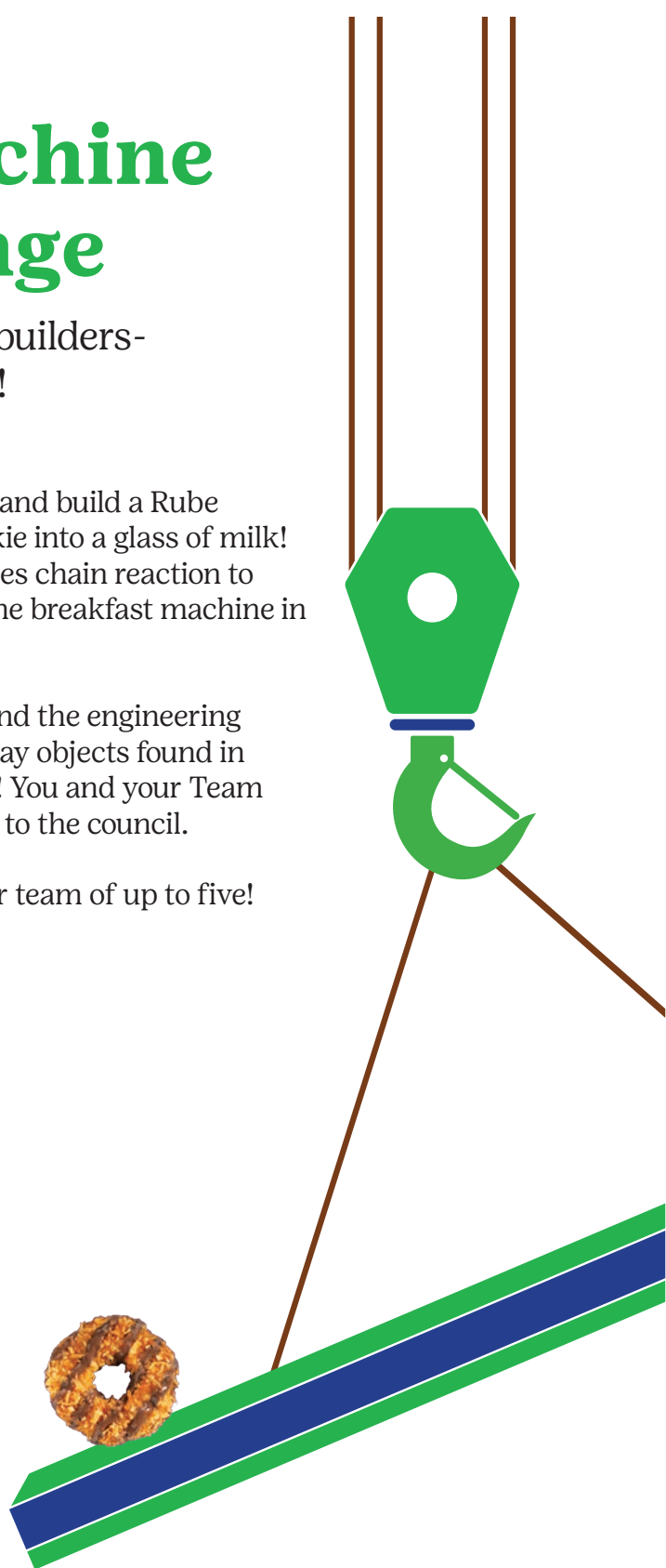
Attending an informational session is not required to participate in the challenge but it will answer all of your questions:

Friday, November 1, 2023, 6:00-6:30 PM  
Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 6:00-6:30 PM  
Thursday, December 14, 2023, 6:00-6:30 PM  
Monday, January 22, 2024, 6:00-6:30 PM

Teams must register to participate in the  
Challenge January 1-January 30

**Deadline to submit your Team's video to  
TBreen@gscwm.org is February 23, 2024**

Winner announced at our Rube  
Challenge Reveal: Tuesday, March 12, 2024



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# NOVEMBER

## **S-A, ADULT WILDERNESS FIRST AID CERTIFICATION (GR 9-12, ADULTS)**

*Date: Sat-Sun, November 4-5, 2023*

*Time: 10:00 AM-6:00 PM*

*Place: Camp Laurel Wood*

*Cost: \$90 per person/\$90 per person*

Attend this two-day course to receive your Wilderness First Aid certification. Attendees will have the option to stay overnight at Camp Lewis Perkins. Open to troops, individual girls, and adults. Register through GSCWM by October 21.

## **B ARCHERY 101 (GR 2-3)**

*Date: Saturday, November 4, 2023*

*Time: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM*

*Place: Camp Laurel Wood*

*Cost: \$20 per girl/no charge for adults*

Brownies, come learn archery basics and take your first shot! Learn the correct stance and form to successfully shoot your arrows and hit your target. Closed toed shoes required (no Crocs). Register through GSCWM by October 21. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through GSCWM by October 21.

## **S-A GO FOR GOLD ORIENTATION (GR 9-12)**

*Date: Saturday, November 4, 2023*

*Time: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM*

*Place: Zoom*

*Cost: \$5 per girl/\$5 per adult*

Are you ready to make a lasting change on an issue you care about? The Girl Scout Gold Award is the most prestigious award in the world for girls. This orientation is for any girl who wants to earn her award or is interested in learning more about it. Orientations provide valuable information about the award process, deadlines, national requirements, and the benefits for going for the Gold. Attending an orientation can be the most beneficial thing you do before beginning to work on the award. Leaders, advisors, and parents are encouraged to attend to learn how to best support girls working on their awards. Are YOU ready to take the lead? All materials are provided electronically the week of the Zoom call. It is a requirement for all girls to have taken a Go for Gold Orientation within one year of beginning the Gold Award process and submitting a Gold Award Proposal. Open to troops, girls with an adult, individual girls, and adults. Register through GSCWM by October 26.

## **D HOUR OF CODE: CODING TWINKLE: STORY TIME WITH SCRATCH, JR. (GR K-1)**

*Date: Saturday, November 4, 2023*

*Time: 10:30 AM-11:30 AM*

*Place: Holyoke Leadership Center*

*Cost: \$10 per girl/no charge for adults*

This Hour of Code activity is great for young pre-readers or early readers. First, we'll read a simple story about a star named Twinkle and then do a coding activity on a tablet. Our story integrates real code using Scratch Jr, a coding language that gets kids coding at an early age using colorful coding blocks. Open to troops and individual girls with an adult. Register through GSCWM by October 26.

## **B ROBOTICS (GR 2-3)**

*Date: Saturday, November 4, 2023*

*Time: 11:00 AM-2:00 PM*

*Place: Code Wiz Westborough*

*Cost: \$45 per girl/no charge for adults*

Find out what robots do and how you can design your own robot while you earn all three of your Robotics Badges (badges not included)! In this three-hour workshop, you'll learn how to design, build, and program a robot, and will be able to share what you have designed with others. This workshop covers all of the badge requirements for the Programming Robots, Designing Robots, and Showcasing Robots Badges. Additionally, each girl will receive an exclusive Code Wiz participation patch, with potential add-on patches that correspond to our Coding for Good and Cybersecurity workshops! Open to troops only. Register at <https://app.iclasspro.com/portal/codewizwestborough/> booking by October 26.

## **J ARCHERY 102 (GR 4-5)**

*Date: Saturday, November 4, 2023*

*Time: 1:00 PM-3:00 PM*

*Place: Camp Laurel Wood*

*Cost: \$20 per girl/no charge for adults*

Juniors, come practice archery basics to successfully shoot your arrows, including the parts of bows and arrows, proper stance and form, and the shot cycle! Closed toed shoes required (no Crocs). Register through GSCWM by October 21. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through GSCWM by October 21.



# NOVEMBER

## C-A CSA BLENDED ARC FIRST AID/CPR/AED TRAINING (GR 6-12)

*Date: Saturday, November 4, 2023*

*Time: 1:00 PM-3:00 PM*

*Place: Holyoke Leadership Center*

*Cost: \$65 per girl/girl-only event*

This course is aimed at training our Girl Scout Cadettes through Ambassadors in Adult and Child First Aid, CPR, and AED through the Red Cross. The certification will be valid for 2 years. This training is blended, with both online and in-person instruction. After the registration deadline (approximately one week prior to the in-person skills test date), you will receive an email with detailed information on completing the online portion of this class. All online coursework must be completed before the in-person component (it will take 2-4 hours to complete the online portion). If you do not receive a link for the online portion 5 days prior to the in-person section, please email [astevens@gscwm.org](mailto:astevens@gscwm.org). Upon completion of the online segment, you will receive a Red Cross certificate via email detailing the completion of the online portion. Please save this certificate and present it to your instructor when you check into the in-person segment. Without this certificate, you will be unable to participate in the in-person skills test. This is a scenario-based class, and there will be a lot of hands-on practice of skills. Participants need to be physically able to kneel for up to five minutes. Comfortable and non-restrictive clothing is recommended. A CORI'd adult is needed for ratio purposes. If you are interested, please email Alysha Stevens at [astevens@gscwm.org](mailto:astevens@gscwm.org). \*Please note that this course is limited to 10 participants! Open to girls only. Register through GSCWM by October 26.

## J ARCHERY 102 (GR 4-5)

*Date: Sunday, November 5, 2023*

*Time: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM*

*Place: Camp Green Eyrie*

*Cost: \$20 per girl/no charge for adults*

Juniors, come practice archery basics to successfully shoot your arrows, including the parts of bows and arrows, proper stance and form, and the shot cycle! Closed toed shoes required (no Crocs). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through GSCWM by October 22.

## C-A ADVANCED ARCHERY (GR 6-12)

*Date: Sunday, November 5, 2023*

*Time: 1:00 PM-3:00 PM*

*Place: Camp Green Eyrie*

*Cost: \$20 per girl/no charge for adults*

If you already know the basics, this archery session is for you! Get right to shooting and participate in target challenges and a friendly competition. Closed toed shoes required (no Crocs). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through GSCWM by October 22.

## C-A BUILDING A BUSINESS (GR 6-12)

*Date: Sunday, November 5, 2023*

*Time: 1:00 PM-5:00 PM*

*Place: Holyoke Leadership Center*

*Cost: \$20 per girl/girl-only event*

Have you ever thought you were destined for greatness? Are you innovative, inspiring, and always looking to better the world around you? Do you look at female entrepreneurs like Oprah, Kylie Jenner, and Lynda Resnick and think I can do that! Become a business creator and learn the skills you need for success in life, no matter what future path you choose. Find out more about the entrepreneurial mindset and what it takes to start your own business. Think and act like an entrepreneur as you bring your business vision to life, learn how to work with a team, and motivate people to take a chance with you. You'll earn and take home your level's Business Creator, Startup or Entrepreneur Accelerator Badges. Open to individual girls only. Register through GSCWM by October 26.

## C-A BUILDING A BUSINESS (GR 6-12)

*Date: Sunday, November 5, 2023*

*Time: 1:00 PM-5:00 PM*

*Place: Worcester Leadership Center*

*Cost: \$20 per girl/girl-only event*

Have you ever thought you were destined for greatness? Are you innovative, inspiring, and always looking to better the world around you? Do you look at female entrepreneurs like Oprah, Kylie Jenner, and Lynda Resnick and think I can do that! Become a business creator and learn the skills you need for success in life, no matter what future path you choose. Find out more about the entrepreneurial mindset and what it takes to start your own business. Think and act like an entrepreneur as you bring your business vision to life, learn how to work with a team, and motivate people to take a chance with you. You'll earn and take home your level's Business Creator, Startup or Entrepreneur

# NOVEMBER

Accelerator Badges. Open to individual girls only. Register through GSCWM by October 26.

## **D COURAGEOUS AND STRONG (GR K-1)**

*Date: Sunday, November 5, 2023*

*Time: 7:00 PM-8:00 PM*

*Place: Zoom*

*Cost: \$12 per girl/girl-only event*

When you've earned your Tula petal (petal not included), you'll know how to be courageous and strong, just like Tula Tulip. We'll focus on fun yoga poses and dances that make us courageous and strong. You'll make your own superhero cuffs and wear them during our yoga class. Yoga mat is recommended, but not required. This course does require some physical activity, participate at your own comfort level. This live course is roughly 60 minutes and will cover all badge requirements (badge not included). Not able to join us on this date? This program is also offered on-demand, with a self-paced recording. Open to troops, girls with an adult, and individual girls. Register at <https://www.vineimages.org/product/daisy-courageousandstrong/> by October 19.

## **B MY BEST SELF (GR 2-3)**

*Date: Monday, November 6, 2023*

*Time: 7:00 PM-8:00 PM*

*Place: Zoom*

*Cost: \$12 per girl/girl-only event*

My best self is healthy and happy. Join us as we explore yoga to help us stress less. We only get one body, so it's important to take care of it! Learn to pay attention to what your body needs and how to ask for health help if you need it. We will focus on getting to know your body, eating and playing in a healthy way, finding out how your body works, knowing what to do if something bugs you, and you'll even meet a certified yoga instructor. A yoga mat is recommended, but not required. This program does require some physical activity, participate at your own comfort level. This live course is roughly 60 minutes and will cover all badge requirements (badge not included). Not able to join us on this date? This program is offered on-demand, with a self-paced recording. Open to troops, girls with an adult, and individual girls. Register at <https://www.vineimages.org/product/brownies-my-best-self/> by October 20.

## **C LEADER IN ACTION AWARD (LIA) TRAINING (GR 6-8)**

*Date: Wednesday, November 8, 2023*

*Time: 6:00 PM-7:30 PM*

*Place: Worcester Leadership Center*

*Cost: \$10 per girl/girl-only event*

Start your journey to becoming a role model for younger girls. The Leadership in Action (LiA) Training will help you navigate the requirements for earning your LiA Award, help you develop program ideas, and teach you the characteristics of younger Girl Scouts and tips for working with them. The LiA Award requires you to work with Brownie Girl Scouts on their journey activities; this training will help you navigate through the requirements for each LiA Award and the journey that goes with it. Earning your LiA Award is a prerequisite to earning your Program Aid Award. Open to individual girls only. Register through GSCWM by October 26.

## **C STRIVE FOR SILVER ORIENTATION (GR 6-8)**

*Date: Thursday, November 9, 2023*

*Time: 6:00 PM-7:30 PM*

*Place: Worcester Leadership Center*

*Cost: \$5 per girl/\$5 per adult*

Becoming a Silver Award Girl Scout is no easy feat, and this workshop will certainly get you started on your way! At the end of this orientation, you'll know the national steps necessary to complete the Girl Scout Silver Award, understand the pros and cons of an individual vs. team project, understand the difference between Take Action and community service, and the importance of the community impact of the project. Troop leaders and parents are strongly encouraged to join us. We will have plenty of opportunities to answer your questions, learn some helpful tips, and find out what it takes to become a Silver Award Girl Scout! It is a requirement for all girls to have taken a Strive for Silver Orientation within one year of beginning the Silver Award process and submitting a Silver Award Proposal. Open to troops, girls with an adult, and adults. Register through GSCWM by October 26.



# NOVEMBER

## **C LEADER IN ACTION AWARD (LIA) TRAINING (GR 6-8)**

*Date: Friday, November 10, 2023*

*Time: 10:30 AM-12:00 PM*

*Place: Holyoke Leadership Center*

*Cost: \$10 per girl/girl-only event*

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## **J BRONZE AWARD WORKSHOP (GR 4-5)**

*Date: Friday, November 10, 2023*

*Time: 1:30 PM-3:00 PM*

*Place: Holyoke Leadership Center*

*Cost: \$5 per girl/\$5 per adult*

Imagine what YOU can accomplish when you team up with others and use your special skills and interests to make a difference in the world! The Girl Scout Bronze Award adventure is big - it's the highest honor a Junior Girl Scout can achieve! We're here to help you learn all about the steps, some tips and tricks, and even get you started on your way. Taking this workshop is not required for girls, but it is a great way to take that first step and arm yourself with all you need to know! At least one adult working with Juniors on a Bronze Award is required to take a Bronze Award Orientation. Open to troops, girls with an adult, and adults. Register through GSCWM by October 26.

## **J ROBOTICS (GR 4-5)**

*Date: Friday, November 10, 2023*

*Time: 4:00 PM-7:00 PM*

*Place: Code Wiz Westborough*

*Cost: \$45 per girl/no charge for adults*

Find out what robots do and how you can design your own robot while you earn all three of your Robotics Badges (badges not included)! In this three-hour workshop, you'll learn how to design, build, and program a robot, and will be able to share what you have designed with others. This workshop covers all of the badge requirements for the Programming Robots, Designing Robots, and Showcasing Robots Badges. Additionally, each girl will receive an exclusive Code Wiz participation patch, with potential add-on patches that correspond to our Coding for Good and Cybersecurity workshops! Open to troops only. Register at <https://app.iclasspro.com/portal/codewizwestborough/> booking by November 2.

