

Fall & Winter Program Guide

September 2025 - February 2026

Brave. Fierce. Fun!

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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, respect authority, 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.

Anti-Racism Commitment

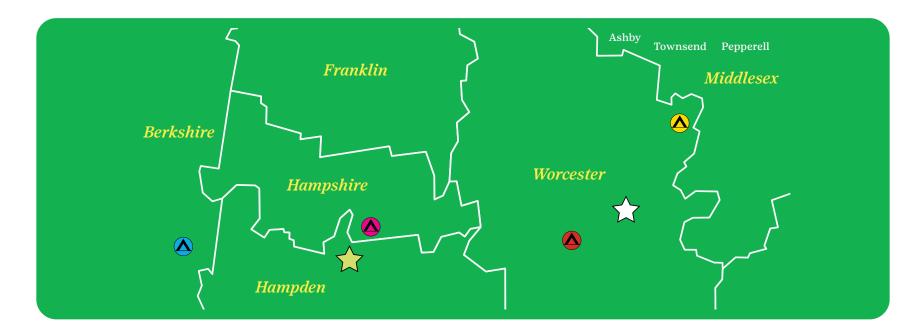
Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts accepts the ethical responsibility to engage in social justice and anti-racist action. We aspire to be an organization that recognizes and works to understand historical and contemporary experiences with power, privilege, and oppression.

We will do our part to dismantle systemic, institutional, cultural, and individual racism. We recognize that this is far from easy or fast work, but we are Girl Scouts—we believe in courage, justice, and fairness—so we are in it for the long haul. We take action when we see a need and we live by the Girl Scout Law, which demands we seek racial equity for everyone.

We promise to learn to operate both internally and externally in ways that affirm and support our members, staff, and community partners who identify as Black, Indigenous, and/or People of Color.

We are asking for all Girl Scouts, alums, supporters, families, staff, and our suppliers and service providers—to commit to taking action with empathy to make the world a more just and equitable place.

Need Assistance? 508-365-0115, 413-584-2602, and info@gscwm.org



Our Locations



Holyoke Leadership Center

301 Kelly Way Holyoke, MA 01040



Worcester Leadership Center

115 Century Drive Worcester, MA 01606

Girl Scout Camps



Camp Green Eyrie, Harvard



Camp Laurel Wood, Spencer



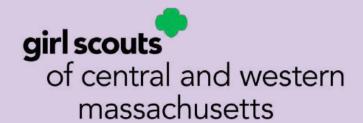
Camp Lewis Perkins, South Hadley



Camp Bonnie Brae, East Otis

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Welcome!

As we begin a new Girl Scout year, we are so excited to share with you all of the programs and opportunities that we have planned. Some are tried and true favorites while others are completely new, but all focus on the Girl Scout mission of "building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place."

Modeled after GSUSA's four pillars of STEM, Outdoors, Life Skills, and Entrepreneurship, we offer programs and opportunities for everyone. From large scale events such as our Cookie Rally with the Springfield Thunderbirds and Geek Is Glam at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, to smaller programs such as our Daisy and Brownie Mindfulness Hike (Trail Adventure badge included!) and Podcast Tea Night, we have fun activities across our council.

In addition to programs at our two leadership centers and four camp properties, we also have community partner programs, including Get Spooky at The Carle and STARS Over Springfield at the Springfield Museum. Thanks to feedback from girls and their families, we have expanded our trip programs to include domestic programs—Savannah, Georgia in 2027, as well as Destination programs offered by other councils, such as Adventures in the Land of Waterfalls in North Carolina. For an international experience, join us in Greece (2026), Japan (2026) or Capitals of the British Isles (2027).

For girls interested in leadership programs, we have our higher awards programs as well as troop and camp opportunities. And finally, I would be remiss in not mentioning our iconic Girl Scout Cookie and Fall Product programs, where girls work on their financial literacy and entrepreneurial skills, while also raising funds for many of these activities. Our Girl Scout theme for this year is *Brave. Fierce. Fun!* which feels perfect for all the programs and opportunities we are offering. And is it just me, or is the acronym BFF also just perfect for Girl Scouts!

Yours in Girl Scouting,

Sara RowanSenior Director, Girl Experience



What's New 2025

Body Appreciation Badges

Fun with Movement: Daisies begin the journey to body appreciation by discovering the joy of movement. They get active with big motions like jumping, stretching, dancing, and gardening—and explore how small movements, like drawing or smelling a flower, spark creativity. This badge helps them connect with their bodies through joyful movement, creativity, and play. With every skip and giggle, Daisies grow through self-expression and discovery.



Me Time: Brownies explore how to care for themselves by making the most of their "me time"—moments spent doing something kind just for them. They learn how food fuels their fun, try out movements that spark joy, like dancing and laughing, and use body language to boost confidence. This badge helps them feel their best by building habits that support self-care, confidence, and joy. With every smile and stretch, Brownies discover how their amazing bodies help them thrive.



Uniquely Us: Juniors celebrate what makes them—and everyone around them—one of a kind. They explore their physical and non-physical traits, practice positive self-talk, and learn how to appreciate their individuality without comparing themselves to others. This badge helps them boost their self-worth, affirm body autonomy, and recognize differences as strengths that unite and empower. By honoring what makes them unique, Juniors build a strong sense of identity and connection.



Outside the Mirror: Cadettes challenge beauty myths and media messages by looking beyond the mirror to discover what makes them truly shine. Through creative activities like exploring personal style, trying playful makeovers, or creating campaigns that champion authenticity, they learn to define beauty on their own terms. This badge helps them reject stereotypes, embrace their true selves, and express themselves with confidence. When they look within, Cadettes find the power to shape how the world sees them.



Mind, Body, Me: Seniors explore how their bodies and minds work together to support their wellbeing. They try practicing mindfulness, enjoy outdoor adventures, and reflect on movement that lifts their mood and energy. This badge helps them build healthy habits, tune into their wellness needs, and care for their whole selves. With every breath and step, Seniors strengthen their path to lifelong balance.



Cheers for Everybody: Ambassadors celebrate their growing sense of self through personal expression and empowerment. They explore how to project confidence through style and body language and learn to set and honor their personal boundaries. This badge helps them embrace who they are, stand tall in their autonomy, and lift others along the way. With purpose and pride, Ambassadors step boldly as capable, ready-to-thrive young adults.









World Thinking Day

Every year on February 22, Girl Scouts and Girl Guides in more than 150 countries around the world celebrate World Thinking Day! The World Thinking Day 2026 theme is "Our Friendship." We invite Girl Scouts to join in as we explore our worldwide community and celebrate the friendships that connect us all around the world through fun activities.

Solution Superstar

The world needs more creative problem-solvers, and this program helps Girl Scouts become just that. Solutions Superstar invites Girl Scouts of all grade levels to tackle hands-on challenges through six fun activities. From planning cookie delivery routes to inventing new gadgets, they'll build key skills like creative thinking, teamwork, and problem-solving, while getting a peek into how logistics keeps the world moving. Made possible by DHL Supply Chain.

Global Action Award

As a Girl Scout, you have the power to make a difference for animals, people, and our planet! With friends or fellow Girl Scouts, create a project that addresses a community issue. Take Action projects address local challenges, while Global Action projects explore how communities worldwide have approached similar issues.

Leadership Awards

Girl Scouts' new Leadership Awards celebrate all the ways you lead—yourself, your team, and your community. Whether you're leading a team project, guiding younger kids, speaking up for change, or learning to trust your instincts, these awards recognize and support the many ways leadership shows up. They're flexible, fun, and designed to help Junior through Ambassador Girl Scouts practice leading with confidence and purpose. Built to grow with girls, they also open the door toward the #gsBronzeAward, #gsSilverAward, and #gsGoldAward! New awards and requirements go into effect July 14, with both being active until October 1, 2026. Pick your path to leadership!

	Bronze Award	Silver Award	Gold Award	Pro Tips
Highest Awards		Earn the Bronze Award	Earn the Silver Award	One Award Leads to the Next Already earned your Bronze or Silver Award? Great— each one counts as the prerequisite for the next!
Personal Leadership	True North	True North	True North	
Peer Leadership		Silver Torch	Gold Torch	Leadership that Counts Your Leadership Award doesn't just meet the
Teaching Leadership	Junior Aide	Program Aide	Volunteer in Training Counselor in Training I and II	prerequisite—it helps you build real-world skills you'll use on your Highest Award project and beyond.
Community Advocacy	Take Action Global Action	Take Action Global Action	Take Action Global Action	
Journeys	One Junior Journey	One Cadette Journey	One Senior or Ambassador Journey	Journeys Still Count Started one? Keep it going— it'll always count as a prerequisite, even after Journeys retire in 2026.

Visit girlscouts.org/highestawards to get started.

Girl Scouts Love State Parks

It's time to lead the way at your favorite state parks and help create a better planet for all!

How? By heading out to explore local state parks during this year's Girls Scouts Love State Parks Weekend! On September 13 and 14, Girl Scouts can participate in self-guided tours, family hikes, watersports, stargazing, and more. The FREE passport activity sheet will guide Girl Scouts toward adventure and help them unlock a new patch!

Take A Bug Field Trip

September 13 | 2-3pm

Blackstone River and Canal, Heritage State Park 287 Oak Street, Uxbridge

Come join us for a bug field trip! We'll learn more about the thriving little communities that are built around a fallen log in this hands-on experience. I mile walk. This program will be led by Sherine Hamade. Parking is free. Meet at Visitor Center. Intended audience is Brownies. 25 people max. Bring sturdy shoes. Call (508) 278-7604 for more information. We will cancel in the event of inclement weather.

Brownie Eco Friend

September 13 | 10am-12pm

Wachusett Mountain State Reservation 345 Mountain Road, Princeton

This program will satisfy several requirements for the Brownie Eco Friend badge. In this program, Brownies will: interview a park "ranger" and find out about their fascinating job; talk with a park interpreter about animal homes, and will see some actual examples on display; will participate in a fun outdoor activity finding houses in nature, turning over rocks and using magnifying glasses to investigate living things they find; will go on an easy halfmile hike on one of Wachusett Mountain's beautiful trails, guided by the park interpreter, and will learn how to practice the Seven Principles of Leave No Trace. This program will be led by Nick Wisniewski. Parking costs \$5 Mass/\$20 Out of State License Plate. Meet at the Visitor Center. Intended audience is Brownies. Be sure to bring water, sunscreen, and snacks. 10 people max. Call 978-464-2987 for more information. The program will run rain-or-shine; the outdoor portion will be cancelled if there are thunderstorms or heavy rain.

Be a Nature Photographer

September 13 | 10-11:30am

Mount Greylock State Reservation 30 Rockwell Road, Lanesborough

Enjoy an easy paced walk in a wildflower meadow or woodland trail with opportunities to photograph the beauty of our majestic mountain landscapes. Then create a Nature Photo Journal for your pictures! Craft supplies will be provided. Up to .5 mile walk. This program accommodates 25 total people. The program is led by Meshell Bordeleau. Meet at Mount Greylock Visitor Center. This program is intended for Juniors and up. Please bring camera, tablet, or cell phone for photos. Wear sturdy shoes; bring a snack, bug spray, sunscreen and water. Rain cancels walk. Craft will be rain or shine.

Falling for Trees Gel Printing

Septmber 13 | 10:30am-12pm

Great Falls Discovery Center 2 Avenue A, Turners Falls

Who doesn't love the bright colors of maple leaves in fall? Oak trees deserve our praise too! Show your appreciation



and make your own fall colors with leaf gel printing. Along the way, learn how much oaks, maples and more do for us. Ideal for Outdoor Art Maker and Outdoor Art Creator badges. All materials provided. For ages 5 and up. Meet in the Great Hall. This program accommodates 20 total people. The program is led by Wren Wood.

Trees to the Rescue

September 13 | 1-2:30pm

Holyoke Heritage State Park 221 Appleton Street, Holyoke

Earn your "Trees" badge at Holyoke Heritage State Park, where over 30 species of trees are within an easy walk. Use stamps on your checklist as you learn about each tree's superhero skills in filtering air, cooling hot cityscapes and more. Up to a .5 mile walk. Meet at the Visitor Center. This program can accommodate 20 total people. The program is led by Nancy Condon. It is intended for Cadettes and up. Bring water. We will cancel in the event of inclement weather.

Girl Scout AT Summit Tour

September 14 | 10:30am-12pm

Mount Greylock State Reservation 30 Rockwell Road, Lanesborough

Every trail leads to a new adventure! Come join this Girl Scout AT Summit Tour at the highest point in Massachusetts, and learn about the historic Appalachian National Scenic Trail, while working towards your hiking and outdoor badges! Up to .5 mile walk. This program accommodates 25 total people. It is led by Caroline Scully. Meet at the Relief Map at Mount Greylock Summit. This program is intended for Daisies and up. Be prepared for weather, wear sturdy shoes; bring a snack, bug spray, sunscreen and drinking water.

Outdoors is Good for Everybody

September 14 | 1-2pm

Holyoke Heritage State Park 221 Appleton Street, Holyoke

Earn your "Outdoor Adventurer" badge at Holyoke Heritage State Park. Explore the outdoor treasures in this urban oasis, learn some useful outdoor skills and find out how the outdoors is good for everybody. Up to a .5 mile walk. This program accommodates 20 total people. It is led by Amber Clinton. Meet at the Visitor Center. This program is intended for Brownies and up. Bring water and a day pack. We will cancel in the event of inclement weather.

Your Year of Girl Scouting



Are you ready to be Brave. Fierce. Fun! with Girl Scouts this year?

Get into the Girl Scouting spirit with these fun activities! Share photos of Your Year of Girl Scouting with us by scanning the QR code below.

Bring a friend to your Girl Scout	☐ Complete a service project
meeting Set a goal for cookie sales	Leave a place better than you found it
Attend 2 or more Council programs	Sew a badge or fun patch onto
Earn a badge	your uniform
☐ Visit a GSCWM camp property	Visit the GSCWM museum in Worcester or at Camp Laurel Wood
Help a younger Girl Scout or learn from an older Girl Scout	☐ Rock a cookie booth!
☐ Memorize the Girl Scout Promise	Find a Juliette Gordon Low quarter
☐ Wear your favorite Girl Scout gear	Girl Scouts can do anything—talk to an expert about their job
☐ Visit a GSCWM Girl Scout shop	Live by the Girl Scout Law
Sleep somewhere new with your Girl Scout friends	Show off all the ways you're <i>Brave</i> . <i>Fierce</i> . <i>Fun!</i>
Try a Girl Scout tradition: sit-upons,	

Scan the QR code or follow the link to submit your photos! forms.gle/ceGecBkP2oFAMNaH6



archery, songs—so many to choose

from!

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 Savannah, Georgia to visit the birthplace of Juliette Gordon Low using the money you earned together? Or were you able to discover your passion for butterflies at your local conservatory?

All of this and much more can be accomplished by Girl Scouts while using their *Brave. Fierce. Fun!* determination and 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 which include: goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics.

Fall Product Program

September 19-October 19, 2025 Online Store Closes: November 23, 2025





You can participate a few different ways including virtually, inperson, and a combination of both. Girls can use order cards for our nut & candy program, while online they will find the magazine program, tumblers, Bark Boxes and a larger selection of nuts and candy items. Participation is based on the decisions of the girls, their parents/care-givers, 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 while they embody *Brave. Fierce. Fun!* Girls work towards their goals through problem solving and achieving set milestones, all 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 central and western Massachusetts and directly benefit girls in the community in which the products are sold.