## **C STRIVE FOR SILVER ORIENTATION (GR 6-8)**

*Date: Friday, November 10, 2023*

*Time: 5:00 PM-6:30 PM*

*Place: Holyoke Leadership Center*

*Cost: \$5 per girl/\$5 per adult*

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# NOVEMBER

## D-B TINKERFEST (GR K-3)

*Date: Saturday, November 11, 2023*

*Time: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM*

*Place: Worcester Leadership Center*

*Cost: \$15 per girl/no charge for adults*

Do you love to build, play, and create? Test your tinker's mind as we earn one of the NEW Maker Badges crafting and tinkering to make useful objects, solving problems, disassembling items, and using different media and tools. Let your curiosity and creativity lead the way at TinkerFest! Badges are included. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through GSCWM by November 2.

## C TEEN LIFE: BUILDING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS (GR 6-8)

*Date: Monday, November 13, 2023*

*Time: 5:30 PM-6:30 PM*

*Place: Worcester Leadership Center*

*Cost: \$4 per girl/no charge for adults*

Learn the 10 signs of what unhealthy and healthy relationships look like with a member of The Office of District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr. office. Learn how to resolve escalated conflict, practice consent, communicate boundaries, how to help a friend who is a survivor of an unhealthy relationship, and how to navigate a breakup. This program teaches you the importance of creating healthy relationships, as well as teaching tips to help you know if you or anyone you know is in an unhealthy relationship. This program will meet some of the requirements for your Finding Common Ground Badge and Resilient. Ready. Strong. Patch (not included). Register for CyberSecurity immediately following and get the most of your night! Open to troops, girls with an adult, individual girls, and adults. Register through GSCWM by November 2.

## C CYBERSECURITY (GR 6-8)

*Date: Monday, November 13, 2023*

*Time: 6:30 PM-7:30 PM*

*Place: Worcester Leadership Center*

*Cost: \$4 per girl/no charge for adults*

Learn the importance of staying safe online with The Office of District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr. office. This presentation includes topics such as defining bullying and the various forms of harassment, including cyberbullying. Learn about current issues encountered when using social media and the legal ramifications of harassment. Internet safety tips are provided, along with addressing how your personal use of social media can affect your future opportunities and personal relationships. We'll provide tips on how to recognize and resolve these situations as both the target and as a bystander, as well as how to identify who is your trusted adult. You'll work toward earning your CyberSecurity: Safeguards 2 Badge (not included). Register for the Teen Life: Building Healthy Relationships program right before this one to make the most of your night! Open to troops, girls with an adult, individual girls, and adults. Register through GSCWM by November 2.

## S-A TEEN LIFE: BUILDING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS (GR 9-12)

*Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2023*

*Time: 5:30 PM-6:30 PM*

*Place: Worcester Leadership Center*

*Cost: \$4 per girl/no charge for adults*

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# NOVEMBER

## S-A CYBERSECURITY (GR 9-12)

*Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2023*

*Time: 6:30 PM-7:30 PM*

*Place: Worcester Leadership Center*

*Cost: \$4 per girl/no charge for adults*

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## D-A RUBE GOLDBERG MACHINE COOKIE DIP CHALLENGE INFO SESSION (GR K-12)

*Date: Wednesday, November 15, 2023*

*Time: 6:00 PM-6:30 PM*

*Place: Zoom*

*Cost: No charge to attends*

Show off your creativity, ingenuity, and engineering skills and build a Rube Goldberg machine that will dip your favorite Girl Scout cookie into a glass of milk! What's a Rube Goldberg machine? It's a contraption that uses chain reaction to carry out a simple task. Think Mouse Trap the game, and the breakfast machine in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang! You'll learn about simple machines, basic energy transfer, and the engineering design process as you create your contraption out of everyday objects found in your home or meeting space. Participate in the council-wide challenge alone, or with your team of up to five. One team from each level Daisies through Ambassadors will be chosen and will receive medals, and their photos displayed in our Leadership Centers for a year! Attending an information session is not required to participate but will answer all of your questions. **Teams must register to participate in the Challenge opening on January 1, and closing on January 30.** All video submissions will be due at the end of National Engineering Week, February 23. Winners will be announced at a council-wide Zoom Celebration on the Girl Scout Birthday, March 12. Open to troops, girls with an adult, individual girls, and adults.

Register through GSCWM by December 10.

## D CYBERSECURITY (GR K-1)

*Date: Friday, November 17, 2023*

*Time: 4:00 PM-7:00 PM*

*Place: Code Wiz Westborough*

*Cost: \$45 per girl/no charge for adults*

Learn all about internet safety, protecting your information online, cyber attacks, how investigators fight cybercrime, and more. During this three-hour workshop, you'll earn your Cybersecurity Basics, Safeguards, and Investigator Badges with a curriculum designed specifically for you! This workshop covers the badge requirements for all of the Cybersecurity Badges (badges are not included). Additionally, each girl will receive an exclusive Code Wiz participation patch, with potential add-on patches that correspond to our Coding for Good and Robotics workshops! Open to troops only. Register at <https://app.iclasspro.com/portal/codewizwestborough/booking> by November 9.

## J MAKERZONE: DESERT SURVIVAL CHALLENGE (GR 4-5)

*Date: Saturday, November 18, 2023*

*Time: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM*

*Place: Worcester Leadership Center*

*Cost: \$15 per girl/no charge for adults*

You and your puppy Pickles are stranded in the desert- whatever are you going to do? Between being thirsty, the sandstorms, scorpions and the snakes, you have to use your innovative mind and imagination to find a way to get home soon- Pickles is counting on you! Makers know how to solve problems- and so will you in our hands-on MakerZone Desert Survival Challenge. You'll work on some of the requirements of the NEW Maker Create and Innovate Badge (not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through GSCWM by November 2.

# NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

## **B CYBERSECURITY (GR 2-3)**

*Date: Saturday, November 18, 2023*

*Time: 11:00 AM-2:00 PM*

*Place: Code Wiz Westborough*

*Cost: \$45 per girl/no charge for adults*

Learn all about internet safety, protecting your information online, cyber attacks, how investigators fight cybercrime, and more. During this three-hour workshop, you'll earn your Cybersecurity Basics, Safeguards, and Investigator Badges with a curriculum designed specifically for you! This workshop covers the badge requirements for all of the Cybersecurity Badges (badges not included). Additionally, each girl will receive an exclusive Code Wiz participation patch, with potential add-on patches that correspond to our Coding for Good and Robotics workshops! Open to troops only. Register at <https://app.iclasspro.com/portal/codewizwestborough/booking> by November 9.

## **J CYBERSECURITY (GR 4-5)**

*Date: Monday, November 20, 2023*

*Time: 4:00 PM-7:00 PM*

*Place: Code Wiz Westborough*

*Cost: \$45 per girl/no charge for adults*

Learn all about internet safety, protecting your information online, cyber attacks, how investigators fight cybercrime, and more. During this three-hour workshop, you'll earn your Cybersecurity Basics, Safeguards, and Investigator Badges with a curriculum designed specifically for you! This workshop covers the badge requirements for all of the Cybersecurity Badges (badges not included). Additionally, each girl will receive an exclusive Code Wiz participation patch, with potential add-on patches that correspond to our Coding for Good and Robotics workshops! Open to troops only. Register at <https://app.iclasspro.com/portal/codewizwestborough/booking> by November 16.

## **J BRONZE PATROL (GR 4-5)**

*Date: Thursday, November 30, 2023*

*Time: 5:00 PM-5:30 PM*

*Place: Zoom*

*Cost: No charge to attend*

Do you have questions about the Girl Scout Bronze Award? Bronze Patrols are informal calls where girls and adults can ask questions, get help with a challenge, run your project ideas by the council, do some brainstorming, and get general assistance. Just starting out and need more than that? Be sure to register for a Bronze Award Orientation where we go over all of the steps in detail! Bronze Patrols do not meet the requirement of taking a Bronze Orientation. Open to troops, girls with an adult, and adults. Register through GSCWM by November 23.

## **C SILVER PATROL (GR 6-8)**

*Date: Thursday, November 30, 2023*

*Time: 5:30 PM-6:00 PM*

*Place: Zoom*

*Cost: No charge to attend*

Do you have questions about the Girl Scout Silver Award? Silver Patrols are informal calls where girls and adults can ask questions, get help with a challenge, run your project ideas by the council, do some brainstorming, and get general assistance. Just starting out and need more than that? Be sure to register for a Strive for Silver Orientation where we go over all of the steps in detail! Silver Patrols do not meet the requirement of needing to take a Strive for Silver Orientation. Open to troops, girls with an adult, and adults. Register through GSCWM by November 23.

## **S-A GOLD PATROL (GR 9-12)**

*Date: Thursday, November 30, 2023*

*Time: 6:00 PM-6:30 PM*

*Place: Zoom*

*Cost: No charge to attend*

Do you have questions about the Girl Scout Gold Award? Gold Patrols are informal calls where girls and adults can ask questions, get help with a challenge, run your project ideas by the council, do some brainstorming, and get general assistance. Just starting out and need more than that? Be sure to register for a Go for Gold Orientation where we go over all of the steps in detail and even meet members of the Gold Award Committee! Gold Patrols do not meet the requirement of needing to take a Go for Gold Orientation. Open to troops, girls with an adult, and adults. Register through GSCWM by November 23.

## **J WREATHMAKING FOR JUNIORS (GR 4-5)**

*Date: Saturday, December 2, 2023*

*Time: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM*

*Place: Holyoke Leadership Center*

*Cost: \$15 per girl/no charge for adults*

Celebrate the season by making a winter wreath! Girls will learn how to create wreaths using fresh local greenery. Each girl will take home a 12-inch wreath. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through GSCWM by November 18.



# DECEMBER

## C-A WREATHMAKING FOR OLDER GIRLS (GR 6-12)

*Date: Saturday, December 2, 2023*

*Time: 1:00 PM-3:00 PM*

*Place: Holyoke Leadership Center*

*Cost: \$15 per girl/no charge for adults*

Celebrate the season by making a winter wreath! Girls will learn how to create wreaths using fresh local greenery. Each girl will take home a 12-inch wreath. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through GSCWM by November 18.

## K-A PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD CELEBRATION (GR K-12)

*Date: Saturday, December 2, 2023*

*Time: 1:30 PM-2:30 PM*

*Place: Worcester Leadership Center*

*Cost: No charge to attend*

GSCWM is proud to honor our President's Volunteer Service Award recipients with a council celebration! Recipients will be contacted directly with details but anyone is able to help us recognize these outstanding girls and adults. **WANTED:** a local Girl Scout troop to take part in the celebration's opening and closing flag ceremony. Find out further information about the PVSA on our website at <https://www.gscwm.org/en/about-girl-scouts/our-program/leadershipawards.html> and find out how YOU too can earn this prestigious award! Open to troops, girls with an adult, and adults. RSVP by sending Tammy an email at [Tbreen@gscwm.org](mailto:Tbreen@gscwm.org) by November 30.

## J JEWELER (GR 4-5)

*Date: Sunday, December 3, 2023*

*Time: 6:00 PM-7:00 PM*

*Place: Zoom*

*Cost: \$25 per girl/girl-only event*

Jewelry is a beautiful accessory that can highlight your natural beauty and make you feel more confident. When you design and make your own jewelry, your accessory options are nearly endless! Learn simple and exciting techniques on how to make jewelry from the comfort and convenience of your home with our DIY Jewelry Kit. Learn a brief history of jewelry, how your jewelry blanks were designed and made, and how to create each item in your kit. The kit is complete with all supplies needed. We do recommend a pair of needle-nose pliers. This live program is roughly 60 minutes and will cover all badge requirements (badge not included). Not able to make this date? This program is also offered on-demand, with a self-paced recording. Open to troops, girls with an adult, and individual girls. Register at <https://vineimages.org/product/juniors-jeweler-badge/> by December 1.

## J DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHER BADGE (GR 4-5)

*Date: Sunday, December 3, 2023*

*Time: 7:00 PM-8:00 PM*

*Place: Zoom*

*Cost: \$15 per girl/girl-only event*

Explore your creativity and learn a new skill to capture a lifetime of memories in this fun, engaging, photography course that meets all of the Digital Photographer Badge requirements (badge not included) that gives you a great foundation to build upon. Explore outside and find the perfect light by completing photo challenges. During this live Zoom, you will meet Girl Scouts around the world and participate in a fun photography lesson, meet a professional photographer, and get to ask questions. After the Zoom, you will complete the remaining steps virtually and at your own pace with video instruction. You will need an empty water/soda bottle with the bottom cut off and a device/camera. Not able to join us for the live zoom? This program is also offered on-demand, with a self-paced recording. Open to troops, girls with an adult, and individual girls. Register at <https://www.vineimages.org/product/digital-photography-classes/> by December 1.

## C OUTDOOR ART APPRENTICE (GR 6-8)

*Date: Sunday, December 3, 2023*

*Time: 7:00 PM-8:00 PM*

*Place: Zoom*

*Cost: \$12 per girl/girl-only event*

Being outside in nature is a great way to spark your creativity. Some of our greatest works of art are inspired by nature. The Outdoor Art Apprentice Badge (not included) takes you out exploring great works of art. Learn to become a nature photographer and create your very own artwork. During this live Zoom, you will meet Girl Scouts around the world and participate in a fun photography lesson, meet a professional photographer, and get to ask questions. After the Zoom, you will complete the remaining steps virtually and at your own pace with video instruction. You will need an empty water/soda bottle with the bottom cut off and a device/camera. Not able to join us for this live Zoom? This program is also offered on-demand, with a self-paced recording. Open to troops, girls with an adult, and individual girls. Register at <https://www.vineimages.org/product/outdoor-art-classes/> by December 1.

# DECEMBER

## **B** OUTDOOR ART CREATOR (GR 2-3)

*Date: Sunday, December 3, 2023*

*Time: 7:00 PM-8:00 PM*

*Place: Zoom*

*Cost: \$12 per girl/girl-only event*

Being outside in nature is a great way to spark your creativity. Some of our greatest works of art are inspired by nature. The Outdoor Art Creator Badge (not included) takes you out exploring great works of art. Learn to become a nature photographer and create your very own artwork. During this live Zoom, you will meet Girl Scouts around the world and participate in a fun photography lesson, meet a professional photographer, and get to ask questions. After the Zoom, you will complete the remaining steps virtually and at your own pace with video instruction. You will need an empty water/soda bottle with the bottom cut off and a device/camera. Not able to join us for the live Zoom? This program is also offered on-demand, with a self-paced recording. Open to troops, girls with an adult, and individual girls. Register at <https://www.vineimages.org/product/outdoor-art-classes/> by December 1.

## **S** OUTDOOR ART EXPERT (GR 9-10)

*Date: Sunday, December 3, 2023*

*Time: 7:00 PM-8:00 PM*

*Place: Zoom*

*Cost: \$10 per girl/girl-only event*

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## **J** OUTDOOR ART EXPLORER (GR 4-5)

*Date: Sunday, December 3, 2023*

*Time: 7:00 PM-8:00 PM*

*Place: Zoom*

*Cost: \$12 per girl/girl-only event*

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## **A** PHOTOGRAPHER BADGE (GR 11-23)

*Date: Sunday, December 3, 2023*

*Time: 7:00 PM-8:00 PM*

*Place: Zoom*

*Cost: \$15 per girl/girl-only event*

Explore your creativity and learn a new skill to capture a lifetime of memories in this fun, engaging, photography course that meets all of the Photographer Badge requirements (badge not included) that gives you a great foundation to build upon. Explore outside and find the perfect light by completing photo challenges. During this live Zoom, you will meet Girl Scouts around the world and participate in a fun photography lesson, meet a professional photographer, and get to ask questions. After the Zoom, you will complete the remaining steps virtually and at your own pace with video instruction. You will need an empty water/soda bottle with the bottom cut off and a device/camera. Not able to join us for the live Zoom? This program is also offered on-demand, with a self-paced recording. Open to troops, girls with an adult, and individual girls. Register at <https://www.vineimages.org/product/digital-photography-classes/> by December 1.



# DECEMBER

## **B-J HOUR OF CODE: THE GRINCH SAVES CHRISTMAS WITH CODE (GR 2-5)**

*Date: Thursday, December 7, 2023*

*Time: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM*

*Place: Worcester Leadership Center*

*Cost: \$10 per girl/no charge for adults*

Learn to program using block coding to help the Grinch use drones and a high-tech sleigh to capture presents and navigate down the mountain to return Christmas to Whoville. Brownies and Juniors will be introduced to coding concepts and language. We will be using a program created by Code Fever Miami. Open to troops and individual girls with an adult. Register through GSCWM by November 30.

## **J WREATHMAKING FOR JUNIORS (GR 4-5)**

*Date: Saturday, December 9, 2023*

*Time: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM*

*Place: Worcester Leadership Center*

*Cost: \$15 per girl/no charge for adults*

Celebrate the season by making a winter wreath! Girls will learn how to create wreaths using fresh local greenery. Each girl will take home a 12-inch wreath. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through GSCWM by November 25.