Cookie Program

Order Cards & Online Sales: December 10, 2025–March 15, 2026
Direct Sales: January 16–March 15, 2026

Girls and their troops begin the planning process for the annual Cookie Program in December. The program kicks off on December 10 when girls can begin selling in person using their order cards and online through their Online Store Platforms. On January 16, 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.





January brings a
New Year, new beginnings,
and **A NEW COOKIE!** Can you
guess what it is? It is a perfect
pairing with our theme of being

BRAVE. FIERCE. FUN!

Not in a Troop?

Not a problem! Become a Fall Product Entrepreneur and 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 Programs. Girls who are on the non-troop affiliated pathway/Juliette's can participate through Fall Product Entrepreneurs for the Fall Product Program, and during the cookie season, they can become a Cookie Boss! For the Fall Product Program please contact 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. You can always contact <u>prodprograms@gscwm.org</u> directly for participation guidance.

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 with the ability to decide how to direct the proceeds generated through their business activity. Some Girl Scouts are using their proceeds for local programs, local and national travel, and big trips abroad. Some Girl Scouts 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 personnel.

All proceeds from the sale of Girl Scout Fall Product and Cookie Program remain in central and western Massachusetts 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.

Cookie Drop: Volunteers Needed on January 10, 2026!

Are you looking for community service hours, either for school, sports, toward the President's Volunteer Service Award, or to earn the Service to Girl Scouting Bar? We have just the opportunity for you! Our annual Cookie Drop is where we get those highly anticipated cookies into the vehicles of our helpful volunteers all in one day, across our council! We have volunteer opportunities in Worcester, the Townsend area, the West Springfield area, and the Springfield area; hours vary by location. You don't have to be a Girl Scout to join us. We love school groups, sports teams, other organizations, and families. Please let us know you'll be joining us at Cookie Drop SignUp! by January 5, 2026. If you have questions, please contact Tammy at tbreen@gscwm.org.

About Programs & 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 for supervising girls. For events where GSCWM collaborates 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 to 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 they can have fun and parents/caregivers can relax!

Who Needs to be a Girl Scout?

GIRLS: 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 and verified CORI check submitted at least two weeks prior to the event, program, or meeting on file with us if they are:

- Driving girls (other than their own child)
- · Counted in the girl to adult ratio
- · Actively participating in the event
- Attending an overnight event
- Responsible for a Girl Scout who is not their 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 become a member! Add the \$30 adult membership fee to the total due and you're covered for the membership year.

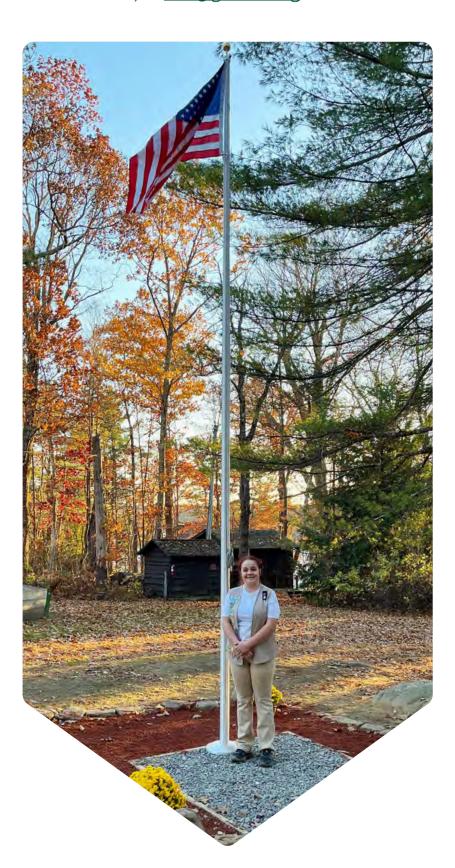
*Bring a Friend: Friends who aren't current Girl Scouts just need to add the \$55 Girl Scout membership fee to the event fee, and they can join in the fun for one or all Girl Scout events for the membership year!

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 for any time or place outside of a regular troop or group meeting. Turning that in to the troop or group leader for events is a must! When a 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/en/members/for-volunteers/forms-and-documents.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.



Registration & Cancellation

Registration by Program Level

Programs and events are designed for specific program levels. You will find a notation of those levels under each event listing. Program levels relate to school grades as follows:

- Daisies (Grades K-1)
- Brownies (Grades 2-3)
- Juniors (Grades 4-5)
- Cadettes (Grades 6-8)
- Seniors (Grades 9-10)
- Ambassadors (Grades 11-12)

Registration Information

The event description will tell you whether to register through GSCWM or through a Community 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: https://www.gscwm.org/en/discover/activities/event-calendar.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 the following page. List all girl and adult participants by the name used on their membership registration.

- 2. Mail or drop off completed form to one of the following addresses:
 - **GSCWM—Program Registration** 301 Kelly Way Holyoke, MA 01040
 - **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 for in-house programming only.
- 4. You will receive an email confirmation that your registration was processed.

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 canceling or rescheduling 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 voicemail 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 those phone lines.

Cancelation by Participant

Email or write to 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 cancelation 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.

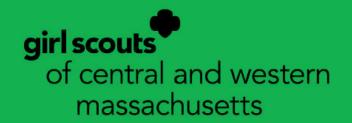
Community Partner Programs

For programs that are run by Community Partners, refund policies vary. Check with the partner before registering if you would like information about their refund policy.

Registration Form



Event Name:		Event Date:		
Event Location:				
Primary Contact (must be a	n adult)			
Full Name:			Troop/Group #:	
Full Address:				
Email:			Phone:	
Please List ALL Attendees			Payment Information	
First & Last Name	Registered	# of Girls Attending:		
(no nicknames)	Grade/Adult	Girl Scout?*	x Cost Per Girl:	
			= Total Girl Cost:	
			# of Adults Attending:	
			x Cost Per Adult:	
			= Total Adult Cost:	
			# of New GS Members:	
			x Cost Per New Member:	
			(\$55/girl or \$30/adult)	
			Total New Member Fees:	
			= Total Due:	
			☐ Check/Money Order ☐ Credit/Debit Card	
			☐ Cookie Credits ☐ GSCWM Gift Card ☐ Cash	
			Card #:	
			Name on Card:	
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*If not registered, you must add \$55/girl or Girl Scout membership dues.	\$30/adult to cov	er the annual		
Release/Acknowledgment S	tatements			
Check each box below and initial at th	e bottom, indic	ating you agree	to the following:	
			event are registered Girl Scout members (if membership dues for each non-member.	
•			history, and emergency contact information. If dividually, the girl must hand these forms to the	
☐ GSCWM is not responsible for damag	e or loss of any p	personal propert	y.	
Images may be used in promotional m	aterials, news re	eleases, and othe	aphed for print, videotaped or electronically imaged. r published formats by either the local Girl Scout ther the Girl Scout council or Girl Scouts of the USA.	
Please initial to signify your agreemen	nt to the statem	ents above:		



Programs & Events



Be sure to check our website often for any updates, additions, or cancelations of programs. The website will always have the most up-to-date information available. Programs may need to be updated or canceled for various reasons.

GRADE LEVEL GUIDE

Look for your grade level's color dot in the following program listings!

Daisies (K-1)

Brownies (2-3)

Juniors (4-5)

Cadettes (6-8)

Seniors (9-10)

Ambassadors (11-12)

Adults only



August 2025

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Go for Gold Orientation

Saturday, August 23 | 10am-12pm | Zoom

Grades: 9-12 •• Cost: \$5/girl, \$5/adult

Attending a Gold Award orientation can be the most beneficial thing you can do before beginning work on the Girl Scout Gold Award. Orientations provide valuable information about the process, the most up-to-date requirements, and deadlines. Most importantly, you will learn how to connect with the Gold Award Committee and Mentors, and receive current paperwork and timelines. Taking a Go for Gold Award Orientation is required within one year prior to submitting a Gold Award Proposal. The Zoom link will be sent out a couple of days before the orientation. Open to troops, girls with an adult, individual girls, and adults. Register through GSCWM by August 14.

Bronze Patrol

Friday, August 29 | 5-5:30pm | Zoom

Grades: 4-5

Cost: No charge/girl or adult

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Silver Patrol

Friday, August 29 | 5:30-6pm | Zoom

Grades: 6-8

Cost: No charge/girl or adult

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Gold Patrol

Friday, August 29 | 6-6:30pm | Zoom

Grades: 9-12 ••

Cost: No charge/girl or adult

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, individual girls, and adults. Register through GSCWM by August 27.



September 2025

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Girl Scout Day with the **Connecticut Sun**

Monday, September 1 | 1pm-3pm Connecticut Sun

Grades: K-12 ••••

Cost: \$10 upper bowl, \$40 lower bowl

Join Girl Scouts from around New England in cheering on the Sun! Get ready for an unforgettable adventure with the Connecticut Sun. The Connecticut Sun are an American women's professional basketball team. Enjoy a discounted ticket as you cheer on your favorite team against the Atlanta Dream. Plus, collect a special Girl Scout Night patch and stick around after the game for an exclusive post-game player panel where you can ask questions and get insights straight from the players themselves. Prepare your troop for a night of fun, friendships, and fantastic basketball



action! Open to troops, girls with an adult, and family. For more information and tickets, call 860-862-4318 or email asanders@connecticutsun.com or visit gofevo.com/event/Girlscouts7786 by August 30.

Playing the Past Junior Badge Building

Saturday, September 6 | 11am-12:30pm Salisbury Mansion

Grades: 4-5

Cost: \$15/girl, no charge/adult

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Strive for Silver Orientation

Tuesday, September 9 | 6-7:30pm Worcester Leadership Center

Grades: 6-8

Cost: \$5/girl, \$5/adult

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GSCWM Cookie Robotics

Wednesdays, September 10 – December 10 | 6-7:30pm Worcester Leadership Center

Grades: 4-8

Cost: \$100*/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 2025 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 10–December 10 from 6-7:30pm. *Please note: cost includes 13 weeks of programming, staff instruction, First Lego League team registration/2025 team challenge starter kit, team t-shirts, competition fees, and the following badges for each age level- Designing Robots Badge, Programming Robots Badge, and Showcasing Robots Badge. Open to individual girls only. Register through GSCWM by August 31.

High Adventure Group Backpacking Weekend

Friday, September 12-Sunday, September 14 | 6pm Fri.-10am Sun. Location TBD

Grades: 6-12

Cost: TBD

The High Adventure Group will be backpacking and camping at a New England area mountain for the weekend! The location will be determined by the ability of those registered. This event is not recommended for new High Adventure Group members unless the Girl Scout has previous experience in this type of activity. Final cost will be determined once location and menu has been set. Please contact scc:swmhighadventure@gmail.com with your questions and for further information as it develops. Girl Scouts get preference for registrations; adults are invited if we need more chauffeurs and/or chaperones, and as space is available. Open to individual girls. Register for this program at bit.ly/gscwmhighadventure by August 31.

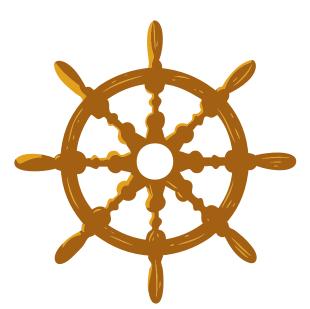
Entrepreneurship On-Demand Event

Saturday, September 13 | On Demand Virtual

Grades: K-12 ••••

Cost: \$10/girl; girl-only event

Girl Scouts, explore what it would feel like to start your own business to solve a problem! Learn how to bring a business concept to reality. During this virtual course, Girl Scouts will watch instructional videos led by VicTreeFi's founder, Chrissy. Chrissy is a tech entrepreneur and she provides real-life examples to aid in badge completion. Girl Scouts learn how to create a prototype, revise a concept, and then pitch the idea. Pitches are submitted to the VicTreeFi team using a link within the course and each Girl Scout will receive a pitch review by a member of the VicTreeFi team. Work on your: Daisy Toy Business Designer, Brownie Budding Entrepreneur, Junior Business Jumpstart, Cadette Business Creator, Senior Business Startup, or Ambassador Entrepreneur Accelerator Badges (not included). Courses are unique to each grade level. While we encourage you to sign up on the dates listed on our calendar (because planning is helpful), the workshops are pre-recorded—which means you can watch and complete them anytime that suits you! Join us for a flexible, fun, and fabulous learning experience from the comfort of your own space! Open to troops, girls with an adult, and individual girls. Register at moneyville.io/shop/collection/democracy-badges.



Fall Nautical Girls Overnight

Saturday, September 13-Sunday, September 14 2pm Sat.-9am Sun. Battleship Cove

Grades: 2-12 ● ● ● ● ● **Cost:** \$75/girl, \$75/adult

Battleship Cove is excited to announce a dedicated girls overnight being held September 13, 2025. Join us for a night of exploration and fun as you have the chance to wander the ship after hours and sleep in the sailors' bunks. Program includes 2-day admission (Saturday & Sunday). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Please visit fareharbor.com/embeds/book/battleshipcove/items/447201 to register for this one-of-a-kind experience by August 13.

2025 Girl Scout Night with New England Revolution

Saturday, September 13 | 7:30pm-9:30pm Gillette Stadium

Grades: K-12 ••••

Cost: \$64/person*

Join us for an incredible night with the New England Revolution! Enjoy an exciting match between the New England Revolution and Toronto FC, an ice cream social, an exclusive on-field experience just for Girl Scouts and their families, and spend the night with Girl Scouts from all over! An exclusive patch is included. *Invite your family and friends at a special discount by mentioning our council or sharing the special link below. Game time is at 7:30 pm, more information will be given about on-field experience. Open to troops, girls with an adult, and families. Lock in your spot early by contacting Garrett at garrettf@revolutionsoccer.net or 508-809-5726. Use this link for your discount and register by September 1: revolution-vs-toronto-fc-2025-09-13-BQRWU?group=isgf-girl-scouts-of-america-k9az.

Bullying and Kindness Workshop

Tuesday, September 16 | 5:30-6:30pm Worcester Leadership Center

Grades: 2-5 ● ●

Cost: \$4/girl, no charge/adult

This workshop includes a presentation and multiple activities on bullying and kindness. Learn how to recognize what conflict is and how to help others. District Attorney Early's Office will also provide tips as both the target and as a bystander, as well as how to identify who your trusted adult is. This program will meet some of the requirements toward your Making Friends (grades 2-3) and Social Butterfly (grades 4-5) Badges (badges not included). Juniors, make the most of your night and register for the Internet Safety Workshop immediately following this program! Open to troops, girls with an adult, and families. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by September 4.

Strive for Silver Orientation

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Grades: 6-8

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Internet Safety Workshop

Tuesday, September 16 | 6:30-7:30pm Worcester Leadership Center

Grades: 4-5

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This workshop includes a presentation and multiple activities on how to stay safe in the digital world. Learn the various forms of bullying, including cyberbullying. District Attorney Early's Office will also provide tips on protecting yourself from online scams and how to recognize artificial intelligence (AI). You will work toward your Digital Leadership Badge (not included). Make the most of your night by also registering for the Bullying and Kindness Workshop right before this one! Open to troops, girls with an adult, and families. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by September 4.



MakerZone: Art in Action

Saturday, September 20 | 10am-12pm

Worcester Leadership Center

Grades: K-1

Cost: \$15/girl, no charge/adult

Find out how to be a maker to turn your ideas into art and how to solve problems with design. Discover art and design, experiment with traditional and nontraditional mediums, and be inspired to create and design, build and sculpt. Join us in the MakerZone to earn your Art and Design Badge (included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by September 4.

Playing the Past Junior Badge Building

Saturday, September 20 | 11am-12:30pm Salisbury Mansion

Grades: 4-5

Cost: \$15/girl, no charge/adult

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MakerZone: Art-venture!

Saturday, September 20 | 1:30-3:30pm

Worcester Leadership Center

Grades: 2-3

Cost: \$15/girl, no charge/adult

Makers turn ideas into art and design projects. Discover different styles and elements of art and design in this Art-venture! You'll experiment with the elements, learn about composition, make art about a subject, and share your artwork with others. Join us in the MakerZone to earn your Art and Design Badge (included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by September 4.

STEM in Action at Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Sunday, September 21 | 1-4pm Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Grades: 6-12 •••

Cost: \$5/girl, no charge/adult

Save the date and plan on joining the Campus Girl Scouts at Worcester Polytechnic Institute! You'll tour WPI, have opportunities to explore different STEM careers, learn about college life, and even earn a fun patch! Open to troops and girls with an adult. Contact Campus Girl Scouts at gr-campusgirlscouts-officers@wpi.edu to register by September 7.

Go for Gold Orientation

Monday, September 22 | 6-8pm

Zoom

Grades: 9-12 ••

Cost: \$5/girl, \$5/adult

Attending a Gold Award orientation can be the most beneficial thing you can do before beginning work on the Girl Scout Gold Award. Orientations provide valuable information about the process, the most up-to-date requirements, and deadlines. Most importantly, you will learn how to connect with the Gold Award Committee and Mentors, and receive current paperwork and timelines. Taking a Go for Gold Award Orientation is required within one year prior to submitting a Gold Award Proposal. The Zoom link will be sent out a couple of days before the orientation. Open to troops, girls with an adult, individual girls, and adults. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by September 11.

Internet Safety Workshop

Tuesday, September 23 | 5:30-7pm Worcester Leadership Center

Grades: 6-10 ••

Cost: \$4/girl, no charge/adult

This workshop includes a presentation and multiple activities on how to stay safe in the digital world. Learn the various forms of bullying, including cyberbullying. District Attorney Early's Office will also provide tips on protecting yourself from online scams and how to recognize artificial intelligence (AI). You will work toward your Cybersecurity 3: Investigator (grades 6-8) or Digital Leadership Badge (grades 9-10), badges not included. Open to troops, girls with an adult, and families. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by September 11.

Prepare for Entrepreneurship with Savannah Square Pops On-Demand Event

Saturday, September 27 | On Demand Virtual

Grades: 2-8 ● ● ●

Cost: No charge/girl; girl-only event

Have you ever wanted to own a gourmet popsicle shop? Well, Mr. Judd, owner of Savannah Square Pops, might be living your dream! Luckily, this free video allows girls to learn all about owning their business from Mr. Judd himself. During this video lesson, Mr. Judd gives an inside scoop into what being an entrepreneur is really like, how he opened his business, and where he got started—plus, he drops a few tips along the way that would make any aspiring entrepreneur's path a little smoother! We've also included fun activities that can help complete 1-3 steps of an Entrepreneurship Badge, if they're up for it! To do so, be sure to progress through the other pages after the video lesson and complete the prompted activities. You can complete the: Brownie Budding Entrepreneur Badge, steps 1 & 2, the Junior Business Jumpstart Badge, steps 1 & 2, or the Cadette Business Creator Badge, steps 1, 2 & 4. While we encourage you to sign up on the dates listed on our calendar (because planning is helpful), the workshops are pre-recorded—which means you can watch and complete them anytime that suits you! Join us for a flexible, fun, and fabulous learning experience from the comfort of your own space. Open to troops, girls with an adult, and individual girls. Register at moneyville.io/shop/product/prepare-for-entrepreneurship-w-mr-judd-from-savannah-square-pops by September 20.

Reel Talk: Movie Night & Character Discussion

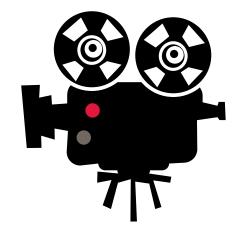
Saturday, September 27 | 5-7pm Worcester Leadership Center

Grades: 4-8

Cost: \$5/girl, no charge/adult

In this fun and thought-provoking program, enjoy a movie night followed by an engaging discussion about the film's characters, themes, and messages. Explore character development, decision-making, and the lessons embedded in the story, encouraging critical thinking and

meaningful conversations. Whether analyzing a hero's journey, discussing friendships, or debating plot twists, this activity fosters deeper connections with storytelling while making movie night both entertaining and insightful. Bring a bagged dinner to enjoy during the movie, we'll provide the popcorn! Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by September 20.



Bronze Patrol

Tuesday, September 30 | 5-5:30pm

Zoom

Grades: 4-5

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Silver Patrol

Tuesday, September 30 | 5:30-6pm

Zoom

Grades: 6-8

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Gold Patrol

Tuesday, September 30 | 6-6:30pm

Zoom

Grades: 9-12

Cost: No charge/girl or adult

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Bronze Award Orientation

Tuesday, September 30 | 6-7:30pm

Zoom

Grades: Adults only

Cost: \$5/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. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by September 18.





October 2025

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

STARS Over Springfield

Friday, October 3 | 7:30-9:30pm Springfield Museums

Grades: 2-12 ● ● ● ● ● ● Cost: \$7/girl or adult*

STARS Over Springfield is a fun, interactive astronomy night! Enjoy hands-on activities, a planetarium show, a short talk and demonstration by a local expert, and weather-permitting, views through the museums 20' telescope. You can apply what you learn toward earning the Space Science Badge (not included). *\$5/members. Register early, this program sells out monthly! Open to troops, girls with an adult, and families. Register at springfieldmuseums.org by October 1.



Playing the Past Junior Badge Building

Saturday, October 4 | 11am-12:30pm Salisbury Mansion

Grades: 4-5

Cost: \$15/girl, no charge/adult

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Go for Gold Orientation

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Resumes, Cover Letters, Scholarships, and College Applications, OH MY!

Thursday, October 9 | 7-9pm

Zoom

Grades: 10-12*

Cost: \$3/girl; girl-only event

Join Paula Brault, long-time Girl Scout and Guidance Counselor, to learn about these specialized types of writing. She will tailor the evening to the requests of those who have registered. Plan on bringing your ideas, a list of volunteer opportunities you have participated in (you should have many—Girl Scout volunteering counts!), and any paid work experience you have. There may be opportunities for individualized help after the workshop date if needed. *For grades 10-12 only. Open to individual girls. Register through GSCWM by October 2.

Night Journeys Overnight—Girl Scouts Night

Friday, October 10-Saturday, October 11 | 5:30pm Fri.-9:30am Sat.

EcoTarium

Grades: K-10 ••••
Cost: \$65/girl, \$65/adult

Enjoy a night of hands-on thematic programming and exploration. Designed for groups ages 5-14, overnights at the EcoTarium are educational, interactive, and FUN! Imagine exploring the EcoTarium after hours when all the visitors have left for the evening. Our Night Journey overnight experiences are the perfect way for any group to see what happens when the lights go out and the exhibits and animals settle in for the night. Night Journey patches are available for purchase. Open to troops, individual girls with an adult, and families. Register online on the Night Journeys webpage at ecotarium.org/night-journeys by September 25.

Podcast Tea Night

Friday, October 10 | 6-7:30pm Worcester Leadership Center

Grades: 6-10 ••

Cost: \$10/girl, no charge/adult

Divided up into two teams, you will step into the world of podcasting! As a team you will brainstorm, plan, and produce your own podcast episode, selecting hosts, guests, and discussion topics. Whether you explore social issues, share fun stories, or dive into personal interests, this activity encourages teamwork, creativity, and public speaking. At the end of the night, you will have a unique podcast recording to showcase your collaboration and storytelling skills. Cadettes will work towards their Public Speaking Badge and Seniors will work towards their Troupe Performer Badge (badges included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by October 15.

Practice Soccer Skills On-Demand Event

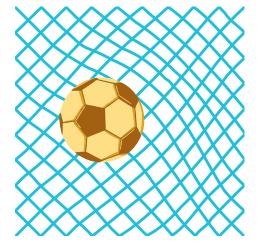
Saturday, October 11 | On Demand

Virtual

Grades: 4-5

Cost: \$10/girl; girl-only event

Complete this fun and active course with us! Girls will kick their soccer skills into gear while learning about the importance of practicing for improvement! This course focuses on the importance of practice in sports and helps girls build confidence, teamwork, and healthy habits through the game of soccer.



Learners will first discover tips about warming up, practicing, and cooling down. Then, girls will be asked to reflect on skills they are currently practicing to improve. Finally, participants will follow along and complete a short soccer drill with us! Please note, to complete the video, learners will need to have a ball and optional cones. You will work on your Practice with a Purpose Badge (not included). While we encourage you to sign up on the dates listed on our calendar (because planning is helpful), the workshops are pre-recorded—which means you can watch and complete them anytime that suits you! Join us for a flexible, fun, and fabulous learning experience from the comfort of your own space. Open to troops, girls with an adult, and individual girls. Register at moneyville.io/shop/product/practice-soccer-skills by October 4.

11th Annual Geek is Glam STEM Expo

Saturday, October 11 | 9am-5pm Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Grades: 4-8

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

This is definitely an experience you won't want to miss. It's our 11th Annual Geek Is Glam STEM Expo! 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, wild 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? *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. Contact Tammy directly for the registration link to register as a volunteer at tbreen@gscwm.org. The first 35 volunteers will also receive a GIG t-shirt. Open to individual girls. Register through GSCWM by September 18.





Escape the Room Challenge

Tuesday, October 14 | 4-5pm Worcester Leadership Center

Grades: 2-5 ● ●

Cost: \$10/girl, no charge/adult

Let's be detectives together! Put your problem-solving skills to the test in an exciting escape-the-room game. Working in teams, solve puzzles, decipher clues, and unlock mysteries to "escape" within the time limit. This thrilling challenge fosters teamwork, critical thinking, and creativity. Brownies and Juniors will work together towards their Investigator Badge and will receive their badges at the end of the program. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by October 7.

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Combine Passion, Ideas, and Grammar to Attract Your Audience!

Wednesday, October 15 | 7-9pm

Zoom

Grades: 9-12

Cost: \$3/girl; girl-only event

Combine passion, ideas, and grammar to attract your audience! Create an engaging elevator speech for your project. Craft a great proposal and/or final report for your Girl Scout Gold Award. These are skills that you will carry with you as you continue to change the world in the future. Jane Wilson has used these skills in two careers: first with the CIA; second as a pastor serving a wide variety of churches. Can't make the Zoom session? Jane is willing to work with you one-on-one on your proposals and/or final reports. Contact Tammy Breen at tbreen@gscwm.org to make this arrangement. This program is for Gold Award candidates and/or those getting ready to submit their proposals. Open to individual girls. Register through GSCWM by October 2.

Bullying and Kindness Workshop

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High Adventure's Annual Outdoor Cooking Weekend

Friday, October 17-Sunday, October 19 6pm Fri.-10am Sun. Camp Laurel Wood

Grades: 6-12 •••

Cost: TBD

Join the High Adventure Group at Camp Laurel Wood for our Annual Outdoor Cooking Weekend! You'll learn different methods of cooking meals outside, new firestarter methods to try, and experiment with filtering water too. You'll plan the weekend's

menu based on the cooking methods chosen. Final cost will be determined once the menu has been set. Please contact sscwmhighadventure@gmail.com with your questions and for further information. Girl Scouts get preference for registrations; adults are invited if we need more chauffeurs and/or chaperones, and as space is available. Open to individual girls. Register for this program at bit.ly/gscwmhighadventure by October 3.

Harvard Football Girl Scout Day

Saturday, October 18 | 12-3pm

Harvard Stadium

Grades: K-12

Cost: \$10/ages 12 & under, \$15/ages 12+

Join us for Harvard Football Girl Scout Day at historic Harvard Stadium! Girl Scouts will receive an exclusive event patch and enjoy a fun pregame scavenger hunt designed just for you! Cheer on the Crimson as they take on Merrimack with your troop, experience the excitement of college football, and create unforgettable memories with other Girl Scouts! It's a fantastic fall outing to bring your troop together before the Crimson season ends! Game starts at 12:00. Open to troops, girls with an adult, and families. Discount link coming soon. Email jack_goodman@fas.harvard.edu with questions.



Daisy and Brownie Mindfulness Hike

Saturday, October 18 | 9-10:30am Leadmine Mountain Arbutus Park Trail

Grades: K-3

Cost: \$10/girl, no charge/adult

Come along on a morning hike and earn your Trail Adventure Badge (included). Play trail games, hear a hiking story, and relax with a bit of nature journaling. Be sure to wear outdoor clothing, closed-toed shoes, and bring along a water bottle! After this program, you'll be prepared for many more outdoor adventures! Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by October 4.

Boo-k Bash Halloween Celebration

Sunday, October 19 | 12-4pm

The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art

Grades: K-5

Cost: \$10/girl, \$15/adult

Get spooky at The Carle! Bring the whole family for our Boo-k Bash—complete with a story time with Natasha Anastasia Tarpley, and plenty of books! Wear your Halloween costume or make your own unique costumes in the Art Studio. Costumes inspired by your favorite picture books are encouraged! An Eric Carle Museum patch is included. Open to troops, girls with an adult, and families. No registration required.

Juliette Gordon Low Celebration Skate

Sunday, October 19 | 4:30-6:30pm

InterSkate 91 South

Grades: K-12 ● ● ● ● ●

Cost: \$7/girl*, free admission and skate rental/adult

Join the fun as we celebrate Juliette Gordon Low's birthday! There'll be face painting, colored hair spray, special party games, and of course, roller skating! *Skate rental additional \$5, if needed. Add-on bonus discount for indoor playground, arcade game card, and a drink for \$6. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register at 413-543-3991 x109, or email info@interskate91.com. Advance registration is not required, but encouraged.

Playing the Past Junior Badge Building

Saturday, October 20 | 11am-12:30pm

Salisbury Mansion

Grades: 4-5

Cost: \$15/girl, no charge/adult

Playing the Past allows Juniors to dream up a character 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 Playing the Past Badge (not included). Handouts covering the requirements will be provided. 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. Register by email at heatherwilder@worcesterhistory.net or call 413-813-7735 by October 4.

Internet Safety Workshop

Tuesday, October 21 | 5:30-7pm Worcester Leadership Center

Grades: 6-10 ••

Cost: \$4/girl, no charge/adult

This workshop includes a presentation and multiple activities on how to stay safe in the digital world. Learn the various forms of bullying, including cyberbullying. District Attorney Early's Office will also provide tips on protecting yourself from online scams and how to recognize artificial intelligence (AI). You will work toward your Cybersecurity 3: Investigator (grades 6-8) or Digital Leadership Badge (grades 9-10), badges not included. Open to troops, girls with an adult, and families. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by October 9.

Halloween Candlelight Tours at Salisbury Mansion

Thursday, October 23 | 5-6pm

OR

Friday, October 24 | 5-6pm

OR

Saturday, October 25 | 5-6pm

Salisbury Mansion

Grades: K-12 •••••
Cost: \$10/girl, \$10/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 will finish with a reading of an abridged version of *Legend of Sleepy Hollow*. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register by email at heatherwilder@worcesterhistory.net or call 413-813-7735 by October 9.