## **C-A WREATHMAKING FOR OLDER GIRLS (GR 6-12)**

*Date: Saturday, December 9, 2023*

*Time: 1:00 PM-3:00 PM*

*Place: Worcester Leadership Center*

*Cost: \$15 per girl/no charge for adults*

Celebrate the season by making a winter wreath! Girls will learn how to create wreaths using fresh local greenery. Each girl will take home a 12-inch wreath. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through GSCWM by November 25.

## **D-A COOKIE RALLY WITH SPRINGFIELD THUNDERBIRDS (GR K-12)**

*Date: Saturday, December 9, 2023*

*Time: 4:00 PM-6:00 PM*

*Place: Mass Mutual Center*

*Cost: Coming soon\**

It's Girl Scout Cookie time and you're invited to participate in the ultimate Cookie Rally! This activity-packed party combines learning and fun to kick off cookie season the right way. Following the Cookie Rally, join Boomer and the Springfield Thunderbirds for an action-packed hockey game, followed by a post-game skate (bring your own skates). During our post game skate, girls and their families can spend time together skating or sitting back and relaxing in the stands while enjoying a movie on the jumbotron! We've pulled out all the stops to put together a magical celebration that helps Girl Scouts build skills, set goals, and drive sales. Package options available include: Game Only Ticket- for friends and family to join after the Cookie Rally. Doors open at 6:00 PM for Game only tickets. Cookie Kickoff tickets- which includes Rally & Game entry to Cookie Kickoff, Cookie Kickoff Patch, game ticket, food voucher to be used during the game, exclusive T-birds Girl Scout Patch, and a post-game skate/movie on the jumbotron. Doors open at 3:30pm for Cookie Kickoff tickets.

\*Please note ticket pricing will be announced in early Fall.

Open to troops, families, and girls with an adult. Register directly with The Springfield Thunderbirds by calling Lauren Blanchard at 413-739-GOAL by November 27.

## **C TEEN LIFE: BUILDING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS (GR 6-8)**

*Date: Tuesday, December 12, 2023*

*Time: 5:30 PM-6:30 PM*

*Place: Worcester Leadership Center*

*Cost: \$4 per girl/no charge for adults*

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# DECEMBER

## C CYBERSECURITY (GR 6-8)

*Date: Tuesday, December 12, 2023*

*Time: 6:30 PM-7:30 PM*

*Place: Worcester Leadership Center*

*Cost: \$4 per girl/no charge for adults*

Learn the importance of staying safe online with The Office of District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr. office. This presentation includes topics such as defining bullying and the various forms of harassment, including cyberbullying. Learn about current issues encountered when using social media and the legal ramifications of harassment. Internet safety tips are provided, along with addressing how your personal use of social media can affect your future opportunities and personal relationships. We'll provide tips on how to recognize and resolve these situations as both the target and as a bystander, as well as how to identify who is your trusted adult. You'll work toward earning your CyberSecurity: Safeguards 2 Badge (not included). Register for the Teen Life: Building Healthy Relationships program right before this one to make the most of your night! Open to troops, girls with an adult, individual girls, and adults. Register through GSCWM by November 30.

## S-A CYBERSECURITY (GR 9-12)

*Date: Thursday, December 14, 2023*

*Time: 6:30 PM-7:30 PM*

*Place: Worcester Leadership Center*

*Cost: \$4 per girl/no charge for adults*

Learn the importance of staying safe online with The Office of District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr. office. This presentation includes topics such as defining bullying and the various forms of harassment, including cyberbullying. Learn about current issues encountered when using social media and the legal ramifications of harassment. Internet safety tips are provided, along with addressing how your personal use of social media can affect your future opportunities and personal relationships. We'll provide tips on how to recognize and resolve these situations as both the target and as a bystander, as well as how to identify who is your trusted adult. You'll work toward earning your CyberSecurity: Safeguards 2 and Digital Leadership Badge (not included). Register for the Teen Life: Building Healthy Relationships program right before this one to make the most of your night! Open to troops, girls with an adult, individual girls, and adults. Register through GSCWM by November 30.

## S-A TEEN LIFE: BUILDING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS (GR 9-12)

*Date: Thursday, December 14, 2023*

*Time: 5:30 PM-6:30 PM*

*Place: Worcester Leadership Center*

*Cost: \$4 per girl/no charge for adults*

Learn the 10 signs of what unhealthy and healthy relationships look like with a member of The Office of District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr. office. Learn how to resolve escalated conflict, practice consent, communicate boundaries, how to help a friend who is a survivor of an unhealthy relationship, and how to navigate a breakup. This program teaches you the importance of creating healthy relationships, as well as teaching tips to help you know if you or anyone you know is in an unhealthy relationship. This program will go toward the requirements of the Senior Mission: Sisterhood Journey and the Ambassador Your Voice, Your World Journey and the Resilient. Ready. Strong. Patch (not included). Register for CyberSecurity immediately following and get the most of your night! Open to troops, girls with an adult, individual girls, and adults. Register through GSCWM by November 30.

## D-A RUBE GOLDBERG MACHINE COOKIE DIP CHALLENGE INFO SESSION (GR K-12)

*Date: Thursday, December 14, 2023*

*Time: 6:00 PM-6:30 PM*

*Place: Zoom*

*Cost: No charge to attend*

Show off your creativity, ingenuity, and engineering skills and build a Rube Goldberg machine that will dip your favorite Girl Scout cookie into a glass of milk! What's a Rube Goldberg machine? It's a contraption that uses chain reaction to carry out a simple task. Think Mouse Trap the game, and the breakfast machine in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang! You'll learn about simple machines, basic energy transfer, and the engineering design process as you create your contraption out of everyday objects found in your home or meeting space. Participate in the council-wide challenge alone, or with your team of up to five. One team from each level Daisies through Ambassadors will be chosen and will receive medals, and their photos displayed in our Leadership Centers for a year! Attending an information session is not required to participate but will answer all of your questions. **Teams must register to participate in the Challenge opening on January 1, and closing on January 30.** All video submissions will be due at the end of National Engineering Week, February 23. Winners will be announced at a council-wide Zoom Celebration on the Girl Scout Birthday, March 12. We'll even provide your team a package of Girl Scout cookies for testing when you register for the challenge! Open to troops, girls with an adult, individual girls, and adults. Register through GSCWM by December 11.



# DECEMBER-SUMMER

## D-B MAKERZONE: GINGERBREAD STEM CHALLENGE (GR K-3)

Date: Saturday, December 16, 2023

Time: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Place: Worcester Leadership Center

Cost: \$15 per girl/no charge for adults

Help our Gingerbread Girl Scout get back home safe and sound! Makers have the power to help others-and Gingerbread Girl Scouts needs YOU to help her get across the dangerous river! Hands-on fun in our MakerZone will help you earn your NEW Maker Create and Innovate Badge (included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through GSCWM by November 30.

## NEW PROGRAM IDEAS?

Have you or your troop been somewhere AWESOME that we don't know about? Are there programs you wish were in our Program Guide? We want to know!

Send your program ideas to:  
[program@gscwm.org](mailto:program@gscwm.org)

and we'll see what we can do! If you worked with the business or organization directly to set up your own program opportunities, send us their contact information and we'll reach out to set up opportunities for your sister Girl Scouts.

## C-A\*GIRL SCOUTS GO: SUMMER OF 2024 LONDON, PARIS, BARCELONA, AND ROME

Cost: \$200 per girl/\$200 per adult

What makes this program special? Pose in front of Big Ben, ascend the Eiffel Tower, and learn to flamenco dance in three exciting capitals. On this action-packed tour, your group will take in the sights and sounds of London, Paris, and Barcelona, and experience the adventure of an overnight train ride. You will also make a special visit to Pax Lodge in Hampstead where you will participate in unique Girl Scout programming. The fun doesn't stop there, we will also hit the city of Rome!

Registration open until trip fills or December 1, 2023

Register with EF Tours starting Fall 2022: \$95

Register with GSCWM: \$200 council deposit by registering now, allows you to begin participating in Money Earning activities to begin raising funds to support your trip. Deposit is refundable until Sept 2022.

Open to: Girls in 8-12 grade in the fall of the year of the trip. Individual girls or Troops (1:4 ratio adults to girls) or girl/female adult duos.

## C\*-A GIRL SCOUTS GO: 2025 COSTA RICA- A TOUCH OF THE TROPICS

Cost: \$200 per girl/\$200 per adult

With well-protected national reserves and an unparalleled diversity of wildlife, Costa Rica is the jewel of Central America. The Arenal region showcases an active volcano, hot springs, and a broad range of flora and fauna. In Monteverde, tour the greenery of the Santa Elena Cloud Forest, then in Manuel Antonio National Park, keep your eyes open for sloth, toucans, and howler monkeys.

Registration open until trip fills or December 1, 2024

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Open to Girls in 8-12 grade in the fall of the year of the trip. Individual girls or Troops (1:4 ratio adults to girls), or girl/female adult duos.

## C-A\*GIRL SCOUTS GO: SUMMER OF 2026 LONDON TO LUCERN

Cost: \$200 per girl/\$200 per adult

Travel to three European cities. Two WAGGGS Centers. One amazing, eleven-day tour. Girl Scouts will experience the best of both worlds as incredible adventures take them through the bustling streets of London, the museums of Paris, and high up into the Swiss Alps. Make special visits to Our Chalet and Pax Lodge where you will participate in unique Girl Scout programming.

This registration covers the council deposit and allows you to begin money-earning to raise funds for your trip.

EF tours establishes trip pricing two years before the trip and changes pricing as the trips gets closer, to secure the lowest pricing options. Register with EF tours with a \$95 deposit as close to the trip opening as possible. International trips typically cost \$3,500-\$5,000 per person. The exact cost for the trip can be found on the trip details at [gscwm.org/travel](http://gscwm.org/travel).

Council Deposit is refundable up until EF Tours registration opens in October 2024.

Open to girls in grades 8-12 in the fall of the year of the trip. Open to individual girls, troops with a 1:4 ratio of adults to girls, and girls/ female adult duos. Register through GSCWM by December 1, 2025. Questions? Email [travel@gscwm.org](mailto:travel@gscwm.org).



## C-A\*GIRL SCOUTS GO: SUMMER OF 2027 JAPAN- LAND OF THE RISING SUN

*Cost: \$200 per girl/\$200 per adult*

For nine days, treat yourself to the treasures of Japan past and present, from the bustling streets of Tokyo to the ancient temples of Kyoto. Stroll through sacred shrines, see the Great Buddha in Kamakura, and catch a glimpse of majestic Mount Fuji. Engross yourself in the STEM filled world of Akihabara. Feast on an authentic tempura dinner, and enjoy a special overnight stay at a traditional Japanese ryokan, an amazing cultural and learning experience for every Girl Scout.

This registration covers the council deposit and allows you to begin money-earning to raise funds for your trip.

EF tours establishes trip pricing two years before the trip and changes pricing as the trips gets closer, to secure the lowest pricing options. Register with EF tours with a \$95 deposit as close to the trip opening as possible. International trips typically cost \$3,500-\$5,000 per person. The exact cost for the trip can be found on the trip details at [gscwm.org/travel](https://gscwm.org/travel).

Council Deposit is refundable up until EF Tours registration opens in October 2025.

Open to girls in grades 8-12 in the fall of the year off the trip. Open to individual girls, and troops with a 1:4 ratio of adults to girls. Register through GSCWM by December 1, 2026. Questions? Email [travel@gscwm.org](mailto:travel@gscwm.org).





# SCHEDULE YOUR OWN

**Schedule Your Own** programs are terrific resources for Girl Scout troops as well as families, offering a wide array of opportunities for girls. The following Community Partners offer girl programming that can be scheduled to meet the needs, individual interests, and availability of your troop or group. Contact the following Community Partners directly with your questions and to schedule.

- Remember to follow all current safety standards as outlined in Safety Activity Checkpoints found on [gscwm.org](https://gscwm.org)
- Submit the “Activity and Travel Form” (also found at [gscwm.org](https://gscwm.org)) before your activity
- Find additional program resources for troops and families at [gscwm.org/SYOfree.html](https://gscwm.org/SYOfree.html)
- Don’t forget to thank our Community Partners for supporting Girl Scouts!

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## D-A AMAZING WOMAN OF THE MONTH (GR K-12)

*Place: Virtual*

*Cost: \$10 per girl/\$10 per adult*

On the first of each month, the Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore debut a new program about a different woman who is an icon in her field. You’ll receive program plans that are self-guided that you can complete at your own pace at home or during a Girl Scout meeting. You are also invited to attend an optional Zoom meeting where you can learn a little more about the woman and do an activity just for fun! Can’t attend? That’s okay! You will receive a link to the recorded Zoom session to watch when you can! Girl Scouts from all 50 states and 5 countries participate in this program. All registrants receive a customized patch and program plans. Register for one month, or as many as you want. Some of our past women have been Jane Goodall, Sally Ride, Frida Kahlo, Grace Hopper, and Amelia Earhart. Find inspiration for becoming an amazing woman yourself! Open to troops, girls with an adult, individual girls, and adults. Register monthly at <https://www.jerseyshoregirlscouts.org/en/events/amazing-woman-of-the-month.html>.

## J-A AMERICAN RED CROSS CLASSES (GR 6-12)

*Place: American Red Cross*

*Cost: See website for pricing*

Did you know the American Red Cross offers all types of training that you can take? From Babysitting to Child and Baby First Aid, to Lifeguard training and Swimming and Water Safety, they offer it all! There are options for virtual trainings you can take right from home. Open to troops and individual girls only. Visit our website for a complete listing of virtual and in-person trainings available at <https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class>.

## D ART AND NATURE (GR K-1)

*Place: New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill*

*Cost: \$15 per girl/1 adult per 5 girls free\**

Join us as we explore the different ways the natural world inspires us to imagine and create while working on your Outdoor Art Maker Badge (not included). Observe colorful flowers in the garden, listen to wildlife at the pond, practice painting a watercolor landscape, and explore the sights and sounds of the great outdoors. See other program options at [neb.org/scout-programs](https://neb.org/scout-programs). \*Additional chaperones pay the group admission rate; a minimum of 8 girls need to run the program. Open to troops only. To schedule your program, email [youtheducation@neb.org](mailto:youtheducation@neb.org) at least two weeks prior to desired date.

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## **B ART AND NATURE (GR 2-3)**

*Place: New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill*

*Cost: \$15 per girl/\*see description*

Join us as we explore the different ways the natural world inspires us to imagine and create while working on your Outdoor Art Creator Badge (not included). Create leaf and bark rubbings, have a nature dance party, illustrate flowers in the garden, and explore the sights and sounds of the great outdoors while collecting natural materials to create a trailside fairy house. \*Additional chaperones pay the group admission rate; a minimum of 8 girls need to run the program. Open to troops only. To schedule your program, email [youtheducation@neb.org](mailto:youtheducation@neb.org) at least two weeks prior to desired date.

## **J ART IN NATURE (GR 4-5)**

*Place: New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill*

*Cost: \$15 per girl/1 adult per 5 girls free\**

Join us as we explore the different ways the natural world inspires us to imagine and create while working on your Outdoor Art Explorer Badge (not included). Explore animal adaptations, compose a nature symphony, create your own wearable nature impressions, and more as we embark on this artistic journey. Girl Scouts are encouraged to bring a camera or smartphone to complete the full requirements for this badge. \*Additional chaperones pay the group admission rate; a minimum of 8 girls need to run the program. Open to troops only. To schedule your program, email [youtheducation@neb.org](mailto:youtheducation@neb.org) at least two weeks prior to desired date.

## **C ART IN NATURE (GR 6-8)**

*Place: New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill*

*Cost: \$15 per girl/1 adult per 5 girls free\**

Join us as we explore the different ways the natural world inspires us to imagine and create while working on your Outdoor Art Apprentice Badge (not included). Write a nature haiku, learn nature photography tips and tricks to practice capturing textures and patterns in the natural world, and try an art project powered by the sun or wind. Girl Scouts are required to bring a camera or smartphone to complete the requirements for this badge. \*Additional chaperones pay the group admission rate; a minimum of 8 girls need to run the program. Open to troops only. To schedule your program, email [youtheducation@neb.org](mailto:youtheducation@neb.org) at least two weeks prior to desired date.

## **D-A BADGE BLAST WPI APO (GR K-12)**

*Place: Virtual: Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Alpha Phi Omega*

*Cost: No charge to attend*

When their popular in-person Badge Blast day of programming wasn't possible, the WPI APO students did more than just pivot! The members, along with outside organizations, have created short STEM related videos to help girls work on their badges at home or during their troops meetings. From learning how to make alien friends as part of the Space Science Explorer Badge, to designing robotics games, to even exploring different STEM majors to help earn the College Knowledge Badge, you will find short videos to assist you. Make sure to visit their channel often-videos are being uploaded on a regular basis! The WPI APO students will be back to delivering Badge Blast Days in person when they can but until they do, visit their YouTube channel created just for you! Open to troops, girls with an adult, and individual girls. Visit our WPI APO YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIXbLrHZcoLXJF6hilerXjA> often-videos are added regularly!