Financial Literacy On-Demand Event

Saturday, October 25 | On Demand

Virtual

Grades: K-12 ••••

Cost: \$10/girl, girl-only event

It is important for young people to learn how to build budgets because it equips them with essential financial literacy skills, enabling them to manage their money wisely, set financial goals, and make informed spending decisions. Enroll in Moneyville's financial literacy courses to discover the power of financial literacy. Participants will discover budgeting skills and complete fun projects throughout the digital courses. Courses will take approximately 45 minutes to complete. If you need to pause the course at any time, your progress will be saved. Work on your Daisy Money Explorer, Brownie Budget Builder, Junior Budget Maker, Cadette Budget Manager, Senior Savvy Saver, or Ambassador Financial Planner Badges (not included). While we encourage you to sign up on the dates listed on our calendar (because planning is helpful), the workshops are pre-recorded—which means you can watch and complete them anytime that suits you! Join us for a flexible, fun, and fabulous learning experience from the comfort of your own space. Open to troops, girls with an adult, individual girls, and adults. Register at moneyville.io/shop/collection/financial-literacy-badges by October 18.

MakerZone: Art in Action

Saturday, October 25 | 10am-12pm Holyoke Leadership Center

Grades: K-1

Cost: \$15/girl, no charge/adult

Find out how to be a maker to turn your ideas into art and how to solve problems with design. Discover art and design, experiment with traditional and nontraditional mediums, and be inspired to create and design, build and sculpt. Join us in the MakerZone to earn your Art and Design Badge (included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by October 9.

Challenge Course Certification

Saturday, October 25 | 10am-1pm Camp Bonnie Brae

Grades: Adults only

Cost: \$30/adult

Become a GSCWM facilitator for our challenge courses at Camp Bonnie Brae and Camp Green Eyrie. Come and build up your outdoor resume to provide more opportunities for your girls. Challenge course programming is for Brownies and up. Please note that this program is weather dependent and may be canceled in the event of rain or snow. Open to registered adult members. Register through GSCWM by October 11.

MakerZone: Art-venture!

Saturday, October 25 | 1:30-3:30pm

Holyoke Leadership Center

Grades: 2-3

Cost: \$15/girl, no charge/adult

Makers turn ideas into art and design projects. Discover different styles and elements of art and design in this Art-venture! You'll experiment with the elements, learn about composition, make art about a subject, and share your artwork with others. Join us in the MakerZone to earn your Art and Design Badge (included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by October 9.

Girl Scouts Bilinguals

Tuesday, October 28 | 6-7:30pm Worcester Leadership Center

Grades: 4-8

Cost: \$10/girl, no charge/adult

This interactive series introduces you to the basics of French and Arabic, helping you build confidence in cross-cultural communication. Through fun activities, you will learn essential phrases, practice simple conversations, and explore cultural connections, promoting curiosity, inclusivity, and global awareness. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by October 18.

Bronze Patrol

Thursday, October 30 | 5-5:30pm

Zoom

Grades: 4-5

Cost: No charge/girl or adult

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 Strive for Bronze Orientation where we go over all of the steps in detail. Bronze Patrols do not meet the requirement of needing to take a Strive for Bronze Orientation. Open to troops, girls with an adult, individual girls, and adults. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by October 28.

Silver Patrol

Thursday, October 30 | 5:30-6pm

Zoom

Grades: 6-8

Cost: No charge/girl or adult

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, individual girls, and adults. Register through GSCWM by October 28.

Gold Patrol

Thursday, October 30 | 6-6:30pm

Zoom

Grades: 9-12 ••

Cost: No charge/girl or adult

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, individual girls, and adults. Register through GSCWM by October 28.

Bronze Award Orientation

Thursday, October 30 | 6-7:30pm

Zoom

Grades: Adults only

Cost: \$5/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. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by October 16.

Girl Scouts Bilinguals

Worcester Leadership Center

Thursday, October 30 | 6-7:30pm

Grades: K-3

Cost: \$10/girl, no charge/adult

This interactive series introduces you to the basics of French and Arabic, helping you build confidence in cross-cultural communication. Through fun activities, you will learn essential phrases, practice simple conversations, and explore cultural connections, promoting curiosity, inclusivity, and global awareness. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by October 21.





November 2025

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Purrfect Pets

Saturday, November 1 | 10am-12pm Worcester Leadership Center

Grades: K-5

Cost: \$20/girl, no charge/adult

Spend the day exploring creative ways to care for your furry friends! Learn how to make a crafty collar using camping knots, try out a no-bake recipe for dog treats, and make fleece blankets for local shelters. Share stories about your beloved pets and help animals in need. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by October 18.



Golden Girls

Sunday, November 2 | 11am-12:30pm Camp Bonnie Brae

Grades: 4-5

Cost: \$15/girl, no charge/adult

Come earn your Playing the Past Badge as you learn about the Gold Rush. Women from all walks of life took their chances and participated in the Klondike Gold Rush. Hear their stories and choose a famous Gold Rush woman to embody. Spend the afternoon panning for gold and take home your treasure! Wear outdoor clothing and closed toed shoes. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by October 19.

Entrepreneurship Girl Scouts

Tuesday, November 4 | 5-6:30pm Virtual

Grades: 4-8

Cost: \$5/girl, no charge/adult

In this hands-on workshop, you will step into the world of entrepreneurship and project management. Create an imaginary business or initiative aligned with your interests and learn how to plan, budget, and market it. This activity builds leadership, strategic thinking, and creative confidence. From defining the project scope and setting clear goals to identifying your audience, budgeting resources, and crafting an outreach plan, you will develop essential leadership and organizational skills. This activity empowers you as a young innovator to think strategically, embrace creativity, and gain confidence in turning ideas into action. Juniors will work towards their Business Jumpstart Badge, and Cadettes will work towards their Business Creator Badge (badges included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through GSCWM by October 24.

Bullying and Kindness Workshop

Tuesday, November 4 | 5:30-6:30pm Worcester Leadership Center

Grades: 2-5 ● ●

Cost: \$4/girl, no charge/adult

This workshop includes a presentation and multiple activities on bullying and kindness. Learn how to recognize what conflict is and how to help others. District Attorney Early's Office will also provide tips as both the target and as a bystander, as well as how to identify who your trusted adult is. This program will meet some of the requirements toward your Making Friends (grades 2-3) and Social Butterfly (grades 4-5) Badges (badges not included). Juniors, make the most of your night and register for the Internet Safety Workshop immediately following this program! Open to troops, girls with an adult, and families. Register through GSCWM by October 23.

Strive for Silver Orientation

Tuesday, November 4 | 6-7:30pm Worcester Leadership Center

Grades: 6-8

Cost: \$5/girl, \$5/adult

Becoming a Silver Award Girl Scout is no easy feat, and this orientation 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 volunteers 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. The Zoom link will be sent a couple of days prior to program. Open to troops, girls with an adult, individual girls, and adults. Register through GSCWM by October 23.

Internet Safety Workshop

Tuesday, November 4 | 6:30-7:30pm Worcester Leadership Center

Grades: 4-5

Cost: \$4/girl, no charge/adult

This workshop includes a presentation and multiple activities on how to stay safe in the digital world. Learn the various forms of bullying, including cyberbullying. District Attorney Early's Office will also provide tips on protecting yourself from online scams and how to recognize artificial intelligence (AI). You will work toward your Digital Leadership Badge (not included). Make the most of your night by also registering for the Bullying and Kindness Workshop right before this one! Open to troops, girls with an adult, and families. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by October 23.

Clay Creation: Make Your Own Accessories

Saturday, November 7 | 5-7pm Worcester Leadership Center

Grades: K-5

Cost: \$20/girl, no charge/adult

Get creative with cold clay, crafting your own accessory boxes, cups, and other fun items. This hands-on activity encourages artistic expression, fine motor skills, and patience. By the end, you will have unique handmade creations to take home and showcase. Daisies and Brownies will work towards their Create and Innovate Badge and will receive their badges at the end of the program. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by October 27.



STARS Over Springfield

Friday, November 7 | 7:30-9:30pm Springfield Museums

Grades: 2-12 ● ● ● ● Cost: \$7/girl or adult*

STARS Over Springfield is a fun, interactive astronomy night! Enjoy hands-on activities, a planetarium show, a short talk and demonstration by a local expert, and weather-permitting, views through the museums 20' telescope. You can apply what you learn toward earning the Space Science Badge (not included). *\$5/members. Register early, this program sells out monthly! Open to troop, girls with an adult, and families. Register at springfieldmuseums.org by November 5.

Democracy On-Demand Event

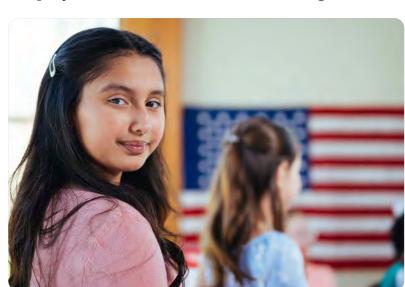
Saturday, November 8 | On Demand

Virtual

Grades: K-10

Cost: \$10/girl; girl-only event

Learning about the US government and democracy is crucial for young people as it empowers them to become informed, active participants in their community and society. During this self-paced, digital course, participants learn about local, state, and national government. Learners will complete art projects related to the branches of government, state capitals, and local government issues. Work



on our Democracy Badge (not included). While we encourage you to sign up on the dates listed on our calendar (because planning is helpful), the workshops are pre-recorded—which means vou can watch and complete them anytime that suits you! Join us for a flexible, fun, and fabulous learning experience from the comfort of your own space. Girls will need to gather their own materials to join in the fun. Materials needed will be listed in the registration description. Think of it as your first creative mission! Open to troops, girls with an adult, individual girls, and adults. Register at moneyville.io/shop/product/democracy-for-cadettes by November 1.

Mechanical Engineering Day at UMass Amherst

Saturday, November 8 | 9:30am-2:30pm **UMass Amherst College of Engineering**

Grades: 4-5

Cost: \$12/girl, no charge/adult

Earn your Balloon Car and Paddle Boat Mechanical Engineering Badges with the UMass Amherst SWE chapter. We will help girls brainstorm ideas for the service part of the badge that they can complete at home. Lunch and badges are included in this program for the girls. This is a very popular program and will fill fast! Time permitting, we'll even go on tours of the UMass campus and engineering spaces. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through GSCWM by October 23.

Challenge Course Certification

Saturday, November 8 | 10am-1pm Camp Green Eyrie

Grades: Adults only

Cost: \$30/adult

Become a GSCWM facilitator for our challenge courses at Camp Bonnie Brae and Camp Green Eyrie. Come and build up your outdoor resume to provide more opportunities for your girls. Challenge course programming is for Brownies and up. Please note that this program is weather dependent and may be canceled in the event of rain or snow.

Open to registered adult members. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by October 25.

Program Aide Core Training AND Volunteer-in-Training

Saturday, November 8 | 10am-4pm Holyoke Leadership Center

Grades: 6-12 •••

Cost: \$20/girl; girl-only event

Discover and develop your talents in mentoring and leading younger girls! Program Aides (PAs) and Volunteers-in-Training (ViTs) have the unique opportunity to serve as champions for the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. You'll learn how to work with children and how to adapt activities for different needs and situations. You will be putting your new skills to the test with some hands-on activities that will prepare you for real-life situations working with younger girls, and the adult volunteers that lead them. You'll leave this training with plenty of tips and tricks in your bag to get you started on your journey to complete earning your award. Additional award requirements: Following this training, you will work with a troop of younger Girl Scouts to meet the final requirements. No worries—you'll be ready to go! The skills learned are also applicable to everyday life and will help you become confident, effective leaders in everything you do. Becoming a PA or ViT is also a great resume boost and sets you up for success! Open to individual girls. Register through GSCWM by October 30.

Percussion Party

Saturday, November 8 | 10am-12pm Charlton Arts and Activities Center

Grades: 4-5

Cost: \$15/girl, no charge/adult

Get ready to move and groove all morning long at this Percussion Party. Learn all about how different instruments make sound, where in the world they come from, and how to play them like an expert. During this loud and lively program, you'll earn your Musician Badge (included) as you make your own percussion instrument, join a drum circle, and compose a piece of music with friends. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by October 25.



Percussion Party

Saturday, November 8 | 1-2pm Charlton Arts and Activities Center

Grades: K-3

Cost: \$15/girl, no charge/adult

Get ready to move and groove all morning long at this Percussion Party. Learn all about how different instruments make sound, where in the world they come from, and how to play them like an expert. During this loud and lively program, you'll earn a fun patch as you make your own percussion instrument, join a drum circle, and compose a piece of music with friends. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by October 25.

Girl Scout and Boy Scout Glow Night

Saturday, November 8 | 6-11pm Boundless Adventures

Grades: 2-12 ●●●● Cost: \$59/girl or adult*

An evening in the treetops for your Girl Scout troop, family, friends, and fellow enthusiasts! Girl Scouts receive a special patch as part of the event. Open to troops, girls with an adult, and families. Sign up at boundlessadventures.net/ma-park/night-climbing. *There is no deadline for registration, but tickets are \$6 higher at the door.

Bronze Award Orientation

Tuesday, November 11 | 10-11:30am

Zoom

Grades: Adults only

Cost: \$5/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. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by November 6.

Rube Goldberg Machine Cookie Dip Challenge Info Session

Tuesday, November 11 | 6-6:30pm

OR

Thursday, November 20 | 6-6:30pm

Zoom

Grades: K-12 •••••
Cost: No charge/girl or adult

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 to receive medals, and their photos will be 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 Rube Goldberg Machine Cookie Dip Challenge by February 1 to participate in the challenge. All video submissions will be due at the end of National Engineering Week, February 20. Winners will be announced at a council-wide Zoom Celebration on the Girl Scout Birthday, March 12. We'll even share last year's winning team videos with you! Open to troops, individual girls, and girls with an adult. Register through GSCWM by November 6 for the November 11 session, or by November 13 for the November 20 session.

Pottery Art: Create and Keep Forever

Wednesday, November 18 | 5-7pm Worcester Leadership Center

Grades: K-5

Cost: \$20/girl, no charge/adult

Shape and paint your own clay creations, from accessories to keepsakes. After molding your pieces, add vibrant colors and designs to make them truly unique. This fun activity allows you to craft lasting treasures you will cherish for years to come. You will work towards your Create and Innovate Badge and will receive your badges at the end of the program. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by November 8.

Internet Safety Workshop

Thursday, November 20 | 5:30-7pm Worcester Leadership Center

Grades: 6-10 ••

Cost: \$4/girl, no charge/adult

This workshop includes a presentation and multiple activities on how to stay safe in the digital world. Learn the various forms of bullying, including cyberbullying. District Attorney Early's Office will also provide tips on protecting yourself from online scams and how to recognize artificial intelligence (AI). You will work toward your Cybersecurity 3: Investigator (grades 6-8) or Digital Leadership Badge (grades 9-10), badges not included. Open to troops, girls with an adult, and families. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by November 6.

Digital Leadership On-Demand Event

Saturday, November 22 | On Demand Virtual

Grades: K-10

Cost: \$10/girl; girl-only event

Girl Scouts, learn about the opportunities provided by online communities. Learn how to use technology for good and also learn how to safely interact online. Discover your digital footprint and think about designing a digital community. During this self-paced, digital course, Girl Scouts will follow along with VicTreeFi's founder, Chrissy, as she discusses the online world. Expect to complete fun projects and submit them to the VicTreeFi team for review. Girl Scouts will create their own avatar. Courses are unique to each grade level. Work on your Digital Leadership Badge (not included). While we encourage you to sign up on the dates listed on our calendar (because planning is helpful), the workshops are pre-recorded—which means you can watch and complete them anytime that suits you! Join us for a flexible, fun, and fabulous learning experience from the comfort of your own space. Open to troops, girls with an adult, individual girls, and adults. Register at moneyville.io/shop/collection/digital-leadership-collection by November 15.

Bronze Patrol

Tuesday, November 25 | 5-5:30pm

Zoom

Grades: 4-5

Cost: No charge/girl or adult

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 Strive for Bronze Orientation where we go over all of the steps in detail. Bronze Patrols do not meet the requirement of needing to take a Strive for Bronze Orientation. Open to troops, girls with an adult, individual girls, and adults. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by November 23.

Silver Patrol

Tuesday, November 25 | 5:30-6pm

Zoom

Grades: 6-8

Cost: No charge/girl or adult

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, individual girls, and adults. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by November 23.

Gold Patrol

Tuesday, November 25 | 6-6:30pm

Zoom

Grades: 9-12

Cost: No charge/girl or adult

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, individual girls, and adults. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by November 23.



December 2025

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Public Speaking & Women in Leadership in Comics

Tuesday, December 2 | 5-6:30pm Virtual

Grades: 6-10

Cost: \$5/girl, no charge/adult

Explore powerful female leaders in anime and cartoons, analyzing their leadership qualities and communication skills while practicing public speaking through fun activities inspired by these characters. This session builds confidence, empowerment, and storytelling skills. Cadettes will work towards their Public Speaking Badge and Seniors will work towards their Troupe Performer Badge. Girl Scouts will receive their badges at the end of the program. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through GSCWM by November 22.



STARS Over Springfield

Friday, December 5 | 7:30-9:30pm Springfield Museums

Grades: 2-12 ● ● ● ● ● ● ● Cost: \$7/girl or adult*

STARS Over Springfield is a fun, interactive astronomy night! Enjoy hands-on activities, a planetarium show, a short talk and demonstration by a local expert, and weather-permitting, views through the museums 20' telescope. You can apply what you learn toward earning the Space Science Badge (not included). *\$5/members. Register early, this program sells out monthly! Open to troops, girls with an adult, and families. Register at springfieldmuseums.org by December 3.

Entrepreneurship On-Demand Event

Saturday, December 6 | On Demand Virtual

Grades: K-12 ••••

Cost: \$10/girl; girl-only event

Girl Scouts, explore what it would feel like to start your own business to solve a problem! Learn how to bring a business concept to reality. During this virtual course, Girl Scouts will watch instructional videos led by VicTreeFi's founder, Chrissy. Chrissy is a tech entrepreneur and she provides real-life examples to aid in badge completion. Girl Scouts learn how to create a prototype, revise a concept, and then pitch the idea. Pitches are submitted to the VicTreeFi team using a link within the course and each Girl Scout will receive a pitch review by a member of the VicTreeFi team. Work on your: Daisy Toy Business Designer, Brownie Budding Entrepreneur, Junior Business Jumpstart, Cadette Business Creator, Senior Business Startup, or Ambassador Entrepreneur Accelerator Badges (not included). Courses are unique to each grade level. While we encourage you to sign up on the dates listed on our calendar (because planning is helpful), the workshops are pre-recorded—which means you can watch and complete them anytime that suits you! Join us for a flexible, fun, and fabulous learning experience from the comfort of your own space! Open to troops, girls with an adult, and individual girls. Register at moneyville.io/shop/collection/democracy-badges by November 29.

MakerZone: Gingerbread STEM Challenge

Saturday, December 6 | 10am-12pm Holyoke Leadership Center

OR

Saturday, December 13 | 1:30-3:30pm

Worcester Leadership Center

Grades: K-3

Cost: \$20/girl, no charge/adult

Help our Gingerbread Girl Scout get back home safe and sound! Makers have the power to help others—and Gingerbread Girl Scouts needs YOU! Hands-on fun in our MakerZone will help you earn your NEW Maker Create and Innovate Badge (included) while having lots of Gingerbread fun! Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by November 25 for the event on December 6, or by December 4 for the event on December 13.

A Christmas Carol Tour

Saturday, December 6 | 11am-12pm

OR

Saturday, December 20 | 11am-12pm

Salisbury Mansion

Grades: K-12 •••••
Cost: \$10/girl or adult

Come see the Salisbury Mansion during our Home for the Holidays season! Each room is decorated with festive decor that allows you to imagine what the holiday season looked like during New England in the 19th century. After our tour, we will read an abridged version of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register by email at heatherwilder@worcesterhistory.net or call 413-813-7735 by November 22 for the event on December 6, or by December 6 for the event on December 20.

MakerZone: Desert Survival Challenge

Saturday, December 6 | 1:30-3:30pm Holyoke Leadership Center

Grades: 4-5

Cost: \$20/girl; girl-only event

You and your puppy Pickles are stranded in the desert—whatever are you going to do? Between being thirsty, sandstorms, scorpions, and snakes, you have to use your innovative mind and imagination to find a way to get home soon. Pickles is counting on you! Makers

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 individual girls. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by November 25.



Vision Board Creation

Saturday, December 6 | 2-4pm Worcester Leadership Center

Grades: K-5

Cost: \$10/girl, no charge/adult

Design personal vision boards to set goals and express your dreams creatively. Using images, words, and colors, visualize your future while learning the power of intention and motivation. This activity fosters confidence, ambition, and self-expression. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by November 26.

Cookie Rally with the Springfield Thunderbirds

Saturday, December 6 | 4-6pm Mass Mutual Center

Grades: K-12 ••••

Cost: TBD

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). 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.



GAME ONLY TICKETS: pricing is being finalized—please stay tuned for details. Doors open at 6pm.

COOKIE KICKOFF TICKETS: pricing is being finalized—please stay tuned for details. 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.

Register with the Springfield Thunderbirds directly—more details coming soon! Open to troops, families, and girls with an adult. Register at springfieldthunderbirds.com by December 1.

Strive for Silver Orientation

Saturday, December 6 | 5-6:30pm Holyoke Leadership Center

Grades: 6-8

Cost: \$5/girl or adult

Becoming a Silver Award Girl Scout is no easy feat, and this orientation 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 volunteers 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, individual girls, and adults. Register through GSCWM by November 25.

Bullying and Kindness Workshop

Tuesday, December 9 | 5:30-6:30pm Worcester Leadership Center

Grades: 2-5 ● ●

Cost: \$4/girl, no charge/adult

This workshop includes a presentation and multiple activities on bullying and kindness. Learn how to recognize what conflict is and how to help others. District Attorney Early's Office will also provide tips as both the target and as a bystander, as well as how to identify who your trusted adult is. This program will meet some of the requirements toward your Making Friends (grades 2-3) and Social Butterfly (grades 4-5) Badges (badges not included). Juniors, make the most of your night and register for the Internet Safety Workshop immediately following this program! Open to troops, girls with an adult, and families. Register through GSCWM by November 27.

Bronze Award Orientation

Tuesday, December 9 | 6-7:30pm

Zoom

Grades: Adults only

Cost: \$5/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. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by December 4.

Internet Safety Workshop

Tuesday, December 9 | 6:30-7:30pm **Worcester Leadership Center**

Grades: 4-5

Cost: \$5/girl, no charge/adult

This workshop includes a presentation and multiple activities on how to stay safe in the digital world. Learn the various forms of bullying, including cyberbullying. District Attorney Early's Office will also provide tips on protecting yourself from online scams and how to recognize artificial intelligence (AI). You will work toward your Digital Leadership Badge (not included). Make the most of your night by also registering for the Bullying and Kindness Workshop right before this one! Open to troops, girls with an adult, and families. Register through GSCWM by November 27.

President's Volunteer Service Award Celebration

Saturday, December 13 | 10:30am-12pm

Worcester Leadership Center

Grades: K-12 Cost: No charge/girl or adult

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 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, individual girls, and adults. RSVP by sending Tammy an email at tbreen@gscwm.org by November 30.

Night Journeys Overnight: Girl Scouts Night

Saturday, December 13-Sunday, December 14 5:30pm Sat.-9:30am Sun.

EcoTarium

Grades: K-10 Cost: \$65/girl or adult

Enjoy a night of hands-on thematic programming and exploration. Designed for groups ages 5-14, overnights at the EcoTarium are educational, interactive, and FUN! Imagine exploring the EcoTarium after hours when all the visitors have left for the evening. Our Night Journey overnight experiences are the perfect way for any group to see what happens when the lights go out and the exhibits and animals settle in for the night. Night Journey patches are available for purchase. Open to troops, individual girls with an adult, and families. Register online on the Night Journeys webpage at ecotarium.org/night-journeys by November 29.



Internet Safety Workshop

Tuesday, December 16 | 5:30-7pm Worcester Leadership Center

Grades: 6-10 ••

Cost: \$4/girl, no charge/adult

This workshop includes a presentation and multiple activities on how to stay safe in the digital world. Learn the various forms of bullying, including cyberbullying. District Attorney Early's Office will also provide tips on protecting yourself from online scams and how to recognize artificial intelligence (AI). You will work toward your Cybersecurity 3: Investigator (grades 6-8) or Digital Leadership Badge (grades 9-10), badges not included. Open to troops, girls with an adult, and families. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by December 4.

Rube Goldberg Machine Cookie Dip Challenge Info Session

Tuesday, December 16 | 6-6:30pm

Zoom

Grades: K-12 •••••

Cost: No charge/girl or adult

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 to receive medals, and their photos will be 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 Rube Goldberg Machine Cookie Dip Challenge by February 1 to participate in the challenge. All video submissions will be due at the end of National Engineering Week, February 20. Winners will be announced at a council-wide Zoom Celebration on the Girl Scout Birthday, March 12. We'll even share last year's winning team videos with you! Open to troops, individual girls, and girls with an adult. Register through GSCWM by December 11.

Bronze Patrol

Friday, December 19 | 5-5:30pm

Zoom

Grades: 4-5

Cost: No charge/girl or adult

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 Strive for Bronze Orientation where we go over all of the steps in detail. Bronze Patrols do not meet the requirement of needing to take a Strive for Bronze Orientation. Open to troops, girls with an adult, individual girls, and adults. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by December 17.

Silver Patrol

Friday, December 19 | 5:30-6pm

Zoom

Grades: 6-8

Cost: No charge/girl or adult

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, individual girls, and adults. Register through GSCWM by December 17.

Gold Patrol

Friday, December 19 | 6-6:30pm

Zoom

Grades: 9-12

Cost: No charge/girl or adult

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, individual girls, and adults. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by December 17.





January 2026

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

STARS Over Springfield

Friday, January 2 | 7:30-9:30pm

Springfield Museums

Grades: 2-12 ● ● ● ● ● ● Cost: \$7/girl or adult*

STARS Over Springfield is a fun, interactive astronomy night! Enjoy hands-on activities, a planetarium show, a short talk and demonstration by a local expert, and weather-permitting, views through the museums 20' telescope. You can apply what you learn toward earning the Space Science Badge (not included). *\$5/members. Register early, this program sells out monthly! Open to troops, girls with an adult, and families. Register at springfieldmuseums.org by December 31.

MakerZone: Woodworker

Saturday, January 3 | 1:30-4pm Worcester Leadership Center

Grades: 6-8

Cost: \$30/girl; girl-only event

Find out how to use wood to make stylish, useful things for yourself and others. Learn how to swing a hammer, keep it level, use a screwdriver, saw some wood, and even build something yourself. When you earn your Woodworkers Badge (included), you'll know how to use some basic tools to make simple woodworking projects. Open to individual girls. Register through GSCWM by December 18.

MakerZone: Art-tastic!

Saturday, January 3 10am-12pm Worcester Leadership Center

Grades: 4-5

Cost: \$20/girl; girl-only event

Art-tastic makers know how to turn ideas into art and design projects. Examine and explore different styles and elements of art and design. Discover art and design around you, make art about a subject, experiment with the elements, explore composition, and design an art display. Join us in the MakeZone to earn your Art and Design Badge (included). Open to individual girls. Register through GSCWM by December 18.



Go for Gold Orientation

Monday, January 5 | 6-8pm

Zoom

Grades: 9-12 ● ● Cost: \$5/girl or adult

Attending a Gold Award orientation can be the most beneficial thing you can do before beginning work on the Girl Scout Gold Award. Orientations provide valuable information about the process, the most up-to-date requirements, and deadlines. Most importantly, you will learn how to connect with the Gold Award Committee and Mentors, and receive current paperwork and timelines. Taking a Go for Gold Award Orientation is required within one year prior to submitting a Gold Award Proposal. The Zoom link will be sent out a couple of days before the orientation. Open to troops, girls with an adult, individual girls, and adults. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by December 18.

Cookie Drop—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Saturday, January 10 | 7am-5pm

Locations Vary

Grades: 6-12 •••

Cost: No charge/girl or adult

Are you looking for community service hours, either for school, sports, toward the President's Volunteer Service Award, or to earn the Service to Girl Scouting Bar? We have just the opportunity for you! Our annual Cookie Drop is where we get those highly anticipated cookies into the vehicles of our helpful volunteers all in one day, across our council! We have volunteer opportunities in Worcester, the Leominster area, the West Springfield area, and the Springfield area; hours vary by location. You don't have to be a Girl Scout to join us—we love school groups, sports teams, other organizations, and families. If you have questions, please contact Tammy at tbreen@gscwm.org. Open to troops, individual girls, girls with an adult, and families. Please let us know you'll be joining us at emailteen.org. Springfield area area, the West Springfield area, and the Springfield area; hours vary by location. You don't have to be a Girl Scout to join us—we love school groups, sports teams, other organizations, and families. If you have questions, please contact Tammy at tbreen.org. Open to troops, individual girls, girls with an adult, and families. Please let us know you'll be joining us at emailteen.org. Open to troops, individual girls, girls with an adult, and families. Please let us know you'll be joining us at emailteen.org. Open to troops, individual girls, girls with an adult, and families. Please let us know you'll be joining us at emailteen.org.

Financial Literacy On-Demand Event

Saturday, January 10 | On Demand

Virtual

Grades: K-12 ••••

Cost: \$10/girl; girl-only event

It is important for young people to learn how to build budgets because it equips them with essential financial literacy skills, enabling them to manage their money wisely, set financial goals, and make informed spending decisions. Enroll in Moneyville's financial literacy courses to discover the power of financial literacy. Participants will discover budgeting skills and complete fun projects throughout the digital courses. Courses will take approximately 45 minutes to complete. If you need to pause the course at any time, your progress will be saved. Work on your Daisy Money Explorer, Brownie Budget Builder, Junior Budget Maker, or Cadette Budget Manager, Senior Savvy Saver, or Ambassador Financial Planner Badges (not included). While we encourage you to sign up on the dates listed on our calendar (because planning is helpful), the workshops are pre-recorded-which means you can watch and complete them anytime that suits you! Join us for a flexible, fun, and fabulous learning experience from the comfort of your own space. Open to troops, girls with an adult, individual girls, and adults. Register at moneyville.io/shop/collection/financial-literacy-badges by January 3.

Bullying and Kindness Workshop

Tuesday, January 13 | 5:30-6:30pm

Worcester Leadership Center

Grades: 2-5 ● ●

Cost: \$4/girl, no charge/adult

This workshop includes a presentation and multiple activities on bullying and kindness. Learn how to recognize what conflict is and how to help others. District Attorney Early's Office will also provide tips as both the target and as a bystander, as well as how to identify who your trusted adult is. This program will meet some of the requirements toward your Making Friends (grades 2-3) and Social Butterfly (grades 4-5) Badges (badges not included). Juniors, make the most of your night and register for the Internet Safety Workshop immediately following this program! Open to troops, girls with an adult, and families. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by January 1.

Strive for Silver Orientation

Tuesday, January 13 | 6-7:30pm Worcester Leadership Center

Grades: 6-8

Cost: \$5/girl or adult

Becoming a Silver Award Girl Scout is no easy feat, and this orientation 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 volunteers 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. The Zoom link will be sent a couple of days prior to program. Open to troops, girls with an adult, individual girls, and adults. Register through GSCWM by January 1.