## **D-A BERKSHIRE MUSEUM, VIRTUAL (GR K-12)**

*Place: Berkshire Museum*

*Cost: See our website*

There's a lot to do and see at the Berkshire Museum! Whether you want to visit us in-person or schedule a virtual educator-led or self-guided program, you'll find it all here! From Aquarium Exploration to Forensic Investigation, to Poetry of Art to Rock On, from Amazing Reptiles to Mammal Adaptations, we can adjust a program to your grade level and interests. Special pricing available to Girl Scout troops of 10 or more. Open to troops only. Visit our website at <https://berkshireremuseum.org> to schedule your visit today.

## **J BOTANIC ILLUSTRATION (GR 4-5)**

*Place: New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill*

*Cost: \$15 per girl/1 adult per 5 girls free\**

Learn the basics of illustration while working on your Drawing Badge (not included). Draw a botanical still life, experiment with crosshatching and smudging, create a drawing from a bug's-eye view, imagine your own botanically inspired cartoon character, and learn the basics of compiling your own art portfolio. \*Additional chaperones pay the group admission rate; a minimum of 8 girls need to run the program. Open to troops only. To schedule your program, email [youtheducation@neb.org](mailto:youtheducation@neb.org) at least two weeks prior to desired date.



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## **D-A BRAVE BRIGHT THEATER KIDS, VIRTUAL (GR K-12)**

*Place: Brave Bright Theater Kids*

*Cost: \$10 per girl/girl-only event*

Discover individuality and confidence through interactive drama and movement-based group activities including improv, singing, dancing, yoga, teamwork, and more! Open to troops only. Email [bbtheaterkids@gmail.com](mailto:bbtheaterkids@gmail.com) to schedule your troop's customized class.

## **B BUDDING ENTREPRENEUR, VIRTUAL (GR 2-3)**

*Place: SPARK Business Academy*

*Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults*

In the Budding Entrepreneur VIRTUAL workshop, you will come up with an idea that makes life better, share your idea with others to get feedback, improve your idea, share how your idea works, and pitch your idea to an audience to earn the requirements of the Budding Entrepreneur Badge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

## **B BUDGET BUILDER, VIRTUAL (GR 2-3)**

*Place: SPARK Business Academy*

*Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults*

In the Budget Builder VIRTUAL workshop, you will find out how much things cost and how money is used, learn the difference between wants and needs, plan a budget for a fun adventure, find out how to be thrifty, and make a budget for a character you create to earn the requirements of the Budget Builder Badge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

## **J BUDGET MAKER, VIRTUAL (GR 4-5)**

*Place: SPARK Business Academy*

*Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults*

In the Budget Maker VIRTUAL workshop, you will investigate why you want what you want, practice spend-save-share, learn how to decide what to buy, find out how financial services help people save, and build a spend-save-share plan to earn the requirements of the Budget Maker Badge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

## **C BUDGET MANAGER, VIRTUAL (GR 6-8)**

*Place: SPARK Business Academy*

*Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults*

In the Budget Manager VIRTUAL workshop, you will find out how your budget reflects your values, learn how to track your spending, find ways to earn money for you or your troop, explore how to make money decisions, and set a goal for how you'll give back while you earn the Budget Manager Badge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

## **S BUSINESS ETIQUETTE, VIRTUAL (GR 9-10)**

*Place: SPARK Business Academy*

*Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults*

In the Business Etiquette VIRTUAL workshop, you will communicate with style and confidence, ace an interview, try your hand at negotiating, explore how to act on the job, and network with flair while earning your Business Etiquette Badge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

## **C BUSINESS PLAN, VIRTUAL (GR 6-8)**

*Place: SPARK Business Academy*

*Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults*

In the Business Plan VIRTUAL workshop, your group will create innovative business ideas, determine essential entrepreneurial traits, form a 90-day business plan, and develop your own logo and mission statement while earning your Business Plan Badge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

## **S BUSINESS STARTUP, VIRTUAL (GR 9-10)**

*Place: SPARK Business Academy*

*Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults*

In the Business Startup VIRTUAL workshop, you will write a mission statement and business goals, increase your customer base, make a risk management plan, and gather expert feedback on your plan while earning your Business Startup Badge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

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## **S BUYING POWER, VIRTUAL (GR 9-10)**

*Place: SPARK Business Academy*

*Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults*

In the Buying Power VIRTUAL workshop, you will compare costs and options, conduct consumer research, calculate the long-term costs, investigate ways to find better deals, and create a savings plan for a big purchase you'd like to make while earning your Buying Power Badge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

## **D-A CABOT PATCH PROGRAMS, ZOOM (GR K-12)**

*Place: Cabot Creamery Co-operative*

*Cost: No charge*

Cabot Creamery is proud to offer eight free patch programs to use at home or in your troop. The program and the patch is free! Patches include topics like Pollinators, Farm Love, and Sustainability. Open to troops, girls with an adult, and families. Visit [cabotcheese.coop/scout-patch/programs/](http://cabotcheese.coop/scout-patch/programs/) for more information.

## **B-A CHARACTER DOES MATTER, VIRTUAL (GR 2-12)**

*Place: Travis Manion Foundation*

*Cost: No charge to attend*

Our Character Does Matter program can be individualized and flexed to a particular troop's needs and grades. Join us for a virtual program, including guided talks about character strengths like gratitude, kindness, teamwork, and perseverance. We'll have leadership lessons, panels, and Q&A as well. For our younger girls, we'll facilitate story readings to teach about character strengths through read-along videos of children's stories. Open to troops only. Contact Rebecca at [rebecca.forbes@travismanion.org](mailto:rebecca.forbes@travismanion.org) to set up your presentation.

## **D-A CLAYTIME, IN PERSON OR VIRTUAL (GR K-12)**

*Place: Claytime*

*Cost: Varies by program*

Pottery painting (including Girl Scout shapes) clay building, board art, and canvas-painting fun geared to the ages in your troop. We offer many ways to participate in programming and to earn badges: In studio or To Go Kits that you can take home with step-by-step instructions, and Zoom workshops that you can pick up the supplies for. During all of our events, whether in person or virtual, a Claytime staff will be on hand to lead your troop through the activity. Open to troops and girls with an adult. To register, call our studio at 508-798-9950 or email at [claytimeinfo@gmail.com](mailto:claytimeinfo@gmail.com).

## **A COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE, VIRTUAL (GR 11-12)**

*Place: SPARK Business Academy*

*Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults*

In the College Knowledge VIRTUAL workshop, you will explore your options, start the admissions process, make a financial plan, get set for success, and build healthy habits while earning your College Knowledge Badge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

## **C COMPARISON SHOPPER, VIRTUAL (GR 6-8)**

*Place: SPARK Business Academy*

*Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults*

In the Comparison Shopping VIRTUAL workshop, you will learn to comparison shop, find out how to use online reviews, check out the fine print, investigate how to avoid online fraud, and know how to manage your online shopping while earning your Comparison Shopper Badge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.



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## **J COOKIE CEO, VIRTUAL (GR 4-5)**

*Place: SPARK Business Academy*

*Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults*

In the Cookie CEO VIRTUAL workshop, you will set a group goal, explore how a small business works, create a cookie sale job list, learn to make a good impression, and track your sales while earning your Cookie CEO Badge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

## **D COUNT IT UP, VIRTUAL (GR K-1)**

*Place: SPARK Business Academy*

*Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults*

In the Count It Up VIRTUAL workshop, you will find out what cookies cost, learn about different kinds of cookies, and set a sales goal while earning your Count It Up Leaf (Leaf not included)! Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

## **J CUSTOMER INSIGHTS, VIRTUAL (GR 4-5)**

*Place: SPARK Business Academy*

*Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults*

In the Customer Insights Badge VIRTUAL workshop, you will ask an expert what customers want, do some research at the grocery store, find out who buys cookies and why, learn from people who don't buy, and listen for clues and ask great questions while earning your Customer Insights Badge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

## **C-A CYBERSECURITY SAFEGUARDS 2 BADGE, VIRTUAL (GR 6-12)**

*Place: Virtual*

*Cost: No charge to attend*

Learn the importance of staying safe online with The Office of District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr. office. You'll learn about bullying, cyberbullying, creating safe passwords, and what information can be shared safely online, and what needs to be kept private. You'll learn to be careful about whom to trust, and we'll talk about and test your knowledge of online safety rules. You'll work toward earning your CyberSecurity: Safeguards 2 Badge (not included). Reach out to Hope at [hope.rudzinski@state.ma.us](mailto:hope.rudzinski@state.ma.us) to schedule.

## **D-A DRAMA OUT OF THE BOX (K-12)**

*Place: Drama Out of the Box*

*Cost: See our website*

Drama Out of the Box offers both in-person and virtual workshops, with special pricing for Girl Scouts! I come to you, so no travel forms are required. Plan a fun drama, improv, or mindfulness experience tailored specifically to the needs of your troop. We can also work on a badge like Playing the Past, or create an original end-of-year troop skit. Fun and laughs guaranteed. Unleash your inner artist and create outside the box! Open to troops only. Visit our website at [www.dramaoutofthebox.com](http://www.dramaoutofthebox.com) or email [mcframaenrichment@gmail.com](mailto:mcframaenrichment@gmail.com) for information and scheduling.

## **D ECO HEROES (GR K-1)**

*Place: New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill*

*Cost: \$15 per girl/1 adult per 5 girls free\**

Learn to become a nature hero while working on your Eco Friend Badge (not included). Learn the leave no trace principles and how to protect plants and animals on your next outdoor adventure. Embark on a miniature hike and explore ways to reduce waste to help the plants and animals in our neighborhoods. \*Additional chaperones pay the group admission rate; a minimum of 8 girls need to run the program. Open to troops only. To schedule your program, email [youtheducation@nebg.org](mailto:youtheducation@nebg.org) at least two weeks prior to desired date.

## **B ECO HEROES (GR 2-3)**

*Place: New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill*

*Cost: \$15 per girl/1 adult per 5 girls free\**

Learn how to become a nature hero while working on your Eco Friend Badge (not included). Learn the leave no trace principles and how to protect plants and animals on your next outdoor adventure. Embark on a hike to search for animal homes, practice making observations and looking closely, and learn how to protect your favorite outdoor spaces. \*Additional chaperones pay the group admission rate; a minimum of 8 girls need to run the program. Open to troops only. To schedule your program, email [youtheducation@nebg.org](mailto:youtheducation@nebg.org) at least two weeks prior to desired date.

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## **C ECO HEROES (GR 6-8)**

*Place: New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill*

*Cost: \$15 per girl/1 adult per 5 girls free\**

Learn how to become a nature hero while working on your Eco Trekker Badge (not included). Learn the leave no trace principles and how to protect plants and animals on your next outdoor adventure. Hike our trails, learn about invasive species, and explore native species that need a helping hand. \*Additional chaperones pay the group admission rate; a minimum of 8 girls need to run the program. Open to troops only. To schedule your program, email [youtheducation@nebg.org](mailto:youtheducation@nebg.org) at least two weeks prior to desired date.

## **C ENTREPRENEUR, VIRTUAL (GR 6-8)**

*Place: SPARK Business Academy*

*Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults*

In the Entrepreneur VIRTUAL workshop, you will brainstorm business ideas, improve upon those ideas, get into the financial side of things, imagine creating a business, and practice sharing your business ideas while earning your Entrepreneur Badge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming. [sophie.kee@gmail.com](mailto:sophie.kee@gmail.com) at least 48 hours before your program.

## **D FANTASTIC FLOWERS (GR K-1)**

*Place: New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill*

*Cost: \$15 per girl/1 adult per 5 girls free\**

Explore our gardens and grounds and learn about the world of gardening while working towards your Flower Garden Journey Award (not included). Visit different garden spaces, learn about insects that help plants grow, and pot up your own flower seeds to create a miniature windowsill garden to grow and care for at home. \*Additional chaperones pay the group admission rate; a minimum of 8 girls need to run the program. Open to troops only. To schedule your program, email [youtheducation@nebg.org](mailto:youtheducation@nebg.org) at least two weeks prior to desired date.

## **A FINANCIAL PLANNER, VIRTUAL (GR 11-12)**

*Place: SPARK Business Academy*

*Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults*

In the Financial Planner VIRTUAL workshop, you will explore real-life expenses, learn the ins and outs of credit cards, investigate loans, find out how to establish good credit, and make your commitment to financial responsibility while earning your Financial Planner Badge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

## **C FINANCING MY DREAMS, VIRTUAL (GR 6-8)**

*Place: SPARK Business Academy*

*Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults*

In the Financing My Dreams VIRTUAL workshop, you will explore dream jobs, price out buying your dream home, research dream vacations, make a dream giving goal, and add up your dreams while earning your Financing My Dreams Badge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

## **S FINANCING MY FUTURE, VIRTUAL (GR 9-10)**

*Place: SPARK Business Academy*

*Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults*

In the Financing My Future VIRTUAL workshop, you will declare your dreams, decide what you need and what you want, go comparison shopping, explore your financial aid options, and build a blueprint for your future while earning your Financing My Future Badge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

## **J FLOWER POWER (GR 4-5)**

*Place: New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill*

*Cost: \$20 per girl/1 adult per 5 girls free\**

Get up close and personal with some of your favorite plants while working on your Flowers Badge (not included). Dissect a flower and tour the gardens to search for different plant species and their pollinators. Get creative by making an upcycled flower press and practicing the art of floral arrangement. \*Additional chaperones pay the group admission rate; a minimum of 8 girls need to run the program. This is a two-hour program. Open to troops only. To schedule your program, email [youtheducation@nebg.org](mailto:youtheducation@nebg.org) at least two weeks prior to desired date.



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## **B GARDEN SENSES (GR 2-3)**

*Place: New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill*

*Cost: \$15 per girl/1 adult per 5 girls free\**

Explore and investigate the gardens and trails while working on your Senses Badge (not included). Search for different textures in nature, smell nectar rich flowers, listen to the calls of resident wildlife, and more on this sensory adventure. \*Additional chaperones pay the group admission rate; a minimum of 8 girls need to run the program. Open to troops only. To schedule your program, email [youtheducation@neb.org](mailto:youtheducation@neb.org) at least two weeks prior to desired date.

## **J GEMS AND JEWELRY (GR 4-5)**

*Place: New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill*

*Cost: \$20 per girl/1 adult per 5 girls free\**

Get creative and make your own unique jewelry pieces while working on your Jeweler Badge (not included). Become familiar with a jeweler's tools, wrap a caged stone necklace, design your own unique totem using materials from nature, and make a bracelet to give to a friend or relative. \*Additional chaperones pay the group admission rate; a minimum of 8 girls need to run the program. This is a two-hour program. Open to troops only. To schedule your program, email [youtheducation@neb.org](mailto:youtheducation@neb.org) at least two weeks prior to desired date.

## **B GIRL SCOUTS MAGIC WORKSHOP, VIRTUAL (GR 2-3)**

*Place: Urban Wizards Academy*

*Cost: \$19 per girl/girl-only event*

Empowering Brownies through magic! This awesome and interactive 60-minute Zoom workshop highlights the power of using words like: "Hello, Please, Thank You, I'm Sorry, I Forgive You, I Understand, Great Job and I Can". Not only are the girls encouraged to participate virtually in class, but they're given a top-secret file folder that goes over everything they've learned during the performance, a cool magic trick & an awesome fun patch that does a magic trick and so much more! Open to troops and girls with an adult. Contact [urbanwizardsac@gmail.com](mailto:urbanwizardsac@gmail.com) with questions and register your troop online at [UrbanWizardsac.com](http://UrbanWizardsac.com) today!

## **J GO GARDENING! (GR 4-5)**

*Place: New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill*

*Cost: \$15 per girl/1 adult per 5 girls free\**

Explore our gardens and conservatories and learn about garden design while working on your Gardener Badge (not included). Explore the basics of garden design, learn how to pick the right plants for where you live, pot up your own seeds to start a container garden at home, and take home seeds to set up your own growing experiments. \*Additional chaperones pay the group admission rate; a minimum of 8 girls need to run the program. Open to troops only. To schedule your program, email [youtheducation@neb.org](mailto:youtheducation@neb.org) at least two weeks prior to desired date.