Internet Safety Workshop

Tuesday, January 13 | 6:30-7:30pm

Worcester Leadership Center

Grades: 4-5

Cost: \$4/girl, no charge adult

This workshop includes a presentation and multiple activities on how to stay safe in the digital world. Learn the various forms of bullying, including cyberbullying. District Attorney Early's Office will also provide tips on protecting yourself from online scams and how to recognize artificial intelligence (AI). You will work toward your Digital Leadership Badge (not included). Make the most of your night by also registering for the Bullying and Kindness Workshop right before this one! Open to troops, girls with an adult, and families. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by January 1.

Wanderlust: Plan Your Own Adventure

Saturday, January 17 | 1-2:30pm

Virtual

Grades: 2-5 ● ●

Cost: \$5/girl, no charge/adult

Design a dream trip! Learn how to plan itineraries, budget, and explore new cultures. This workshop develops organizational skills, independence, and a global mindset. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by January 7.

Wanderlust: Plan Your Own Adventure

Saturday, January 17 | 3-5pm

Virtual

Grades: 6-10 ••

Cost: \$5/girl, no charge/adult

In this exciting program, become your own travel agent! Choose a dream destination, learn how to plan an international trip, create itineraries, budget for expenses, and explore travel tips. Through this hands-on experience, you will gain valuable skills in organization, problem-solving, and global awareness, turning travel dreams into future adventures. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through GSCWM by January 7.



High Adventure's Winter Fun Weekend at Camp Bonnie Brae

Saturday, January 17-Monday, January 19 | 6pm Sat.-10am Mon. Camp Bonnie Brae

Grades: 6-12 •••

Cost: TBD

Our most popular event—our Annual Winter Fun Weekend at Camp Bonnie Brae! Join the High Adventure Group for winter tubing at Ski Butternut on Saturday night. Other activities are based on the weather conditions. If the snow is falling or on the ground, we can try snowshoeing. If Big Pond's ice is safe, maybe we'll learn how to ice fish. No snow? We can hike to other areas of the camp or hang out in the lodge and play games and cook! Final cost will be determined once ticket prices and the menu has been set. Please contact gscwmhighadventure@gmail.com with your questions and for further information. Girl Scouts get preference for registrations; adults are invited if we need more chauffeurs and/ or chaperones, and as space is available. Open to individual girls. Register for this program at bit.ly/gscwmhighadventure by January 3.



Internet Safety Workshop

Thursday, January 22 | 5:30-7pm Worcester Leadership Center

Grades: 6-10 ••

Cost: \$4/girl, no charge/adult

This workshop includes a presentation and multiple activities on how to stay safe in the digital world. Learn the various forms of bullying, including cyberbullying. District Attorney Early's Office will also provide tips on protecting yourself from online scams and how to recognize artificial intelligence (AI). You will work toward your Cybersecurity 3: Investigator (grades 6-8) or Digital Leadership Badge (grades 9-10), badges not included. Open to troops, girls with an adult, and families. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by January 8.

Rube Goldberg Machine Cookie Dip Challenge Info Session

Thursday, January 22 | 6-6:30pm

Zoom

Grades: K-12

Cost: No charge/girl or adult

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 Rube Goldberg Machine Cookie Dip Challenge by February 1 to participate in the challenge. All video submissions will be due at the end of National Engineering Week, February 20. Winners will be announced at a council-wide Zoom Celebration on the Girl Scout Birthday, March 12. We'll even share last year's winning team videos with you! Open to troops, individual girls, and girls with an adult. Register through GSCWM by January 22.

Cookie Badge On-Demand Event

Saturday, January 24 | On Demand Virtual

Grades: K-12 ••••

Cost: \$10/girl; girl-only event

With the help of professionals in the marketing and finance fields, Girl Scouts will learn the essentials of running a successful cookie business while practicing their decision-making skills in this self-paced course. By listening to first hand interviews with featured experts and completing fun, interactive components, they'll discover how to get customers excited about supporting their efforts, plan how to use the money earned from cookie sales, and learn to set their sales goal Work on your Daisy My First Cookie Business, Brownie Cookie Decision Maker, Junior Cookie Collaborator, Cadette Cookie Innovator, Senior Cookie Boss, or Ambassador Cookie Influencer Badges (not included). While we encourage you to sign up on the dates listed on our calendar (because planning is helpful), the workshops are pre-recorded—which means you can watch and complete them anytime that suits you! Join us for a flexible, fun, and fabulous learning experience from the comfort of your own space. Open to troops, girls with an adult, and individual girls. Register at moneyville.io/shop/collection/new-cookie-business-courses by January 17.

The Story of Stories: History and Art of Books

Tuesday, January 27 | 3:30-5pm

Virtual

Grades: 4-8

Cost: \$5/girl, no charge/adult

In this fascinating program, journey through the history of books—from ancient manuscripts to modern publishing. Explore how books have evolved, learn about different bookbinding techniques, and discover the art behind beautifully crafted books. Through hands-on activities, you will even create your own mini book-inspired art. Juniors will work towards their Textile Badge and Cadettes will work towards their Book Artist Badge. Girl Scouts will receive their badges at the end of the program. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by January 17.



The Story of Stories: History and Art of Books

Tuesday, January 27 | 5-6pm

Virtual

Grades: K-3

Cost: \$5/girl, no charge/adult

In this fascinating program, journey through the history of books—from ancient manuscripts to modern publishing. Explore how books have evolved, learn about different bookbinding techniques, and discover the art behind beautifully crafted books. Through hands-on activities, you will even create your own mini book-inspired art. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by January 17.

Bronze Patrol

Friday, January 30 | 5-5:30pm

Zoom

Grades: 4-5

Cost: No charge/girl or adult

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Silver Patrol

Friday, January 30 | 5:30-6pm

Zoom

Grades: 6-8

Cost: No charge/girl or adult

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, individual girls, and adults. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by January 28.

Gold Patrol

Friday, January 30 | 6-6:30pm

Zoom

Grades: 9-12

Cost: No charge/girl or adult

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, individual girls, and adults. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by January 28.





February 2026

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

National Girls and Women in Sports Day

Date & Time TBD

Holy Cross

Grades: K-7* ● ● ●

Cost: No charge/girl, \$5/adult

This February, Holy Cross Athletics will be hosting their annual National Girls and Women in Sports Day! *Girls ages 12 and under are invited to a pre-game skills fest that will take place at the indoor practice facility with different Holy Cross female athletes! Every Girl Scout will also get a free ticket to the Holy Cross women's basketball game taking place in the afternoon. Tickets for family will be given at a discounted rate. More information including the sign up form for the event will be given at a later date. The link to purchase tickets will go live once our season starts in November: goholycross.com/tickets. Open to troops, girls with an adult, and families.

Go for Gold Orientation

Monday, February 2 | 6-8pm Zoom

Grades: 9-12 ● ● Cost: \$5/girl or adult

Attending a Gold Award orientation can be the most beneficial thing you can do before beginning work on the Girl Scout Gold Award. Orientations provide valuable information about the process, the most up-to-date requirements, and deadlines. Most importantly, you will learn how to connect with the Gold Award Committee and Mentors, and receive current paperwork



and timelines. Taking a Go for Gold Award Orientation is required within one year prior to submitting a Gold Award Proposal. The Zoom link will be sent out a couple of days before the orientation. Open to troops, girls with an adult, individual girls, and adults. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by January 22.

Bucket Drumming

Tuesdays, February 3-May 12 | 6-7:30pm Holyoke Leadership Center

Grades: 5-12

Cost: \$80*/girl; girl-only event

Get ready to groove when you join the GSCWM Bucket Drumming Ensemble! Girl Scouts are known for marching to the beat of their own drum and by joining this program, you'll learn plenty of new beats to play. Over 14 weeks, you'll transform into a poised percussionist, ready to jam out with your fellow drummers. Build basic rhythm reading skills, learn funky percussion techniques, invent new instruments and sounds, and rehearse for an epic final performance. No prior musical experience necessary, though it may be helpful. No rehearsal on February 17 or April 21 due to school breaks. *Price of program includes drum sticks, practice pad, t-shirt, and sheet music. Open to individual girls only. Register through GSCWM by January 20.

Ink and Imagination

Wednesday, February 4 | 5-6:30pm Virtual

Grades: 6-12

Cost: \$5/girl, no charge/adult

In this inspiring and expressive workshop, dive into the world of creative writing and storytelling. Through engaging prompts, group discussions, and imaginative exercises, learn how to craft compelling stories, develop unique characters, and express your thoughts and emotions through words. Whether writing poetry, short stories, or personal reflections, build confidence in your voice and share your creations in a supportive storytelling circle. This activity nurtures creativity, selfexpression, and a love for storytelling in a fun and encouraging environment. Cadettes will work towards their Scribe Badge, Seniors will work towards their Screenwriter



Badge, and Ambassadors will work towards their Novelist Badge (badges included). Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through GSCWM by January 24.

STARS Over Springfield

Friday, February 6 | 7:30-9:30pm **Springfield Museums**

Grades: 2-12 Cost: \$7/girl or adult*

STARS Over Springfield is a fun, interactive astronomy night! Enjoy hands-on activities, a planetarium show, a short talk and demonstration by a local expert, and weather-permitting, views through the museums 20' telescope. You can apply what you learn toward earning the Space Science Badge (not included). *\$5/members. Register early, this program sells out monthly! Open to troops, girls with an adult, and families. Register at springfieldmuseums.org by February 4.

Go for Gold Orientation

Saturday, February 7 | 9-11am

Zoom

Grades: 9-12 ••

Cost: \$5/girl or adult

Attending a Gold Award orientation can be the most beneficial thing you can do before beginning work on the Girl Scout Gold Award. Orientations provide valuable information about the process, the most up-to-date requirements, and deadlines. Most importantly, you will learn how to connect with the Gold Award Committee and Mentors, and receive current paperwork and timelines. Taking a Go for Gold Award Orientation is required within one year prior to submitting a Gold Award Proposal. The Zoom link will be sent out a couple of days before the orientation. Open to troops, girls with an adult, individual girls, and adults. Register through GSCWM by January 22.

Playing the Past Junior Badge Building

Saturday, February 7 | 11am-12:30pm Salisbury Mansion

Grades: 4-5

Cost: \$15/girl, no charge/adult

Playing the Past allows Juniors to dream up a character 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 Playing the Past Badge (not included). Handouts covering the requirements will be provided. 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. Register by email at heatherwilder@worcesterhistory.net or call 413-813-7735 by January 24.

Library Adventure and Exploration

Monday, February 9 | 9-11am Worcester Public Library

Grades: 9-12

Cost: \$5/girl, no charge/adult

Visit your local library to explore a wide range of books, from fiction to non-fiction. Discover new stories and authors while sharing your own favorite reads with the group. This activity encourages a love for reading, storytelling, and community connection. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through GSCWM by January 29.

Cultural Celebration & Global Cuisine

Thursday, February 12 | 5-6:30pm Worcester Leadership Center

Grades: 2-6

Cost: \$15/girl, no charge/adult

Explore traditions from around the world through colorful costumes and cultural celebrations while learning about the history behind different attire, symbols, and fabrics. This interactive experience will foster an appreciation for diversity and global heritage. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by February 2.

Program Aide Core Training AND Volunteer-in-Training

Tuesday, February 17 | 10am-4pm Holyoke Leadership Center

Grades: 6-12 •••

Cost: \$20/girl; girl-only event

Discover and develop your talents in mentoring and leading younger girls! Program Aides (PAs) and Volunteers-in-Training (ViTs) have the unique opportunity to serve as champions for the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. You'll learn how to work with children and how to adapt activities for different needs and situations. You will be putting your new skills to the test with some hands-on activities that will prepare you for real-life situations working with younger girls, and the adult volunteers that lead them. You'll leave this training with plenty of tips and tricks in your bag to get you started on your journey to complete earning your award. Additional award requirements: Following this training, you will work with a troop of younger Girl Scouts to meet the final requirements. No worries—you'll



be ready to go! The skills learned are also applicable to everyday life and will help you become confident, effective leaders in everything you do. Becoming a PA or ViT is also a great resume boost and sets you up for success! Open to individual girls. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by February 5.

Vintage Collaging

Tuesday, February 17 | 12-2pm Worcester Leadership Center

Grades: 2-5 ● ●

Cost: \$10/girl, no charge/adult

In this creative session, explore the nostalgic world of vintage art by creating personalized collage designs. Using retro-inspired images, patterns, and mixed media, learn composition techniques to express your unique style. This hands-on activity encourages self-expression, creativity, and a love for timeless aesthetics while crafting one-of-a-kind artwork to take home. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through GSCWM by February 7.

Vintage Collaging

Tuesday, February 17 | 2-4pm Worcester Leadership Center

Grades: 6-10

Cost: \$10/girl, no charge/adult

In this creative session, explore the nostalgic world of vintage art by creating personalized collage designs. Using retro-inspired images, patterns, and mixed media, learn composition techniques to express your unique style. This hands-on activity encourages self-expression, creativity, and a love for timeless aesthetics while crafting one-of-a-kind artwork to take home. Cadettes will work towards their Comic Artist Badge, and Seniors will work towards their Collage Art Badge. Girl Scouts will receive their badges at the end of the program. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through GSCWM by February 7.

Leader in Action Award (LiA) Training

Tuesday, February 17 | 5-6:30pm Holyoke Leadership Center

Grades: 6-8

Cost: \$10/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. It is not required to take this training to earn your LiA Award, but very helpful! Open to individual girls. Register through GSCWM by February 5.

Bronze Award Orientation

Wednesday, February 18 | 10-11:30am

Zoom

Grades: Adults only

Cost: \$5/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. Register through GSCWM by February 15.

Strive for Silver Orientation

Wednesday, February 18 | 1:30-3pm

OR

Thursday, February 19 | 10-11:30am

Worcester Leadership Center

Grades: 6-8

Cost: \$5/girl or adult

Becoming a Silver Award Girl Scout is no easy feat, and this orientation 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 volunteers 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. The Zoom link will be sent a couple of days prior to program. Open to troops, girls with an adult, individual girls, and adults. Register through GSCWM by February 5.

Daisy Dollars

Saturday, February 21 | 9-10am Holyoke Leadership Center

Grades: K-1

Cost: \$15/girl, no charge/adult

Daisies will earn their Daisy Money Explorer Badge (included) as they take a look at the Juliette Gordon Low special edition quarter and learn about the histories of the other women honored in the American Women Quarters Program. After exploring the quarters, Daisies will get valuable practice with cash exchanges as they prepare for cookie booth sales. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by February 7.

Think Like a Programmer Day

Saturday, February 21 | 9:30am-2:30pm UMass Amherst College of Engineering

Grades: 6-8

Cost: \$10/girl, no charge/adult

Work on your Think Like a Programmer Journey with the UMass Amherst SWE chapter. You'll complete the first two requirements of the journey by exploring how programmers use computational thinking and learning about algorithms, functions, and variables. You'll build your own simple computer and then use it to light up LEDs. We'll then help you brainstorm ideas for the Take Action Project that you can finish at home. Time permitting, we'll even go tour the UMass campus and engineering spaces. This program fills up quickly—don't wait! Badges are not included. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by February 5.

Collage Artist

Saturday, February 21 | 11am-12:30pm Holyoke Leadership Center

Grades: 9-10

Cost: \$15/girl, no charge/adult

Explore the artistic medium of collage as a way of expressing yourself and earn your Collage Artist badge. Discover hidden artistic elements in found media such as magazines, old letters, books, and other ephemera. Piece together your artifacts to make a vision board, tell a story, or represent something you love. Collaging can be easily done anywhere with anything, making it an enjoyable, sustainable art practice. What will you create on this artistic day? Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by February 7.