## **A GOOD CREDIT, VIRTUAL (GR 11-12)**

*Place: SPARK Business Academy*

*Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults*

In the Good Credit VIRTUAL workshop, you will get the scoop on credit scores, find out how bank loans work, learn the ins and outs of credit cards, gather real-life borrowing stories, and write your own credit commitment while earning your Good Credit Badge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

## **B-J GOOD SKIN KNOWLEDGE, VIRTUAL OR IN-PERSON (GR 2-5)**

*Place: UMass Medical School Dermatology Interest Group*

*Cost: No charge to attend*

Know the skin you're in! Join us as we learn more about skin health through hands-on crafts. Learn about the layers of your skin, what pimples actually are, and what to do when you touch poison ivy through painting, making bracelets, and other activities! We'll talk about how to take care of your hair, skin, and nails, and build healthy habits. Work on your My Best Self and STEM Career Exploration Badges by level (badges not included). For more information, contact [umassdermgsk@gmail.com](mailto:umassdermgsk@gmail.com) or visit <https://umassdig.wixsite.com/goodskin>. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register for your program at <https://forms.gle/tjk8Fy79XKiQwPDU6> or email [umassdermgsk@gmail.com](mailto:umassdermgsk@gmail.com) at least 48 hours before your program.

# SCHEDULE YOUR OWN

## C-S GOOD SKIN KNOWLEDGE, VIRTUAL OR IN-PERSON (GR 6-8)

*Place: UMass Medical School Dermatology Interest Group*

*Cost: No charge to attend*

Know the skin you're in! Join us as we learn more about skin health through hands-on activities. Learn about the layers of your skin, what pimples actually are, what happens when you get a bug bite! We'll talk about how to take care of your hair, skin, and nails, and we'll explore how social media can change the way we think about our body. Work on your My Best Self and STEM Career Exploration Badges by level (badges not included). For more information, contact [umassdermgsk@gmail.com](mailto:umassdermgsk@gmail.com) or visit <https://umassdig.wixsite.com/goodskin>. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register for your program at <https://forms.gle/tjk8Fy79XKiQwPDU6> or email [umassdermgsk@gmail.com](mailto:umassdermgsk@gmail.com) at least 48 hours before your program.

## J HABITREK (GR 4-5)

*Place: New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill*

*Cost: \$15 per girl/1 adult per 5 girls free\**

Explore four different habitats and learn how living things meet their needs for survival while working on your Animal Habitats Badge (not included). Embark on an adventure to find out what lives in our gardens and trails, build your own trailside animal shelter, and learn about endangered habitats by getting up close and personal with our favorite conservatory plants. \*Additional chaperones pay the group admission rate; a minimum of 8 girls need to run the program. Open to troops only. To schedule your program, email [youtheducation@nebg.org](mailto:youtheducation@nebg.org) at least two weeks prior to desired date.

## D-A HANNAFORD'S HEALTHY SHOPPER PATCH (K-12)

*Place: Hannaford, Lunenburg*

*Cost: No charge to attend*

Learn all about how food ends up on store shelves and the role Hannaford team members play in helping shoppers make healthy choices. Learn about the importance of eating a variety of foods from all food groups and how to build a healthy meal. Learn how the Hannaford Guiding Stars Program can help shoppers make healthy choices in the store, how to create a healthy snack, and why a healthy lifestyle is important. You can even have the Hannaford registered dietitian help you in making these choices! This free, in-store activity is approximately 45 minutes to an hour in length and ties into so many of the healthy living badge requirements. You will receive the Hannaford Healthy Shopper Patch. Not local to the Lunenburg Hannaford location? Check with your local store to see if they offer this program as well. Open to troops only. Reach out with any questions and to register to Brittany at [brittany.wujek@hannaford.com](mailto:brittany.wujek@hannaford.com) 4-6 weeks prior to when you would like to visit.

## B-A HORSE PROGRAMS (GR 2-12)

*Place: Whip-O-Will Stables*

*Cost: Cost varies*

We can customize a program for your troop to obtain a badge or skills involving horses. Contact us today! Open to troops only. Visit our website at [www.whipowillstables.weebly.com](http://www.whipowillstables.weebly.com) or email at [rideatwowstables@gmail.com](mailto:rideatwowstables@gmail.com) to arrange your program.

## D-A HORSEMANSHIP 101, CAMP MARSHALL (GR K-12)

*Place: Camp Marshall-Worcester County 4-H*

*Cost: \$30 per girl/no charge for adults*

Learn the ins and outs of horses and what it would be like to have a horse of your own. Climb in the saddle for a quick intro to riding after your hands-on learning! Payment for all participating Girl Scouts must be submitted with registration to save the date. This program is offered on Saturdays from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Visit our website at [campmarshall.net](http://campmarshall.net) at least six weeks prior to when you would like to arrange your program. Hope at [hope.rudzinski@state.ma.us](mailto:hope.rudzinski@state.ma.us) to schedule.



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## **B INCREDIBLE INSECTS (GR 2-3)**

*Place: New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill*

*Cost: \$15 per girl/1 adult per 5 girls free\**

Explore the incredible world of insects as you work on your Bugs Badge (not included). Take to the trails and search for some of your favorite six-legged friends, learn to use simple tools to catch and release insects, learn about insects homes, and take-home materials to try an insect inspired craft. \*Additional chaperones pay the group admission rate; a minimum of 8 girls need to run the program. Not offered November through March. Open to troops only. To schedule your program, email [youtheducation@neb.org](mailto:youtheducation@neb.org) at least two weeks prior to desired date.

## **D-A INTERSKATE 91 FIELD TRIPS (GR K-12)**

*Place: Interskate 91*

*Cost: Flat rate of \$699.00\**

Interskate 91 is your party connection! Schedule a field trip for up to 50 skaters, including admission and skate rental. No outside food or beverages; lunch and snack options are available. Free admission and skate rental for adult chaperones. Note: extra attractions and add-on options are available, like laser tag, game tokens, skatemates, and bubble soccer; ask for pricing. \*Tiered pricing per person for groups of 50 or more. Open to troops only. Contact Toni at 413-543-3991, ext. 109, or [toni@interskate91.com](mailto:toni@interskate91.com) to arrange your field trip today.

## **D-A INTERSKATE 91 STEM FIELD TRIPS (GR K-12)**

*Place: Interskate 91*

*Cost: \$13 per girl\**

Interskate 91 is your party connection! Schedule a STEM field trip today! \*There is a minimum of 50 skaters required. The price per student includes admission, skate rental, two hours of skating, and a one-hour STEM lesson/activity. Prepared home lunch is permitted; concessions will be open and food packages will be available. Open to troops only. Contact Toni at 413-543-3991, ext. 109, or [toni@interskate91.com](mailto:toni@interskate91.com) to arrange your field trip today.

## **B INVENTOR, VIRTUAL (GR 2-3)**

*Place: SPARK Business Academy*

*Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults*

In the Inventor VIRTUAL workshop, you will warm up your inventor's mind, find lots of ways to solve a problem, make a needs list, solve your problem, and share your invention while earning your Inventor Badge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

## **C LEADERSHIP IN ACTION (LIA) TRAINING (GR 6-8)**

*Place: Worcester or Holyoke Leadership Centers*

*Cost: \$10 per girl/girl-only event*

Start your journey to becoming a role model for younger girls. The Leadership in Action (LiA) Training will help you navigate the requirements for earning your LiA Award, help you develop program ideas, and teach you the characteristics of younger Girl Scouts and tips for working with them. The LiA award requires you to work with Brownie Girl Scouts on journey activities and this training will help you navigate through the requirements for each LiA Award and the journey that goes with it. Earning your LiA Award is a prerequisite to earning your Program Aid Award. This is a Schedule Your Own program for troops of 10 girls or more. Open to troops only. To arrange your training, contact [Tbreen@gscwm.org](mailto:Tbreen@gscwm.org) at least one month prior.

## **D MAKING CHOICES, VIRTUAL (GR K-1)**

*Place: SPARK Business Academy*

*Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults*

In the Making Choices VIRTUAL workshop, you will find out the differences between needs and wants, try setting a goal to save for what you want, and help others with what they need and want while earning your Making Choices Badge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

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## D-J MANDALA-OUTDOOR ART CREATOR BADGE (GR K-5)

Place: Bala Bends

Cost: \$15 per girl/\$20 per adult\*

Let nature inspire you to create your own art. Take a mindful walk in nature focusing on the sights and sounds around you. On this walk you'll collect items to use to make your own mandala (feathers, flowers, pebbles, grass, etc.). A mandala is a special circle made with different colors, shapes, and patterns that has different meaning for all of us. Quiet your mind and let your creativity flow! You'll receive your Outdoor Art Creator Badge. I'll come to you! \*No charge for non-participating adults. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Contact Krissy to schedule your program at krsrand7@gmail.com or 617-899-2661.

## C MARKETING, VIRTUAL (GR 6-8)

Place: SPARK Business Academy

Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults

In the Marketing VIRTUAL workshop, you will discuss brand identity among major corporations like Apple, Tesla, and Nike, analyze case studies and learn SWOT analysis, and create a marketing campaign unique to your Girl Scout mission while earning your Marketing Badge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

## D MONEY COUNTS, VIRTUAL (GR K-1)

Place: SPARK Business Academy

Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults

In the Money Counts VIRTUAL workshop, you will understand different kinds of coins, know more about paper money, and find out the cost of fun while earning your Money Counts Leaf (not included)! Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

## D MONEY EXPLORER, VIRTUAL (GR K-1)

Place: SPARK Business Academy

Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults

In the Money Explorer VIRTUAL workshop, you will explore how to earn an income, investigate jobs and income, find out about income tax, see the difference between saving and investing, and protect money and information while earning your Money Explorer Badge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

## B MONEY MANAGER, VIRTUAL (GR 2-3)

Place: SPARK Business Academy

Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults

In the Money Manager VIRTUAL workshop, you will define money management, discuss key tips in saving money and spending wisely, create your own plan to save money, design a grocery spending plan, and learn the basics to budgeting while earning your Money Manager Badge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

## B MY COOKIE CUSTOMER, VIRTUAL (GR 2-3)

Place: SPARK Business Academy

Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults

In the My Cookie Customers VIRTUAL workshop, you will learn about Girl Scout Cookies, decide how to use your cookie money, find customers, handle money and make change, and connect with customers while earning your My Cookie Customer Badge (not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

## C MY DREAM BUDGET, VIRTUAL (GR 6-8)

Place: SPARK Business Academy

Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults

In the My Dream Budget VIRTUAL workshop, you will explore your earning power, analyze where you'll live, imagine your day-to-day life, and make a plan to give back while earning your My Dream Budget Badge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.



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## **A MY FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE, VIRTUAL (GR 11-12)**

*Place: SPARK Business Academy*

*Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults*

In the My Financial Independence VIRTUAL workshop, you will plan for where you'll live, plan for expense spending, explore how to build wealth, find out about investment protection, and plan for sharing with others while earning your My Financial Independence Badge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

## **S MY FINANCIAL POWER, VIRTUAL (GR 9-10)**

*Place: SPARK Business Academy*

*Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults*

In the My Financial Power VIRTUAL workshop, you will find out about income power, focus on making informed money decisions, find out about inflation, explore investing, and see how giving back impacts a community while earning your My Financial Power Badge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

## **D MY MONEY CHOICES, VIRTUAL (GR K-1)**

*Place: SPARK Business Academy*

*Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults*

In the My Money Choices VIRTUAL workshop, you will find out what you need and want, set a goal and save for what you need and want, and explore how to make choices with money while earning your My Money Choices Badge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

## **C MY MONEY HABITS, VIRTUAL (GR 6-8)**

*Place: SPARK Business Academy*

*Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults*

In the My Money Habits VIRTUAL workshop, you will explore ways to exchange money, find out what influences spending, manage your spending habits, learn investing basics, and investigate how to be a safe and savvy shopper while earning your My Money Habits Badge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

## **J MY MONEY PLAN, VIRTUAL (GR 4-5)**

*Place: SPARK Business Academy*

*Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults*

In the My Money Plan VIRTUAL workshop, you will explore how to earn an income, investigate jobs and income, find out about income tax, see the difference between saving and investing, and protect money and information while earning your My Money Plan Badge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

## **B MY OWN BUDGET, VIRTUAL (GR 2-3)**

*Place: SPARK Business Academy*

*Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults*

In the My Own Budget VIRTUAL workshop, you will find out how people spend money, learn how to save, find out what it means to share, explore your wants and needs, make a budget, and set goals while earning your My Own Budget Badge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

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## **C NETIQUETTE, VIRTUAL (GR 6-8)**

*Place: SPARK Business Academy*

*Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults*

In the Netiquette VIRTUAL workshop, you will explore "oops!" and "wow!" moments, dig into stories of "ouch" -- and repair some hurt if necessary, look at e-mail, commenting, or blogging, decide what makes a great social media profile, and spread better practices while earning your Netiquette Badge (not included)! Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

## **A ON MY OWN, VIRTUAL (GR 11-12)**

*Place: SPARK Business Academy*

*Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults*

In the On My Own VIRTUAL workshop, you will plan for where you'll live, plan for your daily needs, plan for having fun, plan for the unexpected, and plan for sharing with others while earning your On My Own Badge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

## **D-A OPERATION VALENTINE (GR K-12)**

*Place: Virtual*

*Cost: No charge to attend*

Our Rett Angels love personal, funny and colorful cards. Volunteers will receive the names and addresses of their Valentine buddies who live throughout New England and will be asked to mail their card in time to be received for Valentine's Day. Most of our angels are nonverbal and require round the clock care. Some do use communication systems to speak. Individuals with Rett are often very visual and enjoy the fun of receiving and, with assistance, opening their cards. Help make some smiles and deliver Valentine's Day happiness. To learn more about Rett Syndrome Angels, please visit our website at [www.rsangels.org](http://www.rsangels.org). Open to troops, girls with an adult, individual girls, and adults. If you have questions or would like more information, contact Irene at [irene@rsangels.org](mailto:irene@rsangels.org).

## **A P&L, VIRTUAL (GR 11-12)**

*Place: SPARK Business Academy*

*Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults*

In the P&L VIRTUAL workshop, you will find out more about business ethics, create your own Cookie Promise, pass your customer list on, teach younger Girl Scouts about the business ethics of the cookie sale, and leave a legacy while earning your P&L Badge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

## **B PLANTS AND PAINT (GR 2-3)**

*Place: New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill*

*Cost: \$15 per girl/1 adult per 5 girls free\**

Learn the basics of watercolor painting while working on your Painting Badge (not included). Use our gardens and grounds as inspiration as you paint an outdoor landscape, practice conveying a feeling or mood, try painting with natural materials, and begin a mural depicting your favorite Girl Scout adventure. \*Additional chaperones pay the group admission rate; a minimum of 8 girls need to run the program. Open to troops only. To schedule your program, email [youtheducation@neb.org](mailto:youtheducation@neb.org) at least two weeks prior to desired date.

## **J PLAYING THE PAST JUNIOR BADGE BUILDER (GR 4-5)**

*Place: Salisbury Mansion*

*Cost: \$15 per girl/no charge for adults*

Playing the Past allows you to dream up a character of a girl or woman who lived in the past. What better place to do that than a 1772 historic house that is restored to the 1830s? Learn about life in the 1800s at the Salisbury Mansion and then work on projects that will lead to the Playing the Past Badge. Handouts covering the requirements will be provided. Badges are not included. Open to troops only. To schedule a date, email [info@worchesterhistory.net](mailto:info@worchesterhistory.net) or call 508-753-8278 one month prior to the desired program date.



# SCHEDULE YOUR OWN

## D-B\* PREPARE WITH PEDRO, VIRTUAL (GR K-2\*)

*Place: American Red Cross*

*Cost: See our website/girl-only event*

Prepare with Pedro is a preparedness education program for children in Kindergarten through second grade. This program teaches children how to BE PREPARED and TAKE ACTION for either home fires or local hazards. We'll read a story featuring a penguin named Pedro to learn a coping skill and receive a digital storybook to share what you've learned. Open to troops only. Visit our website at <https://www.redcross.org/local/massachusetts/about-us/our-work/virtual-emergency-preparedness-programs.html> for complete information and register.

## J PRODUCT DESIGNER, VIRTUAL (GR 4-5)

*Place: SPARK Business Academy*

*Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults*

In the Product Designer VIRTUAL workshop, you will observe what makes a great product, be an innovation detective, find out what works and what doesn't, and innovate and find solutions while earning your Product Designer Badge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

## D-A SALISBURY MANSION (GR K-12)

*Place: Salisbury Mansion*

*Cost: \$5 per girl/\$5 per adult*

Come inside Worcester's only Historic House Museum and see what it was like to live in the 1830s. At the Mansion, you can learn how people prepared food, worked, and spent their free time. Open to troops and girls with an adult. For more information contact [info@worcesterhistory.net](mailto:info@worcesterhistory.net) or visit [www.worcesterhistory.org/mansion.html](http://www.worcesterhistory.org/mansion.html).

## J-A SAMUEL SLATER EXPERIENCE (GR 4-12)

*Place: Samuel Slater Experience*

*Cost: See website*

The Samuel Slater Experience is not a museum in the traditional sense, with visitors simply looking at artifacts and static displays. Rather, the Samuel Slater story is told with high-tech media: interactive displays, video, audio, motion, wind, and scents, to create an immersive experience to fully engage visitors. The focus is the American Industrial Revolution and the economic impact it had on New England villages. A visit to the Samuel Slater Experience is designed to be educational and entertaining. Experience history in a new, immersive way as you climb aboard the ship that carried Samuel Slater to America and ride a trolley through downtown Webster a century later. This is a great opportunity for Juniors who are earning their Playing the Past Badges. Open to troops, families, and girls with an adult. Visit <https://samuel SlaterExperience.org> to request a field trip or contact Reanna at [rkuzdzal@samuel SlaterExperience.org](mailto:rkuzdzal@samuel SlaterExperience.org) to discuss your program options.

## S SAVVY SAVER, VIRTUAL (GR 9-10)

*Place: SPARK Business Academy*

*Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults*

In the Savvy Saver VIRTUAL workshop, you will learn the ins and outs of income, make a list of budgeting tips, find out how to plan for a big expense, compare ways to borrow money, and create a budget for a big expense while earning your Savvy Saver Badge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

## C SCREEN WRITER, VIRTUAL (GR 6-8)

*Place: SPARK Business Academy*

*Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults*

In the Screenwriter VIRTUAL workshop, you will decide what makes a good script good, come up with an idea for a story, get to know your characters, build the plot, write a script —and share it while earning your Screen Writer Badge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

# SCHEDULE YOUR OWN

## **B-A SEASONAL FORAGING AND MUSHROOMING, LOCATIONS VARY (GR 2-12)**

*Place: Cooking with Mrs. G*

*Cost: \$250 group rate\**

Let's find wild food and herbs, mushrooms, and even edible trees! Learn how to identify them safely, prepare them as food or first aid, preserve them to use later, and more! Every season there's a different bunch of wild things to harvest so let's see what treasures we can find! \*The group rate is for up to 30 girls and adults. Open to troops, families, and girls with an adult. Contact Mrs. G to schedule your date, time, and location!

## **D-A SKYPE A SCIENTIST, VIRTUAL (GR K-12)**

*Place: Skype a Scientist*

*Cost: No charge*

Working on a badge and want to find a REAL scientist to talk to? We can help you find a scientist matched to your interests and even to the badge you're working on! We have a database of thousands of scientists and we can connect you with scientists all over the world. Get to know a real scientist and get the answers to your questions straight from the source! This non-profit is run by a former Girl Scout whose goal is to make science feel approachable, accessible, and less intimidating. Open to troops, girl with an adult, and individual girls. Visit [SkypeAScientist.com](http://SkypeAScientist.com) to invite a scientist to YOUR troop!

## **S SOCIAL INNOVATOR, VIRTUAL (GR 9-10)**

*Place: SPARK Business Academy*

*Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults*

In the Social Innovator VIRTUAL workshop, you will explore the big picture, make connections, build empathy for people affected by the issue you've identified, develop a solution from a specific point of view, and practice pitching ideas and getting feedback while earning your Social Innovator Badge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

## **B-J SPREAD KINDNESS (GR 2-5)**

*Place: Bala Bends*

*Cost: \$20 per girl/\$20 per adult\**

One kind word or message from a friend, teacher, family member, even a stranger can change your day! In this workshop, you'll make kindness rocks and let your creativity flow as you paint rocks and write positive messages or affirmations, or your favorite quote. Once the rocks are completed, you can "plant" them in a somewhere in your community. I'll come to you! \*No charge for non-participating adults. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Contact Krissy to schedule your program at [krsrand7@gmail.com](mailto:krsrand7@gmail.com) or 617-899-2661.

## **C STAYING FIT WITH AERIAL YOGA (GR 6-8)**

*Place: Earth & Aerial Yoga*

*Cost: \$35 per girl/\$35 per adult\**

Fly high in this exclusive Girl Scout event! You'll build awareness, flexibility, strength, and mobility, all while reducing stress and tension, and learning about practical ways you can maintain your health and wellbeing. Join in a healthy living discussion, followed by a guided meditation practice. Then, you'll flow through a series of guided aerial yoga poses and transitions, characterized by mindful movement. This event is open exclusively to Girl Scout troops that belong to Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts. Participants can earn a fun patch (custom patch provided). Troop leaders and parents are welcome to join in on the fun. \*If the adults are not participating, there is no fee. The cost includes the use of studio silk. There is a maximum of 14 participants. This is an abbreviated version of this program as a Schedule Your Own program, call 978-257-0075 or email [info@earthandaerialyoga.com](mailto:info@earthandaerialyoga.com). Open to troops and girls with an adult. To schedule your own program date, email [info@earthandaerialyoga.com](mailto:info@earthandaerialyoga.com).



# SCHEDULE YOUR OWN

## D-A SUSTAINABILITY HUB (GR K-12)

*Place: National Grid Sustainability Hub*

*Cost: No charge to attend*

We offer free in-person tours of our Sustainability Hub, as well as customizable in-person and virtual programs on topics from climate change to food supply, to renewable energy sources and sustainable waste management, to living more sustainably. Our presentations can be tailored to your troop's interests and badge work. We're always eager to collaborate to make our presentations fit the unique needs of your troop. In addition, our Community Room space is available to reserve free for meetings and other events. The Sustainability Hub is designed to look like a sustainable home. The space includes energy efficient appliances, as well as energy efficiency displays. Open to troops only. To schedule your in-person tour or customized virtual program, visit <https://www.nationalgridus.com/worcester-sustainability-hub/Services/> today.

## D TALK IT UP, VIRTUAL (GR K-1)

*Place: SPARK Business Academy*

*Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults*

In the Talk It Up VIRTUAL workshop, you will decide how to use your cookie money, talk about how to use cookie money to help others, and inspire your customers while earning your Talk It Up Badge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

## C-A TEEN LIFE: BUILDING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS (GR 6-12)

*Place: Virtual*

*Cost: No charge to attend*

Learn the 10 signs of what unhealthy and healthy relationships look like with a member of The Office of District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr. office. Learn how to resolve escalated conflict, practice consent, communicate boundaries, how to help a friend who is a survivor of an unhealthy relationship, and how to navigate a breakup. This program teaches you the importance of creating healthy relationships, as well as teaching tips to help you know if you or anyone you know is in an unhealthy relationship. This program will go toward the requirements of the Cadette Finding Your Ground Badge, the Senior Mission: Sisterhood Journey, and the Ambassador Your Voice, Your World Journey (not included). Reach out to Hope at [hope.rudzinski@state.ma.us](mailto:hope.rudzinski@state.ma.us) to schedule.

## C TERRIFIC TREES (GR 6-8)

*Place: New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill*

*Cost: \$15 per girl/1 adult per 5 girls free\**

Become an arborist and learn about the amazing science of trees while working on your Trees Badge (not included). Tour our heirloom apple orchard, learn how to identify trees, try a tree craft, and explore the relationships between trees, people, and animals. \*Additional chaperones pay the group admission rate; a minimum of 8 girls need to run the program. Open to troops only. To schedule your program, email [youtheducation@nebg.org](mailto:youtheducation@nebg.org) at least two weeks prior to desired date.

## D-A THEATRE/IMPROVE GAMES OR THEATRE BADGE SUPPORT (K-12)

*Place: Drama Out of the Box*

*Cost: \$8-15 per girl/no charge for adults*

How about adding a little drama (the good kind!) to your next meeting?! We can play theatre/improv games, write a short play, make puppets, or even work on a Girl Scout Badge, like Playing in the Past. The choice is yours! No matter what path you choose, fun and laughs are guaranteed! Programs are scheduled on availability. Prices may vary based on distance, as we can come to you or your program can be virtual. Open to troops only. Visit our website at [www.dramaoutofthebox.com](http://www.dramaoutofthebox.com) or email [mcfraenrichment@gmail.com](mailto:mcfraenrichment@gmail.com) for information and scheduling.

## B\*-J THE PILLOW CASE PROJECT, VIRTUAL (GR 3-5)

*Place: American Red Cross*

*Cost: See our website/girl-only event*

The Pillowcase Project is an interactive preparedness program designed for children in grades 3 through 5. The program aims to increase awareness, and understanding of natural hazards, teaches safety and emotional coping skills, as well as the importance of personal preparedness. Through the presentation, girls learn the best ways to stay safe and how to create their own emergency supply kits by packing essential items in a pillowcase for easy transport during an emergency. Girls will receive a digital workbook and will be encouraged to decorate and personalize their pillowcases and share what they've learned with friends and family. Open to troops only. Visit our website at <https://www.redcross.org/local/massachusetts/about-us/our-work/virtual-emergency-preparedness-programs.html> for complete information and register.

# SCHEDULE YOUR OWN

## **D-A THE STORY BARN, VIRTUAL OR IN-PERSON (GR K-12)**

*Place: The Story Barn*

*Cost: Varies by program*

The Story Barn is home to the national-award-winning Frieda B. children's book series and author Renata Bowers. We offer private events that can be customized for Girl Scout troops to meet the needs and interests of the girls, including writing workshops, badge work, storytelling, and working with a published author, live or virtually. We also offer scheduled programs throughout the year that can be found on our website at [www.friedab.com/calendar](http://www.friedab.com/calendar). Every Story Matters is our motto. Who are you Free to B.? Open to troops only. To explore a customized event for your troop, call 860-763-0330 or email [info@friedab.com](mailto:info@friedab.com) today.

## **C THINK BIG, VIRTUAL (GR 6-8)**

*Place: SPARK Business Academy*

*Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults*

In the Think Big VIRTUAL workshop, you will define innovation and iteration, develop entrepreneurial mindset with a personalized twist, create your own unique idea, and present a compelling business pitch to garner support while earning your Think Big Badge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

## **D TOY BUSINESS DESIGNER, VIRTUAL (GR K-1)**

*Place: SPARK Business Academy*

*Cost: \$25 per girl/no charge for adults*

In the Toy Business Designer VIRTUAL workshop, you will come up with an idea for a toy, make your idea even better, and pitch your idea while earning your Toy Business Designer Badge (badge not included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please contact Sophie Kee at [sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com](mailto:sophie.kee@sparkbusinessacademy.com) to schedule programming.

## **D TRAIL DETECTIVE (GR K-1)**

*Place: New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill*

*Cost: \$15 per girl/1 adult per 5 girls free\**

Join us for a guided hike through our mile long loop trail while working on your Trail Adventure Badge (not included). Play fun trail games, use different tools to get up close and personal with resident plant and animal species, and learn how to prepare for a day of fun-filled activities in the woods.

\*Additional chaperones pay the group admission rate; a minimum of 8 girls need to run the program. Open to troops only. To schedule your program, email [youtheducation@nebg.org](mailto:youtheducation@nebg.org) at least two weeks prior to desired date.

## **B TRAIL DETECTIVES (GR 2-3)**

*Place: New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill*

*Cost: \$15 per girl/1 adult per 5 girls free\**

Join us for a guided hike through our mile-long loop trail while working on your Trail Adventure Badge (not included). Play fun trail games, use different tools to get up close and personal with resident plant and animal species and learn how to prepare for a day of fun-filled activities in the woods.

\*Additional chaperones pay the group admission rate; a minimum of 8 girls need to run the program. Open to troops only. To schedule your program, email [youtheducation@nebg.org](mailto:youtheducation@nebg.org) at least two weeks prior to desired date.

## **J TRAIL DETECTIVES (GR 4-5)**

*Place: New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill*

*Cost: \$15 per girl/1 adult per 5 girls free\**

Join us for a guided hike through our mile long loop trail while working on your Trail Adventure Badge (not included). Play fun trail games, start an adventure journal, practice trail safety, and learn how to prepare for a day of fun-filled activities in the woods. \*Additional chaperones pay the group admission rate; a minimum of 8 girls need to run the program. Open to troops only. To schedule your program, email [youtheducation@nebg.org](mailto:youtheducation@nebg.org) at least two weeks prior to desired date.



# SCHEDULE YOUR OWN

## **C-A U CAN-CONFIDENCE BUILDING WORKSHOP, VIRTUAL (GR 6-12)**

*Place: U CAN Academy*

*Cost: \$15 per girl\*/adults no charge*

Explore your inner strength and confidence, open yourself up to new and positive perspectives while learning attainable ways to improve your mindset to be the best version of you! You will earn the Journey Bliss Badge (not included) after completing this workshop. We'll talk about five to ten year plans, actionable steps needed to achieve your goals, and ways that you can help your peers follow through on their dreams as well. You will receive your own notebook to journal your goals and aspirations as you take your "happiness journey", along with other items you will create during the workshop. We will drive out to your troop meeting location. \*There is a 10 girl minimum to book this workshop. Open to troops only. To book, email Taylor at [u-can-academy@outlook.com](mailto:u-can-academy@outlook.com), give us a call at 617-240-0201 or connect on Instagram @[u.can.academy](https://www.instagram.com/u.can.academy).

## **D-A VIRTUAL FARM TOURS, ZOOM (GR K-12)**

*Place: Cabot Creamery Co-operative*

*Cost: No charge*

Learn more about life on Cabot dairy farms and how our farmers care for their cows, their communities, and the planet. Want more? Take the fun patch Farm Love program while you're there and earn a free patch! Open to troops, girls with an adult, and families. Visit [cabotcheese.coop/virtual-farm-tour-for-kids](https://cabotcheese.coop/virtual-farm-tour-for-kids) to take the tour today!

## **D-A VIRTUAL NUTRITION EVENTS (GR K-12)**

*Place: Zoom*

*Cost: No charge to attend*

Looking to learn more about nutrition, food, and cooking? Schedule a Virtual Nutrition Event with Big Y! We offer dietician-led virtual store tours, cook-a-longs, and educational presentations based on your interests and learning needs! We can coordinate badge requirements with your leader too! Open to troops only. Email [livingwell@bigy.com](mailto:livingwell@bigy.com) to sign up at least 30 days prior to book your event.

## **J VISION BOARD WORKSHOP (GR 4-5)**

*Place: Bala Bends*

*Cost: \$20 per girl/\$20 per adult\**

Ring in 2023 with new dreams, goals, and interests. You'll create a vision board that is unique to your personality, hobbies, interests, and dreams using a variety of materials like markers, photos, quotes, affirmations, stickers, and more. Create a vision board that will excite and spark action in achieving your goals. I'll come to you! \*No charge for non-participating adults. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Contact Krissy to schedule your program at [krsrand7@gmail.com](mailto:krsrand7@gmail.com) or 617-899-2661.

## **D-A WORCESTER HISTORICAL MUSEUM (GR K-12)**

*Place: Worcester Historical Museum*

*Cost: \$5 per girl/\$5 per adult*

The Worcester Historical Museum is where we tell the stories of the men and women who made Worcester one of the mos

## **D-J YOGA (GR K-5)**

*Place: Bala Bends*

*Cost: \$15 per girl/\$15 per adult\**

Stretch your body and imagination in this playful yoga class. Traditional yoga poses will be interwoven with stories, challenges, and moments of being still. You'll learn breathing exercises and team up with friends for partner and group poses. Let's bend, stretch, and laugh together! I'll come to you. \*No charge for non-participating adults. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Contact Krissy to schedule your program at [krsrand7@gmail.com](mailto:krsrand7@gmail.com) or 617-899-2661.

# SCHEDULE YOUR OWN



## VIRTUAL PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

We work with some pretty great Community Partners and now, many of them have gone the extra mile to offer content and programming to girls and families virtually. Use this content to supplement the badge work you are doing, to simply learn a new skill, or to go places and do things you've only dreamed of! These Community Partners are continuing to support Girl Scouts during these times; be sure to visit and thank them! You can find additional Community Partner virtual program opportunities on our website at <https://www.gscwm.org/en/events/virtual-opportunities.html>. Watch for new programs from our partners as businesses continue reopening!

What else can you find there? Everyone is working to keep girls engaged with out-of-the-box programs, virtual tours, fun activities, new patch programs, and more! Be sure to check them out often! Who knows what great opportunities exists out there just for you?

## NEW PROGRAM IDEAS?

Have you or your troop been somewhere AWESOME that we don't know about? Are there programs you wish were in our Program Guide? We want to know! Send your program ideas to [program@gscwm.org](mailto:program@gscwm.org) and we'll see what we can do! If you worked with the business or organization directly to set up your own program opportunities, send us their contact information and we'll reach out to set up opportunities for your sister Girl Scouts.



# ABOUT PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

## When Pre-Registration is Required

It's very important to register in advance for programs and events, unless the description tells you it's okay to drop in. We're sorry, but we can't accommodate drop-ins when advanced registration is required.

## Event Staffing and Supervision

Keeping up with our girls is a big deal! For programs that GSCWM produces and runs, GSCWM staff and registered volunteers are responsible to supervise girls. For events where GSCWM links with a Program Partner who staffs and runs the event, troop leaders and/or parents/guardians are responsible for supervision of their girls. In addition, troops must make sure to meet the required girl: adult ratio. If registering as an individual, and not as a troop, an adult must participate with the girl in the event unless the event description says that's not necessary. For girl-only events, GSCWM staff members are on hand, and we're pros at making sure girls have appropriate supervision so that they can have fun and parents/caregivers can relax!