Playing the Past Junior Badge Building

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Grades: 4-5

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Legends of Power: Women in Mythology

Saturday, February 21 | 1pm-2:30pm

Virtual

Grades: K-3

Cost: \$5/girl, no charge/adult

In this captivating series, journey through the myths of ancient Rome, Greece, and Egypt, discovering the stories of fierce goddesses and legendary heroines. Through interactive discussions and creative activities, explore the strength, wisdom, and resilience of these mythical women, drawing inspiration from their timeless tales. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by February 11.

Science of Happiness

Saturday, February 21 | 2-3pm Holyoke Leadership Center

Grades: 6-8

Cost: \$15/girl, no charge/adult

Come hear what scientists have to say about living your happiest life! Earn your Science of Happiness badge (included). Create a gratitude journal, learn how to maximize the good vibes in your life, and explore the ways that your inner circle can support a healthy mind. In this program, you'll learn how to connect to yourself and others to build a thriving, happy community. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by February 7.

Legends of Power: Women in Mythology

Saturday, February 21 | 3-4:30pm

Virtual

Grades: 4-8

Cost: \$5/girl, no charge/adult

In this captivating series, journey through the myths of ancient Rome, Greece, and Egypt, discovering the stories of fierce goddesses and legendary heroines. Through interactive discussions and creative activities, explore the strength, wisdom, and resilience of these mythical women, drawing inspiration from their timeless tales. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by February 11.

Bronze Patrol

Friday, February 27 | 5-5:30pm

Zoom

Grades: 4-5

Cost: No charge/girl or adult

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 Strive for Bronze Orientation where we go over all of the steps in detail. Bronze Patrols do not meet the requirement of needing to take a Strive for Bronze Orientation. Open to troops, girls with an adult, individual girls, and adults. Register through GSCWM by February 25.

Silver Patrol

Friday, February 27 | 5:30-6pm

Zoom

Grades: 6-8

Cost: No charge/girl or adult

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, individual girls, and adults. Register through GSCWM by February 25.

Gold Patrol

Friday, February 27 | 6-6:30pm

Zoom

Grades: 9-12 ••

Cost: No charge/girl or adult

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, individual girls, and adults. Register through <u>GSCWM</u> by February 25.



Program Opportunities





Archery

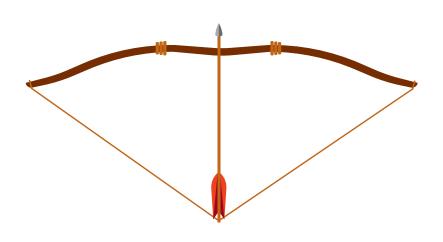


Race to the range and join GSCWM's archery programs!

Learn the steps of the shooting cycle, fire your arrows, and hit your target. In no time, you'll be shooting like the fierce fairies of Middle Earth or the ardent Artemis of Olympus.

This year we are offering a new schedule-your-own model for archery, to help make scheduling programming more accessible for troops! Interested in setting up an archery time for your whole troop? Fill out an On-Demand Program Request here: forms.office.com/r/md5sUy3Ta0. Contact Program Specialist Sarah Penna at spenna@gscwm.org to learn more.

Interested in setting up an archery time for your troop or service unit's upcoming event or encampment? Contact info@gscwm.org to reserve the archery range at one of GSCWM's camp properties and to receive a list of certified archery facilitators.







Election Connection Patch Program

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. Girl Scouts will 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 for the 2025-2026 Election Connection FREE Patch Program are available at: https://www.gscwm.org/en/discover/activities/SYO-Free-Activities.html.
- 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.



Feed Your Neighbor

More than 50 million adults, kids, and families in the U.S. are experiencing food insecurity—a lack of nutritious food to help them live an active, healthy life.

As girls think about how to give back, they can make a big difference in their communities—and for children around the world—by supporting hunger relief efforts.

Where do we start?

Discuss food insecurity in the U.S. and globally.

Lead your girls in a conversation about food insecurity, keeping in mind that they could be experiencing food insecurity themselves. You may want to reach out to troop families ahead of time to let them know about the discussion topic.

Ask girls how they want to make an impact.

You may choose to collect food for your local food bank, write thank-you notes to food bank workers, volunteer at a drive-thru food pantry, or support families globally by partnering with UNICEF to provide nutritious food to children.

How can my troop get involved?

1. Support a food drive, food bank, or food pantry in your community.

- Is your school organizing a food drive you could support? Or a local house of worship? What about a grocery store or local business?
- Is there a food bank or local organization you've worked with in the past that may need support?
- If you aren't sure about food banks in your community, check out <u>Feeding America's</u> network of local food banks. Food pantries can often be found on food bank websites as agency partners that distribute food from food banks.
- Set a goal of how much food your troop will collect or donate.

Goals can be a motivating factor for your girls!

If your troop has ten girls, for instance, you might set a collection goal of five cans and five boxes per girl or a troop total of 75 packages of food.

As you plan your drive, ask your troop to consider:

- When will the food drive begin and end?
- Where will your troop donate food?
- Check that your local food bank is accepting donations and to see if they have any guidelines.
- Consider creating signs to clearly instruct others where and how to donate food items.



- Who might you ask to contribute to your food drive?
 How will you reach out to them?
- How will the food be picked up or dropped off?

Need some help getting started? We've created a few resources to get you going. Check out our <u>food drive toolkit</u>, which includes guidelines, email templates and a sample flyer.

2. Thank a Food Bank Hero!

- Food bank staff and volunteers are on the front lines of combating hunger and food insecurity—and they'll be working especially hard during the holiday season.
- Write to a Food Bank Hero to show your troop's appreciation and send encouragement for the vital work they do.
- Mail your troop's thank-you notes to your local food bank to be shared with staff—handwritten cards are guaranteed to bring a smile to these heroes' faces.
- Visit <u>Feeding America's</u> website for inspiration or to send a thank-you virtually.

3. Volunteer at a drive-thru food pantry.

 Drive-thru food distribution programs offer a safe way for food banks to provide food for our struggling neighbors. Visit Feeding America to learn more about this option and to verify that your Girl Scouts are old enough to volunteer. Make sure to comply with Girl Scouts' <u>Safety Activity Checkpoints</u> and your council's safety guidelines.

Once your troop has completed this service project, remember to:

- Inspire others to give back! Post a photo of your project to your social networks using the hashtag #GirlScoutsGiveBack. Be sure to tag @girlscouts and @gscwm!
- Complete our <u>survey</u> so your troop's impact can be counted in our national service projects.
- Recognize your troop's participation with a patch—we recommend this Girl Scouts Give Back patch.



TD Bank Financial Literacy Program

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.

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- After you have completed a badge, visit our survey at <u>surveymonkey.com/r/FinancialLiteracy2026</u>. 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, 2026 and claimed by July 1, 2026.
- We are limited to only 1,500 badges and are on a first-come, first served basis. We will close the survey when we have hit our limit.
- · Questions? Email program@gscwm.org.

AMBASSADORS





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.



When and where will the group meet?

Request more information and an application form from Perry at pkhattawi@gscwm.org. 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:

- October: In person orientation
- **November:** Zoom meeting/training
- December: Zoom meeting/training
- January: Zoom meeting/training
- February: Zoom meeting/training
- March: Zoom meeting/training
- April: Zoom meeting/training
- May: In person wrap up & Annual Meeting

How do I apply?

Request more information and an application form from Perry at pkhattawi@gscwm.org.



High Adventure Group

Love everything extreme? Try new activities, challenge yourself, make additional friends, and really live life *Brave. Fierce. Fun!*

Join our High Adventure Group and participate in programs like indoor rock climbing, winter snow events, orienteering, white water rafting, high ropes, and learning to cook outdoors. The High Adventure Group enjoys various trips and events throughout the year, and registered Girl Scouts can attend them all or just one, based on your interest.

The High Adventure Group is open to all Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts. Individual Girl Scouts—Juliettes—are encouraged to join the group. Girl Scouts in troops do not have to attend as a troop unit.

Are you a fifth grade bridging Junior who wants to challenge yourself? Join us in the spring for the annual indoor rock-climbing event where you can participate with us!

Contact gscwmhighadventure@gmail.com for an invitation to join our group website app (Band) to receive up-to-date information, as this is our primary method of communication. We encourage parents, troop leaders, and Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts to join our group app.



Upcoming Events

August 2025: We're heading to Charlemont for a weekend of camping, zip lining, or aerial adventure and whitewater rafting. Come join us as we paddle down the river and have fun in the trees! This event is in the final planning stages, email for more information.

September 12-14, 2025: We're going to spend the weekend backpacking and camping at a New England area mountain, location will be determined by the ability of those who register. We do not recommend this event for brand new High Adventure Group members unless the Girl Scout has previous backpacking and camping experience.

October 17-19, 2025: Join us for our annual Outdoor Cooking Weekend. Come to Camp Laurel Wood and learn different methods of cooking meals outside. You'll plan the weekend menu based on the cooking methods chosen. We'll also have some new Firestarter methods to try and an experiment with filtering water.

January 17-19, 2026: This is our most popular event—our Winter Fun Weekend at Camp Bonnie Brae. Join us for winter tubing at Ski Butternut on Saturday night. Other outdoor activities are based on the weather conditions. If we have snow falling or on the ground, we can try snowshoeing. If Big Pond's ice is safe, maybe we'll learn to ice fish. No snow? We can hike to other areas of camp or we can hang out in the lodge and play games and cook!

March 8, 2026: We're going rock climbing at Central Rock Gym, Worcester! If you are 13 and over, you can even learn to belay before climbing. This is a great event for bridging 5th grade Juniors to meet the High Adventure Group and have some climbing fun!

Other programs are being planned—watch GSCWM's website!

We need volunteers!

The High Adventure Group is seeking Girl Scout Leader Volunteers to join our Leadership Team, to share in leading events or behind-the-scenes tasks. 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.



MakerZone: On Your Own Drop-In Activities

At the Girl Scout Leadership Centers' MakerZones, Girl Scouts of all ages can delve into the world of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) through hands-on activities. Explore circuitry and electronics as you sculpt a work of art and then make it light up; build with wood and other materials at the Work Bench; make gadgets to solve household problems, and explore your own ideas in the MakerZone.

We supply the space, the materials, and the instructions; you supply the fun!

Reserve the MakerZone and begin creating and innovating—either to work toward a badge or just for fun! Contact <u>info@gscwm.org</u> to reserve the space for the troop today! Reservations need to be made at least one month in advance.

GRADE LEVEL GUIDE

Look for your grade level's color dot in the following program listings!

Daisies (K-1)

Brownies (2-3)

Juniors (4-5)

Cadettes (6-8)

Seniors (9-10)

Ambassadors (11-12)

Adults only

LEGO WALL & LARGE GAMES

Grades: K-12 • • • • •

Cost: \$5/girl

We have PLENTY of LEGOs for the troop's imagination to run wild using our LEGO wall or table! We also have LEGO Challenges, LEGO games, and LEGO activities available for your use. Large games available are: Connect 4, Chess, Checkers, Pick-Up Sticks, Jenga, Tic-Tac-Toe, Spike Ball, Coney Island Bean Bag Toss, and Yahtzee. Make your event complete and use our SmartBoard to play your favorite music or movie while the troop is having fun. Plan out the troop's activities or just host a game night—the space is all yours!

WOODWORKING & TOOL CENTER

Porcupine Pal

Grades: K-3 ● Cost: \$6/girl

This is a beginner-level activity Girl Scouts will love! Introduce girls to different hand tools and their uses right off of our workbench. Use our hard hats, aprons, safety glasses, and safety gloves to teach them about keeping each other safe. You'll really get them excited when they get to use basic tools to make their very own porcupine pal to take home!



UnMake-It

Grades: K-12* • • • • • •

Cost: \$6/girl

That's right, you'll be taking things apart! Girls are curious about how things work and how they are put together, why not let THEM find out? We'll provide all the tools, safety equipment, and supplies they'll need to deconstruct small machines, appliances, laptops, and whatever else we have in our donation pile! Start by teaching them about the different tools on our workbench and what they are used for and let them go. Do you know what is even more fun? Trying to put things back together! *With enough helpful adults, this activity can be done with Daisies.

String Art

Grades: 2-12

Cost: \$6/girl

How often do girls get to hold real tools, learn how to use them, and work on a real tool bench? Start your activity off by introducing the different tools from our workbench and what they are used for. You'll have everything you need for the troop to create their very own piece of string art to take home. Don't forget to take great photos of the troop wearing our hard hats, safety aprons, safety glasses, and gloves!

MAKERSPACE

Trash to Treasure

Grades: K-12 ● ● ● ● ●

Cost: \$6/girl

We have all the recyclable materials you'll need to host your own open maker night or planned projects! Breathe new life into our endless supply of "trash" and upcycle it into your very own treasures. We have everything you'll need to create and innovate. Looking for ideas? We've got those too!

Scrapbooking

Grades: K-12 • • • • •

Cost: \$5/girl

Bring your own photos and memorabilia and use our supplies to create your own scrapbook page! We have scrapbooking pages, borders, stamps, ink pads, scrapbook paper, die cuts, decorative scissors, and more! We even have scrapbooking idea books to help get those creative juices flowing.



Cardstock Greeting Cards

Grades: K-12

Cost: \$5/girl

Make your very own designer cards with envelopes! Whether you want to make cards for a special holiday, to thank someone special, or as a community service project for a Senior Center, we've got what you need. We have cardstock, scrapbooking paper, decorative scissors, die cuts, stamps, ink pads, and more! We'll even provide some fun ideas for you to try.

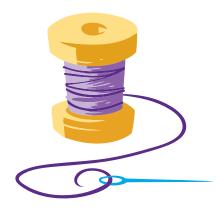
SEWING CENTER

General Use

Grades: 4-12 • • • •

Cost: \$5/girl

We have 9 sewing machines to help you teach the troop how to sew. We have a lot of material available for you, or you can bring your own. We have basic supplies like scissors, cutting mats, thread, and pins that you can use as well. We even have some learn-to-sew templates available to get your troop started!



Hand Sewn Pillows

Grades: K-3 ● Cost: \$6/girl

We have 9 sewing machines to help you teach the troop how to sew. We have a lot of material available for you, or you can bring your own. We have basic supplies like scissors, cutting mats, thread, and pins that you can use as well. We even have some learn-to-sew templates available to get your troop started!

Hair Scrunchies

Grades: 4-12

Cost: \$6/girl

All the supplies for the troop to make their very own hair scrunchy—with or without a bow—are available. Use our sewing machines and supplies to really work on those sewing skills!

Machine Sewn Pillows

Grades: 4-12

Cost: \$6/girl

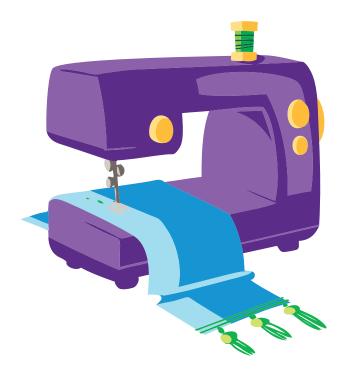
Teach Girl Scouts how to use a sewing machine with learn to sew paper templates, before moving on to sewing their very own pillows on the sewing machines. We have precut sewing squares or material for them to choose from, and all the supplies they'll need to make their very own pillows. This is a great learn-to-sew project!



Grades: 4-12

Cost: \$6/girl

All the supplies for the troop to make their very own headbands are available. Use our sewing machines and supplies to really work on those sewing skills!



GEAR WORKS & CIRCUITRY CENTER

Use our materials to create and experiment with a project, take it apart when you're done, and restock the center. Or purchase a full kit you can build in our MakerZone and take home! We have all the supplies, extra required materials, and tools needed. We also supply the directions, different challenges, and handouts you'll need!