## Who Needs to be a Girl Scout?

**GIRLS:** Naturally most of our events are for registered Girl Scout members in grades K-12, but you can almost always bring a friend.\*

**ADULTS:** The special safety rules for adults mean that adults must be registered and have a completed CORI check with us if they are:

- Driving girls (other than their own child)
- Counted in the girl: adult ratio
- Actively participating in the event
- Attending an overnight event
- \* If responsible for a Girl Scout that is not your child

You don't need to be a registered Girl Scout if you're attending only with your child and not participating in the event, but you're always welcome to join! Add the \$25 adult membership fee to the total due and you're covered for the membership year.

**\*Bring a Friend:** Friends who aren't current Girl Scouts just need to add the \$35 Girl Scout membership fee to the event fee, and they can join in the fun for one or all Girl Scout events for the membership year!

## Permission Slips

Follow these "do's" and you'll be all set! A parent/guardian needs to provide signed, written consent for each girl participating in an activity scheduled to happen any time or any place outside of a regular troop or group meeting. Turning that in to the troop or group leader for events is a must! When your girl is attending on her own without a troop, turn in the permission slip to the event leader during check-in. Please use our form, which includes health history. Go to [gscwm.org/Forms.html](https://gscwm.org/Forms.html).

## Questions?

We're here to help! Please contact GSCWM's Information & Referral Center at 508-365-0115/413-584-2602 or [info@gscwm.org](mailto:info@gscwm.org).

# ABOUT PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

## Registration by Program Level

Programs and Events are designed for specific program levels. You will find a notation of those levels to the left of every event name. Program levels relate to school grades as follows:

- D (Daisies): Grades K-1
- B (Brownies): Grades 2-3
- J (Juniors): Grades 4-5
- C (Cadettes): Grades 6-8
- S (Seniors): Grades 9-10
- A (Ambassadors): Grades 11-12

## Registration Information

The event description will tell you whether to register through GSCWM or through a Program Partner, and will also provide you with other important information like when and how to register. GSCWM offers the option to register either online or on paper, but if you want to know right away that you've got your spot in a GSCWM program, online registration is the way to go.

## Register Online

By registering online, you can see how many spaces are available at the time you register and know immediately if you're placed. Online registration can be done by an individual or by the troop leader through the troop management screen.

1. Go to: [www.gscwm.org/events.html](http://www.gscwm.org/events.html).
2. Locate the event you'd like to attend and click "Register Now." You will be redirected to the online registration system. Follow the prompts to complete the process.
3. Payment is due in full at the time of registration. Online registration must be paid with a credit/debit card.
4. You will receive an email confirmation that your registration was received.

## Paper Registration

Paper registrations are processed in the order they are received, but may take up to a week to process. Online registrations will take precedence.

1. Complete the form on page 30. List all girl and adult participants by the name used on their membership registration.
2. Mail or drop off completed form to: **GSCWM-Program Registration, 301 Kelly Way, Holyoke, MA 01040** OR **GSCWM-Program Registration, 115 Century Drive, Worcester, MA 01606**
3. Payment is due in full at the time of registration. Payment can be made via credit card, check, cash, gift card, or cookie credits.
4. You will receive an email confirmation that your registration was received.

## Cancellation Policy

For programs that are run by Program Partners, refund policies vary. Check with the partner before registering, if there is a concern.



# ABOUT PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

The following policies relate to GSCWM-run events:

## Minimum Attendance

Some things just aren't the same with only a few people attending so we have participation minimums. We hate to disappoint, but if it turns out that too few participants have registered by the date registration closes, we'll need to cancel the event. We'll notify all registered participants, and make sure you get a full refund for events that GSCWM cancels.

## Inclement Weather

When bad weather threatens to squash too much of the fun, or we just don't think it's safe, GSCWM may decide that cancelling or re-scheduling the event is best. We'll notify all registered participants, and make sure that you get a full refund for the events that GSCWM cancels. Be sure to check your email and voice mail for messages. If conditions in your area have got you wondering if the event is still on, call 413-584-2602 or 508-365-0115. If it's after hours, we'll post a message on that line.

## Cancellation by Participant

Email or write us four weeks before the event to get a refund if you're not going to attend the event you registered for. We'll refund all but a \$5 cancellation fee per person. We're sorry, but we don't offer refunds for not showing up or if you arrive late or leave the event early.







# GIRL SCOUT AWARDS

## Highest Awards

**Bronze. Silver. Gold.** These represent the highest honors a Girl Scout can earn.

All three awards give you the chance to do big things while supporting an issue you care about. You might plant a community garden at your school or inspire others to eat healthy foods for your Bronze, advocate for animal rights for your Silver, or build a career network that encourages girls to become scientists and engineers for your Gold. Whatever you choose, you'll inspire others (and yourself).

As you earn one of Girl Scouts' highest awards, you'll change your corner of the world—and beyond. The possibilities are endless!

You can find all Highest Award Guidelines, current GSCWM reports and forms, and many helpful resources at [gscwm.org/awards](https://gscwm.org/awards).

**Bronze Award Orientations** are offered to troop leaders and parents who are interested in arming themselves with the knowledge and tools they'll need to lead their Juniors through a successful Girl Scout Bronze Award experience. **Bronze Award Orientations are required to be taken by at least one adult working with a team of Juniors on their Bronze Awards within one year of beginning the award.**

**Bronze Award Workshops** are offered to Juniors who are interested in learning the steps to earning their Bronze Award, equipping themselves with some tips and tricks, and even some hands-on activities to get them started on their way. Bronze Award Workshops are not required to be taken by girls but it is a great start to the Bronze journey.

**Strive for Silver Orientations** are for Cadettes interested in learning about the steps to becoming a Silver Award Girl Scout, the pros and cons of an individual versus a team project, understanding the difference between a Take Action Project and community service, and understanding the importance of the community impact of a project. Troop leaders, advisors, and parents are strongly encouraged to join as well. **Taking a Strive for Silver Orientation is required for all girls within one year of beginning the Silver Award process and submitting a Silver Award Proposal.**

**Go for Gold Orientations** provide valuable information about the national Gold Award Guidelines, the award process including paperwork, deadlines, what to expect when meeting with the Gold Award Committee (GAC), and an opportunity to get your questions answered from members of the GAC. Leaders, advisors, and parents are also encouraged to attend. **Taking a Go for gold Orientation is required for all girls within one year of beginning the Gold Award process and submitting a Gold Award Proposal.**

You will find information about all Orientations listed throughout the Program Guide program listings.

**Gold Award Committee Meetings** are held over Zoom. Appointments with the GAC can be made by emailing [GoldAward@gscwm.org](mailto:GoldAward@gscwm.org) at least one month prior to when you would like an appointment. At a **minimum**, all girls are required to meet with the GAC for their Initial Interviews and Final Reviews. The GAC has scheduled meetings August through June so be sure to plan accordingly and keep in mind they fill up quickly around deadlines.

# GIRL SCOUT AWARDS

**Bronze, Silver and Gold Patrols:** Have questions about the Girl Scout Highest Awards? Whether you are an adult guiding girls through the process or a girl working on award steps, if you want some help brainstorming, need someone to bounce ideas off, or just have a general question about one of the awards itself, join us for these informal chats and Q&A sessions. Patrols take place monthly from August through June on the last business day of the month. While there is no charge to join us, you'll need to register to receive the Zoom link. All Patrol dates and times are listed throughout the program listings. Patrols do NOT take the place of an orientation or meet the orientation requirement but are here to offer you more support throughout the process.

**GSUSA Gold Award Scholarship:** Did you know that one Gold Award Girl Scout per council receives a national scholarship? To be eligible, you need to have earned your Gold Award and have been approved by the council in the GoGold portal between April 1 and March 31. You'll find that there are other great scholarship opportunities waiting for you as well!

## National Leadership Awards

As Girl Scouts, we take pride in providing service to others and doing what we can to make the world a better place. To recognize older girls (Cadettes through Ambassadors) for their dedication and commitment to both their Girl Scout community and their own communities, girls can be recognized with the following awards:

**Community Service Bars** are earned when girls make a difference in their community and practice the values of the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

**Service to Girl Scouting Bars** are earned by volunteering at least 20 hours to the Girl Scout organization, such as at a council-wide event, service unit assistant, or directly on a council special project.

**Torch Awards** recognize girls who act as leaders in their communities by completing a Girl Scout level Leadership Journey and serving for one full term in a leadership position at school, place of worship, library, community center, or similar organization.

**President's Volunteer Service Award** – GSCWM is a certifying organization and offers current girl and adult members the opportunity to earn this award annually by recognizing girl and adult volunteers who have achieved the required number of service hours over a 12-month period from September 1 through August 31. Recipients are recognized with a pin, certificate, and letter signed by the President of the United States at an award ceremony held in one of our Leadership Centers. This is the only award girls are allowed to double-dip for—using hours earned on their Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award, and applying them to the PVSA.

**We are proud to honor our next class of recipients at a council celebration on December 2, 2023.**

Find full information on the requirements of these awards and applications at [gscwm.org/leadership-awards](https://gscwm.org/leadership-awards) or contact [tbreen@gscwm.org](mailto:tbreen@gscwm.org). Deadline for submission of application is September 5.



# GIRL SCOUT AWARDS

## Religious Awards

### My Promise, My Faith

Girls of all grade levels can earn the My Promise, My Faith pin, which helps girl make the connection between the Girl Scout Promise and Law to their religion. This pin can be earned each year. Information for each Girl Scout level can be found in The Girl Scout Handbook.

### Celebrating Spirituality and Faith

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

## Teen Mentoring Awards

When girls guide or teach others, they act as mentors. An exciting part of a Girl Scout's development, teen mentoring is a win-win proposition!

As teen mentors, Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors gain experience by sharing skills, testing knowledge, and trying out new leadership roles. For the girls being mentored, it means a chance to be with and learn from teens – some of their favorite people!

Teens who earn mentoring awards are given a special opportunity to serve as champions for the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. As they serve in their roles, Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors can help increase awareness of Girl Scouting's aim to deliver fun with purpose: enjoyable and challenging activities that grow girls' leadership in their daily lives and in the world.

The Teen Mentoring Awards are:

#### **Cadette**

- Leader in Action (one for each Journey series)
- Program Aide

#### **Senior**

- Volunteer-in-Training
- Counselor-in-Training (earned at camp)

#### **Ambassador**

- Volunteer-in-Training
- Counselor-in-Training (earned at camp)
- Counselor-in-Training 2 (earned at camp)

The requirements for these awards can be found in The Girl Scout Handbook for the appropriate program level.

Guidance on earning the Leader in Action Award can be found in the adult guide for each Cadette journey.

# PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for more Programs and Girl Scout Award Opportunities? Check these out:

## Archery

GSCWM welcomes new and experienced archers to our four camps as we set our sights on the target ahead! Girl Scouts will practice how to be safe on the range, learn the steps of the shooting cycle, and shoot an arrow just like the professionals. Archery programs are based on Girl Scout age levels and experience to ensure a safe experience for all participants. Introductory archery programs (01) are offered in the fall followed by more advanced archery programs in the spring (02). Girls are not required to take the 01 programs in the fall to participate in the 02 programs in the spring, however, doing so is recommended so that girls receive a progressive learning experience. Look for our exciting archery program offerings across all four camps in the program guide and sign up for your chance to hit a bullseye!

Archery 101 and 102 for Brownies

Archery 201 and 202 for Juniors

Archery 301 and 302 for Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors

## High Adventure Group

Love everything extreme? Want to try new activities and challenge yourself?

Join our High Adventure Group and participate in programs like indoor rock climbing, winter snow events, and learning how to scuba dive. The High Adventure Group enjoys various trips and events throughout the year, and you can attend them all or just one. Open to all Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts. If interested, please contact [gscwmhighadventure@gmail.com](mailto:gscwmhighadventure@gmail.com) and watch for High Adventure programs coming soon to our website

*The High Adventure Group is seeking other Girl Scout Leader volunteers to join our Leadership Team to share leading these events. We are also searching for additional volunteers, especially adults with backpacking and hiking experience, to help lead outdoor events and/or chaperone trips. If interested, please contact [gscwmhighadventure@gmail.com](mailto:gscwmhighadventure@gmail.com).*

## Robotics

Seeking future Girl Scout scientists, programmers, innovators, and dreamers! FIRST® LEGO® League provides invaluable STEM learning opportunities and exploration for youth and encourages them to discover, dream big, and challenge themselves. During the upcoming 2023 season, youth will grow in their understanding of the basics of STEM and apply their skills in an exciting competition atmosphere, while building confidence, teamwork skills, and programming our brand new LEGO® Education SPIKE Prime robot. Throughout their experience, teams will operate under the FIRST® LEGO® League signature set of core values, celebrating discovery, teamwork, and gracious professionalism. Oh, and of course, our Girl Scout Law.

GSCWM is lucky to be hosting one COOKIE Robotics Team for our 2023 season-COOKIE Robotics Worcester. Regular meetings are Wednesday nights at our Worcester Leadership Center from 6:00-7:30 PM from September through December. Our COOKIE Robotics Team will participate in a regional competition at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in December and will have the opportunity to share their real world solution, compete against other incredible teams across MA, and strengthen their teamwork skills. Our COOKIE Robotics Team is open to new and experienced programmers and coached by adult volunteers. Join us as we rise to new heights and inspire our fellow citizens! To participate on a competing team, girls must be 9-14 years old on January 1, 2023. Register through GSCWM.



# GSCWM GIRL ADVISORY BOARD

You've signed on to make the world a better place, now here's your chance to do the same for your sister Girl Scouts and Girl Scout council! On the Girl Advisory Board (GAB), your input will help shape the leadership experience for you and your sister Girl Scouts, all while increasing your leadership skills and knowledge.

## WHO IS THE GAB?

The Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts' Girl Advisory Board (GAB) is a dedicated group of Junior-Ambassador Girl Scouts from across our council area who work as a team to provide ideas, guidance, and youth-driven recommendations on projects and initiatives aligned to the council strategy.

## WHAT CAN I EXPECT TO DO?

You'll provide critical insight into programs and activities offered; trainings, social trends, and how to attract and retain members, and ideas about how to increase awareness of the Girl Scout Movement. The GAB exists to ensure that the voices of Girl Scouts are heard.

GAB members will be offered opportunities to represent the council at various activities and events throughout the year and around the council area. The GAB prepares a report for the GSCWM Board of Directors of its activities annually and selects several GAB members to present the report, share the team's ideas, and respond to questions from the Board. All GAB members are invited to observe a BoD meeting to gain an understanding of the governance process preparing you to maybe earn a seat on the Board of Directors in the future.

## WHAT IS MY COMMITMENT?

Joining the Girl Advisory Board is a one year commitment where you will have the opportunity to learn more about public speaking, board relations, and marketing and fundraising. Participating will give you the opportunity to earn hours for things like Community Service Bars, Service to Girl Scouting Bar, and the President's Volunteer Service Award. Being part of the Girl Advisory Board is a great addition to your college applications. You can also get a personal recommendation letter from our CEO.



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## WHEN AND WHERE WILL THE GROUP MEET?

There are seven scheduled meetings in the year plus the Annual Meeting in the spring. All members are requested to attend all seven plus the Annual Meeting. Additional opportunities will be offered outside the scheduled meeting times. Dates and times will be given in advance. The first and last meetings are in-person and the rest on Zoom. Here's an overview:

<b>October</b>	In person orientation
<b>November</b>	Zoom Meeting/Training
<b>December</b>	Zoom Meeting/Training
<b>February</b>	Zoom Meeting/Training
<b>March</b>	Zoom Meeting/Training
<b>April</b>	Zoom Meeting/Training
<b>May</b>	In person wrap up & Annual Meeting

## HOW DO I APPLY?

Request more information and an application form from Brandi at [BBarcomb@gscwm.org](mailto:BBarcomb@gscwm.org).

# TRAVEL OPS

Girl Scouts love to travel! From the field trips girls take as Daisies and Brownies to the global adventures they go on as teens, if you love exploring different places and cultures, then check out these travel opportunities! Explore the continental United States or seek out new opportunities abroad-the possibilities are endless!

## Troop travel

With your troop's proceeds from the Girl Scout Fall Product and Cookie Programs, your group may decide on local, national or international travel opportunities. Explore the continental US or seek out new opportunities abroad-the possibilities are endless!

## Getaways

If your troop is looking for all of the adventure of a trip but would like to have the details taken care of for you, getaways are the answer! To see all Troop Getaway opportunities visit <http://forgirls.girlscouts.org/travel/take-a-trip/getaways/>.

## GSUSA International Events

Girl Scouts go global! Browse this travel page to find international events for troops hosted by global scouting organizations and to information about how to visit our amazing WAGGGS centers. To see all Troop GSUSA International Travel opportunities visit <http://forgirls.girlscouts.org/travel/take-a-trip/international-events/>.

## Destinations

For Cadettes through Ambassadors, you can be whisked away to the far corners of the world where you will meet other remarkable go-getters, develop leadership skills, gain confidence, and enjoy valuable opportunities to take action. For a current list of destinations and applications, visit <http://forgirls.girlscouts.org/travel/take-a-trip/destinations>.

Through generous funding from GSUSA, GSCWM has been awarded D-Pass Funding for Girl Scout year 2024 to provide scholarships for Cadettes-Ambassadors embarking on Destinations. To learn more and apply for this scholarship, please email [travel@gscwm.org](mailto:travel@gscwm.org). **\*Please note that applications will be sent to every girl who is accepted to a GSUSA Destination.**

## GSCWM Girl Scouts Go International Travel

Girl Scouting has taught you valuable skills such as goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and challenging yourself. Now, get ready to sharpen those skills as you travel the world! Start planning for upcoming trips taking place through Summer 2027! More information on these exciting trips can be found in the program listings of this Program Guide.

### Summer 2024

London, Paris, Barcelona, and Rome

### Summer 2025

Costa Rica

### Summer 2026

London to Lucerne

### Summer 2027

Japan- Land of the Rising Sun

The world is your oyster for summer 2024 and beyond! Visit [www.gscwm.org/travel](http://www.gscwm.org/travel) or email [travel@gscwm.org](mailto:travel@gscwm.org) to learn about Getaway, Troop Trek, Destinations or GSCWM Girl Scouts Go Travel programs to get all of your questions answered.

For our international travelers, you have the pleasure of adventuring with our incredible GSCWM International Travel Volunteer Coordinator Sarah Golding. Sarah is an avid traveler, mental health professional, and is committed to helping young adults as they build life skills, strengthen their confidence, and make lifelong connections with other Girl Scouts. We encourage you to join us for an upcoming travel information session to learn more about Sarah and how you can join our adventures. Look for more details coming soon!

Do you have a fabulous country you would love to travel to? We would welcome your thoughts and suggestions as we continue to grow our travel program and provide memories that last a lifetime. If you or your Girl Scout have travel suggestions or ideas for how we can grow our program, please email us at [travel@gscwm.org](mailto:travel@gscwm.org).



# CAMP



For more than a century, camping has been a cornerstone of the Girl Scout experience. When girls get outdoors they create memories, make new discoveries, develop lifelong friendships, and learn new skills. Girls become lifelong learners, take on new challenges, think outside the box, find creative ways to get things done, and embrace the unfamiliar. Camping is in our Girl Scout DNA!

GSCWM owns four camp properties, all of which were developed and maintained for the express purpose of Girl Scout programs in the outdoors that inspire girls to develop a love of nature and a lasting commitment to the environment. Our camps are located throughout central and western Massachusetts and each offers a unique experience.

**Service Unit Encampments:** Reserve up to nine months prior to your date.

**Troop Camping:** Reserve up to six months prior to your date.

**Service Projects:** Pre-arrange a project with GSCWM. Some ideas include painting, cleaning fire circles, cleaning unsightly areas, and landscaping.

**Borrow Equipment:** to borrow or rent equipment, complete the Loanable Resources Form found online: [www.gscwm.org/forms.html](http://www.gscwm.org/forms.html).

Find out more by visiting [www.gscwm.org](http://www.gscwm.org) and clicking on the Camp tab. Confirm a property's availability by looking at the appropriate site calendar. If there is a site noted on a date, this signifies a reservation is in place. "Exclusive" signifies the entire camp has been reserved.

# CAMP

## Girl Scout Summer Camp

While Girl Scout Camp is a key component of the Girl Scouting experience, no Girl Scout experience is required to attend our summer camps. In a girl-led, girl-friendly environment, all girls will be able to challenge themselves and take healthy risks while surrounded by supportive friends and camp staff. When girls spend quality time outdoors and increase their exposure to nature, they thrive physically, emotionally, and intellectually.

When Girl Scouts get outside, they:

- Discover that they can better solve problems and overcome challenges.
- Develop leadership skills, build social bonds, and are happier overall.
- Become team players and care more about protecting our environment.

Our summer camps allow girls to unplug from their smartphones, laptops, TVs, and tablets, and get outside to enjoy nature.

For questions about specific camp programs, email [camp@gscwm.org](mailto:camp@gscwm.org).

For questions about registering or processing payments, email [info@gscwm.org](mailto:info@gscwm.org).

Look for the 2024 Camp Guide with session descriptions and dates at [gscwm.org/camp](http://gscwm.org/camp) this winter.

## Our Day Camps

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Each of our camps is special and unique with a variety of program options. See below for unique adventures to be had at each of our four camps and check out our 2024 Camp Guide coming this winter to learn how you can bring the magic of camp to your Girl Scout!

### **Camp Laurel Wood Weekly session.**

Come be a part of day camp at Camp Laurel Wood, located in Spencer. Enjoy swimming and boating on Stiles Reservoir, archery and games on the A-Field, and hiking to the Wesley Center. Be sure to check out our Gaga Pit and learn new games. Through girl-led programming, girls will get a chance to experience everything camp has to offer and enjoy activities relating to each theme week. Make new friends, learn new skills, and be one with nature at camp. Camp Laurel Wood is also home to GSCWM's History Museum.

### **Camp Lewis Perkins Weekly session.**

Join us at Camp Lewis Perkins, located near downtown South Hadley. At camp, girls will have the chance to explore all that the fields, woodlands and trails have to offer. Play teambuilding games in the field, create nature art under the trees, enjoy the Gaga Pit, or learn to shoot a bow and arrow at the archery range. Take a dip in the in-ground pool, build your own campfire, and spend an evening under the stars. Girls will challenge themselves to take risks, try new things, learn songs, and explore the traditions of camp in our fun-filled camp sessions.



# CAMP

## **Camp Green Eyrie Weekly session on select weeks only.**

Girls have been swimming, boating, roasting marshmallows, and making new friends at Camp Green Eyrie, located in Harvard, since 1925. Challenge yourself and your team on the ropes course, have fun in the Gaga Pit, or take a shot at the archery range. Launch your kayak on Bare Hill Pond and learn about the mysteries of nature in the Sara Hardy Science Center at Chenoweth. Sing traditional camp songs around the fire, voyage into the forests and fields, and play old and new games. Girls will forge new friendships, enjoy new adventures and have an unforgettable summer at Camp Green Eyrie.

## **Camp Bonnie Brae One Week session.**

Join us at the nation's longest continuously operating Girl Scout Camp, located in East Otis. After arriving at camp for one of our day camp sessions, girls will individually choose activities from spending the entire afternoon at the waterfront, to exploring their creative side in arts & crafts, to mixing it up with a trip to the archery range and badge work. Explore the traditions of friendship, girl-led programming, island swims, gaga games, and so much more. Girls who attend Camp Bonnie Brae will get a chance to join a century of tradition, girl power, and camp magic. **\*Please note that Day Camp at Camp Bonnie Brae is only offered during Session 1 of our summer programming and features a Daisy/Brownie program track as well as a Junior program track.**

## **Our Overnight Camps**

### **Camp Bonnie Brae- Weekly and two - week sessions.**

Join us at the nation's oldest continuously operating Girl Scout Camp as we move into our second century of building girls of courage, confidence & character. At Camp Bonnie Brae, girls will choose from program themes that match their interest, and spend part of their time doing activities with girls from their group. Three afternoons each week, girls will get a chance to explore their own desires through Camper Choice activities. Girls will individually choose activities that could include spending the entire afternoon at the waterfront, exploring their creative side in arts & crafts, taking a trip to the archery range, or mixing it up with a dance session. Explore the traditions of wish boats, girl-led programming, island swims and so much more. Girls who attend Camp Bonnie Brae will have the opportunity to join more than a century of tradition, girl power, and camp magic.

### **Camp Green Eyrie - Weekly and two-week sessions.**

Camp Green Eyrie is situated on 52 forested acres right outside of Harvard, Massachusetts, and has been providing unforgettable Girl Scout camp experiences since 1925. Enjoy the low ropes challenge course, archery range, hatchet throwing lanes, and arts & crafts room. At the waterfront, splash around in the swimming area, jump in a kayak or canoe, and try paddle boarding. Green Eyrie offers campers the opportunity to try new things, explore their interests, and grow their leadership skills in a safe, supportive environment.

# PRODUCT PROGRAMS

## Product Programs

Have you ever fully funded a week of summer camp at the age of 12? Have you and your ten best friends been able to travel to Savanna, Georgia to visit the birthplace of Juliette Gordon Low all with money you earned as a team? Or were you able to discover your passion for butterflies at your local conservatory? These and much more can be accomplished while participating in the Girl Scout Fall Product and Cookie Programs.

**The Fall Product Program** enables girls to earn funds at the beginning of the Girl Scout year so they can begin planning their service projects, activities and adventures. This program is an integral part of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, where girls gain experience through the Five Skills focused on leadership and financial literacy and which include: goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics.

**Fall Product Program:**  
**September 14- October 15, 2023**  
**Online Store closes November 12, 2023**

The Fall Product Program gives girls and their troops exciting options to participate and work on their Five Skills. You can participate a number of different ways including virtually and in person. Girls can use order cards for our nut & candy program, while online they will find the magazine program and a larger selection of nuts and candy items. Participation is based on the decisions of the girls, their parents, and their troops.

**The Girl Scout Cookie Program** is such an important (and fun!) part of the overall Girl Scout experience—tons of learning for girls and beyond-delicious cookies for our awesome cookie customers! It's a win-win. As cookie entrepreneurs, girls continue to learn essential life skills. Girls learn to work as a team to accomplish common goals and solve problems while building the confidence they need to shine as girls, young women, and future leaders. And did we mention fun? They have a ton of that along the way, too.

Whether they're part of a troop goal or a girl's own personal goals (such as earning a week of summer camp), all proceeds from the Girl Scout Fall Product and Cookie Programs remain in the region and directly benefit girls in the community in which the products are sold.

## Cookie Program

**Order Cards:** December 13, 2023 – March 17, 2024  
**Direct & Online Sales:** January 19 – March 17, 2024

Girls and their troops begin the planning process for the annual Cookie Program in December. The program kicks off on December 14 when girls begin selling using their order cards. On January 20, the Direct Sale aspect of the Cookie program begins in full swing as girls start selling with cookies in hand! From door-to-door sales to booth sales and online orders, the Five Skills are put to work as girls and their troops set goals and determine how to achieve those goals.



# PRODUCT PROGRAMS

## **Not in a Troop?**

### **Become a Cookie Boss!**

As with many fun programs at GSCWM, girls do not have to be a member of a troop to participate in the Girl Scout Fall Product and Cookie Program. Girls who are on the non-troop affiliated pathway can participate through their service units for the Fall Product Program, and during the cookie season, they can become a Cookie Boss! For the Fall Product Programs please contact [prodprograms@gscwm.org](mailto:prodprograms@gscwm.org) if you are interested in participating. For the Cookie Program, an email will be sent to all non-troop affiliated girls in early December to welcome them to sign up for the Cookie Boss Program. You will be able to work on the five skills and help fund your Girl Scout experience while learning valuable life and business skills.

### **What do the product programs fund?**

The Girl Scout Fall Product and Cookie Programs are two of the few youth-oriented programs in the country providing its participants the ability to decide how to direct the proceeds generated through their business activity. Some girls are using their proceeds for local programs, local and national travel, and big trips abroad. Some girls use their cookie credits to help fund their way to summer camp, to earn their higher awards, and to give back to the community by funding their service projects. Council-wide, most of our Girl Scout troops reinvest a portion of their proceeds in service projects that address specific community needs. Many of the troops also take part in Project Care & Share programs which make donations to local food pantries and our military troops.

All proceeds from the sale of Girl Scout Fall Product and Cookies remain in the region and benefit girls in the community in which the products are sold. At GSCWM, we use product program revenue to supply essential services to troops and individual girls, provide program resources and support, train adult volunteers, conduct events, maintain camps, and provide financial assistance to help make Girl Scouting possible for all girls.



# COMING IN JANUARY

## COMING IN JANUARY

What's coming in January? The 2nd Edition of the Program Guide with even more great programs and opportunities for your Girl Scout year! Can't wait until January to begin planning the rest of your Girl Scout year? Visit our website at [www.gscwm.org/events](http://www.gscwm.org/events) for additional programs already scheduled and don't forget to visit often for added programs throughout the year! Let's begin with these teasers:

**Girl Scout Cookie Season** is right around the corner! Participation is super easy if you are part of a troop or if you are a Juliette. All registered girls members are able to participate. Ask us how the girls can **Own your Magic** today at [prodprograms@gscwm.org](mailto:prodprograms@gscwm.org).

Come together to innovate, create, and test during the **MakerZone Mystery Challenge** on January 6.

Come learn how to identify maple trees, tap a tree to collect syrup, and make a batch of syrup on the stove in our **Maple Sugaring with Mrs. G** programs in February.

Watch for our big announcement for the return of our popular **Worcester Railers Badge event** on Sunday, March 3! What will our theme be this year?

It's the **Rube Goldberg Machine Girl Scout Cookie Dip Challenge Celebration** on March 12-still time to register your team to join us!

Adults, get your **Axe Yard certification** on April 6 for our axe yard at Camp Bonnie Brae and Camp Green Eyrie and facilitate an ax yard program for your girls. You can also become a GSCWM facilitator for our hatchet-throwing ranges facilitate a hatchet-throwing program for your girls!

Learn how circuits work in our new **Snappy Circuits** programs in April and work on your new Maker Badges.

The power of destruction will be at your fingertips in our **UnMake It** program on April 13 as you learn all about some basic tools and disassemble things!

Become a problem solver when you craft with a purpose in our MakerZone **Tinkertime** program on May 11.

And lastly... Coming in January is all things **CAMP!** Camping is a great way for girls to explore their leadership potential, build important skills, and develop a deep appreciation for nature. Whether for a few days, a week, or longer, Girl Scout camp gives girls an opportunity to grow, explore, and have fun under the guidance of caring, trained adults. Browse our 2024 Summer Camp Guide at [www.gscwm.org/camp](http://www.gscwm.org/camp) to learn more and start preparing for a summer full of camp magic. Day Camp, Overnight Camp, and Troop Camping information will be showcased in the next edition! Watch for camp registration to open in early January 2024.



# KEEP IN TOUCH

With Girl Scouts, you're a part of a community where there are always new and fun opportunities. Stay in touch!

## **Our Website: [gscwm.org](http://gscwm.org)**

Visit [gscwm.org](http://gscwm.org) often for the most current information on events and news including upcoming events and trainings, programs for girls, product program information, and store closing announcements.

## **Electronic Newsletters**

All members, volunteers, and families will receive our emails to the address we have on file in their MyGS profile and do not need to subscribe, unless they have previously opted out. If you've previously opted out, you can opt back in at the bottom of the "My Profile" page in MyGS. Need help? Reach out to us at [info@gscwm.org](mailto:info@gscwm.org).

## **Volunteer Express**

For membership news our volunteers need – what's coming up, what's happening, things to make you a more confident and efficient leader – you'll love Volunteer Express. This electronic newsletter is distributed the first Sunday of each month, August through June.

## **Program Express**

This short and sweet e-newsletter for parents and caring adults highlights the experiences and programs that comprise the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Program Express arrives in your inbox the third Sunday of the month, August through June.

## **Pattie's Blog**

GSCWM CEO Pattie Hallberg shares what's on her mind and welcomes guest bloggers from time to time. Find all the musings by clicking on "Blog" at the very bottom of [www.gscwm.org](http://www.gscwm.org).

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**HOW DO I GET MY GIRLS FEATURED?** Share with us all the super awesome things a troop, individual member, or volunteer has been up to and your story could be featured in our blog, social media, newsletters, and more! On GSCWM's homepage click on Members, For Caregivers and Families, Share Your Story.

# Volunteers make our mission possible.

## Stand Up for a Better Tomorrow. Be a Girl Scout Volunteer.

Girl Scouts makes sure girls see and have opportunities to reach their potential—not just to ensure they'll earn better grades, make better decisions, and lead happier lives (though we help with those things too!).

And Girl Scout volunteers are the change-makers who make it all possible. They lead the sisterhood that provides comfort and inspiration in trying moments—giving girls the tools to solve problems and bounce back when faced with life's challenges.

**In short, Girl Scout volunteers transform lives.**

Bonus? The benefits of volunteering with Girl Scouts go both ways. As a volunteer, you'll:

- Unleash the confidence that comes with being a role model
- Discover your leadership style as your girls discover theirs
- Network and meet new people in your community
- Build new skills and have fun as you take on exciting activities with your girls

There's nothing like helping girls find their voices and use them to change the world. Contact us today to start the conversation. Your life will never be the same.





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