Air Racers

Grades: 2-12

Cost: \$10/girl OR \$20/girl for take-home kit

Propel innovation and create your own electric fan car with this electric motor project straight from the Everglades! First, construct a frame that'll get you rolling. Then power up your motor and experiment with different propeller blade designs to really send your racer flying!



Crazy Contraptions

Grades: 2-12 • • • • •

Cost: \$10/girl OR \$25/girl for take-home kit

Gears turn, lifting a lever, releasing a marble, igniting a chain reaction of learning and fun as you design a Rube Goldberg inspired Crazy Contraption! Explore simple machines like never before, easily connecting them, customizing them, and repositioning them on a base—just slide the machines in and out of position! Done with the activity? Try a new design!

Electric Racers

Grades: 4-12

Cost: \$10/girl OR \$30/girl for take-home kit

Burn some rubber and engineer a battery powered car. It's simple and fun to experiment with your design, learning as you try out new race car designs. Take away a wheel, construct a slimmer frame, or build something entirely new with your parts! They are real DIY electronics and real engineering, meaning the making and excitement never end.

Grab Lab

Grades: K-5

Cost: \$5/girl OR \$12/girl for take-home kit

Have you ever seen a bird catch a worm or a chipmunk stuff their cheeks? How do they do it? Animals have evolved some pretty amazing grabbers and tools over time. Construct a simple grabber, then design and build it better to be like our feathered and furry friends.



Hazmat Challenge

Grades: 4-8

Cost: \$6 per girl (no take-home kit)

There's been a disaster! Containers holding nuclear waste were damaged in an accident and the radioactive waste must be moved from the damaged containers to new ones. Using whatever parts and materials we have, you'll need to design a solution! Great team-building activity for your troop.

Hydraulic Claw

Grades: 4-12 • • • •

Cost: \$6/girl OR \$15/girl for take-home kit

We've all lost more than a few quarters to the arcade claw machines. With your Hydraulic Claw, you can forget the coins and create your very own remote-controlled fluid-powered grabber.

Hydraulic Judo-Bots

Grades: 4-12

Cost: \$6/girl or team OR \$20/girl or team for take-home kit*

Get ready to R-R-RUMBLE!! Use the power of hydraulic cylinders to design, build, and battle a Judo-Bot. Engineer new methods to move bots up, down, and side-to-side to best tip or push opponents out of the ring. *One Judo-Bot per girl or per small teams of 2-4.



Obstacle Course

Grades: K-5

Cost: \$6/girl OR \$17/girl for take-home kit

What happens when gears are connected? Do they rotate together, at the same speed, direction, or with similar force? Truly experience gears through this activity; growing understanding through tinkering, experimentation, and even engineering amusement park rides.

Pick-Up Stick Electromagnetic Activity

Grades: 4-12

Cost: \$6/girl OR \$12/girl for take-home kit

Thwack, thump, CRASH—you broke through the crust! The clock is ticking as you race with your electromagnet to gather iron and load it onto the spaceship. This is way more than just a magnet on a stick, your Pick-Up Stick was custom engineered by you with both an electromagnet and a grapple (claw) that grabs soup cans, paper clips, or even candy.

Powered Pet

Grades: 2-8 ● ● ●

Cost: \$6/girl OR \$12/girl for take-home kit

Wagging tails, walking legs, flapping wings...there are so many ways you can animate your very own Powered Pet! Whether you choose jumpy, abrupt air power or smooth water-power, there are endless ways to animate and evolve your pet's design. How will your pet move?



Toy Workshop Activity

Grades: 2-8 ● ●

Cost: \$6/girl OR \$15/girl for take-home kit

Use the engineering design process to create your own unique pull-toy with animated parts—they move as they roll! Watch as tails wag, heads bob, hands wave, or wrestlers 'wrassle'.

Wiggle Bots

Grades: K-5

Cost: \$6/girl OR \$15/girl for take-home kit

Wiggle-Bots are lively little robots brought to life by an electric motor and a kid's imagination. Their creations will shake to life! Tinker and evolve your Wiggle-Bot to race, dance, or even scribble!

Wind Turbines

Grades: 4-12

Cost: \$10/girl OR \$20/girl for take-home kit

Design a turbine to harness the power of the wind and convert it into electricity. Start with your prototype build, testing through inquiry and experimentation. Then, iterate new designs and additions to transform the wind turbine into your own unique design.

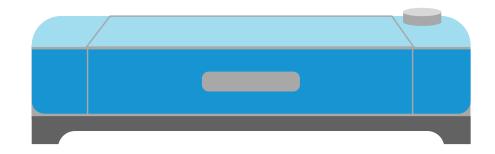
CRICUT CENTER

Water Bottle Decals

Grades: K-12* • • • • • •

Cost: \$6/girl

Introduce your Girl Scouts to the Cricut Design Space and how they can "code" the Cricut to cut permanent vinyl into a custom water bottle decal. We have a plethora of vinyl colors to choose from! We also have all the tools girls will need to cut, weed, and apply their decals to their water bottles! *Daisies and Brownies may need help weeding the vinyl.



Personalized Wall Decals

Grades: K-12* ● ● ● ● ●

Cost: \$8/girl

Looking for a larger, personalized Cricut vinyl project? Girl Scouts can design, cut, and weed their personalized wall decals from their own 12"x12" piece of vinyl. They will create it in the Cricut Design Space, and then send it to the Cricut to cut. We have all the tools they need to finish off the design before they transfer them to contact paper to bring home! *Daisies and Brownies may need help weeding the vinyl.

Cardstock Cards

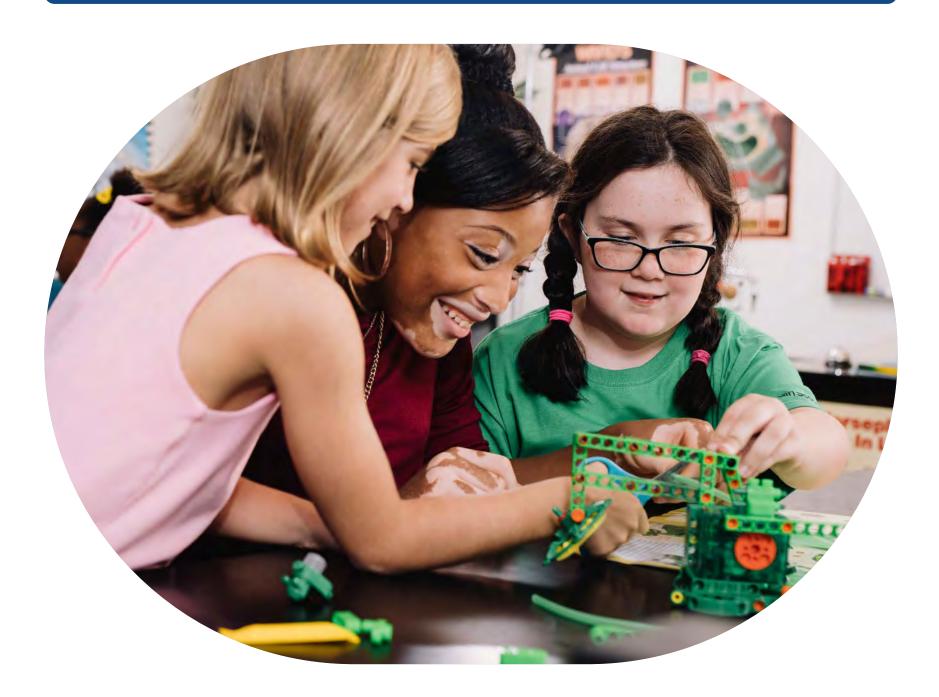
Grades: K-12

Cost: \$6/girl

Did you know that you can use more than just vinyl with the Cricut? You can create custom, fancy cardstock cards in the Cricut Design Space! Design your card in Design Space, cut it with the Cricut, then color and sign it using our crayons, markers, or colored pencils! Use our cardstock in a variety of colors to make a card for someone special!



Robotics



Get ready to tinker and code with the Girl Scout Cookie Robotics Team!

Cost: \$100/girl

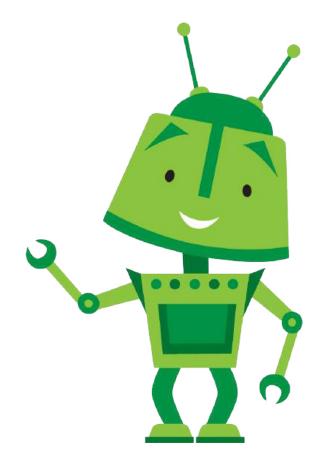
FIRST LEGO League inspires young people to think like scientists and engineers as they create innovative solutions to real world challenges. Join with other girls to learn all about robotics, and explore how you can embrace the possibilities of STEM when the FIRST LEGO League 2025 challenge is released.

We'll get to work right away to build our LEGO models, program our robot to complete important missions, and explore cutting edge STEM tools with our brand new Spike Prime autonomous robot!

Meetings are every Wednesday from September 10-December 10 from 6-7:30pm.

Please note: cost includes 13 weeks of programming, staff instruction, FIRST LEGO League team registration/2025 team challenge starter kit, team t-shirts, competition fees, and the following badges for each age level—Designing Robots Badge, Programming Robots Badge, and Showcasing Robots Badge.

Have more questions about GSCWM Robotics teams? Email program@gscwm.org.





Travel Ops



Explore the World with Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts love to travel, from the exciting day trips they take as Daisies and Brownies to the unforgettable global adventures they embark on as teens. Whether exploring the wonders of a neighboring town or jetting across the world, travel with Girl Scouts builds courage, confidence, and a spirit of discovery.

Travel experiences immerse girls in new scenery, rich cultural traditions, and hands-on learning. They'll develop essential life skills such as decision-making, budgeting, planning, and navigating the world around them, while forming unforgettable memories with friends. If you love exploring new places, people, and cultures, your next adventure begins here!

Using proceeds from the Girl Scout Fall Product and Cookie Programs, your troop can plan local, national, or international travel opportunities tailored to your Girl Scout age level and aligned with our Girl Scout travel progression. Be sure to check with the council for travel requirements and resources.

Daisy Adventures—Local field trips introduce Daisies to fun, safe, and exciting places close to home, perfect for sparking curiosity and connection.

Brownie Adventures—Brownies begin to explore beyond the neighborhood with full-day trips packed with hands-on learning and team bonding.

Junior Adventures—Juniors are ready for their first regional adventures! After mastering field trips, day trips, and overnights, it's time to plan a 3 or 4-day trip and discover something new.

Cadette, Senior, & Ambassador Adventures— The world is yours to explore! Whether you're traveling across the country or venturing abroad, these trips provide meaningful, girlled experiences that build leadership and independence.

Getaways

Want the excitement of travel with less planning? Girl Scout Getaways offer curated travel adventures for troops across the country. From outdoor exploration to cultural experiences, everything is pre-planned, so you just sign up and go!

Explore current options at: <u>girlscouts.org/en/members/for-girl-scouts/ways-to-participate/Travel/group-travel.html.</u>

GSUSA International Events

Looking to take your travel dreams global? GSUSA offers international travel events hosted by Girl Scout organizations and WAGGGS (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts) centers around the world. These trips connect girls with fellow Girl Scouts from other countries and cultures.

Learn more and discover upcoming opportunities: girlscouts.org/en/members/for-girl-scouts/ways-to-participate/global-girl-scouts/world-centers.html.

Destinations

Independent, girl-led travel experiences for Cadettes and older.

If you're ready to soar solo (or with a small group of fellow Girl Scouts), Destinations trips are for you! These amazing travel adventures are organized by councils across the country and bring together Girl Scouts from different regions for once-in-a-lifetime experiences. You'll build leadership skills, boost independence, and make lifelong friends while discovering the world.

To view the full list and application info, visit: girlscouts.org/destinations

Here are a few upcoming Destinations to inspire your next journey:

Winter Wonderland at Our Chalet

Cozy up in Switzerland's snowy Alps! From sledding to campfire bonding at the Our Chalet WAGGGS World Center, this winter adventure is pure magic.

The Ultimate Harry Potter Experience

Join Girl Scouts of Central Texas for a transatlantic trip into the world of Harry Potter. Walk in the footsteps of wizards, tour the film studios, and explore all things magical.

Adventures in the Land of Waterfalls

Discover the natural beauty of western North Carolina, home to lush forests, waterfalls, and outdoor thrills. Perfect for those who love hiking, paddling, and exploring the great outdoors.

GSCWM Girl Scouts Go International Trips

Sharpen your leadership skills, expand your cultural horizons, and embrace new experiences through your participation in GSCWM's International Trip Opportunities. From the tropics to the temples, these experiences are designed to grow your confidence and your global perspective as you join with fellow Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors on a journey of self-discovery!

We're not talking field trips. We're talking access to life-changing opportunities to explore different locales and cultures, participate in valuable service opportunities, and immerse yourself in the incredible history awaiting you across the pond!

SUMMER 2026: Adventure of a Lifetime in Greece

Set sail on a Saronic Islands cruise, take a handson cooking and pottery class, and dive into the rich culture and history of Athens and beyond.

SUMMER 2026:

Japan-Land of the Rising Sun

Explore both the futuristic buzz of Tokyo and the timeless elegance of Kyoto on this 9-day immersive trip into Japanese culture, cuisine, and history.

SUMMER 2027: Capitals of the British Isles

From London to Edinburgh, and Dublin to Cardiff, explore four incredible countries in one unforgettable journey through the UK and Ireland.

New! GSCWM Domestic Travel Opportunities

Girl Scout travel isn't just about crossing oceans, it's about discovering the wonder, beauty, and history right here at home. We're proud to begin offering domestic travel opportunities within the United States, giving Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts the chance to explore new cities, embrace local history, and build unforgettable memories without needing a passport.

Domestic travel opportunities are specially designed to offer all the excitement and growth of international travel, while keeping the journey closer to home. These trips are perfect for Girl Scouts who are just getting started with travel, or for those who want to dive deeper into the rich stories and landscapes of our own country.

From historical landmarks and national parks to regional traditions and culinary adventures, each domestic travel opportunity offers a chance to see the U.S. in a new light.

Whether it's your first time boarding a plane or your tenth, there's something magical about discovering what's in your own backyard. These adventures remind us that we don't have to go far to find inspiration; sometimes, the most powerful journeys happen right here at home.

Visit <u>girlscouts.org/en/members/for-girl-scouts/ways-to-participate/Travel.html</u> for more details on upcoming trips, including info sessions, FAQs, and how to register.

COMING SPRING 2027: Girl Scout History in Savannah, GA

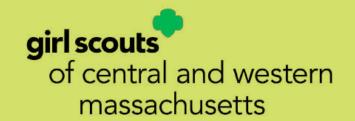
We begin with an active scavenger hunt through the beautiful city of Savannah. From there, earn a patch and engage in a house tour of Juliette Gordon Low's childhood home before participating in a pinning ceremony. Learn more about what Savannah has to offer, including a trip to the Ships of the Sea Museum and going on a Ghostly Nights Trolley Tour!

Travel with GSCWM's International/Domestic Travel Coordinator, Sarah Golding, and a community of like-minded Girl Scouts as you become *Brave. Fierce. and Fun!* while exploring the world or your own backyard with confidence.

Sarah, along with her chaperone team, provides valuable educational experiences for Girl Scouts in a safe, supportive, and inclusive atmosphere that welcomes all Girl Scouts. Our chaperones go through a thorough application and interview process before coming on board and are committed to providing a *Brave. Fierce. Fun!* experience for all girls.

Chaperones Needed!

Interested in becoming a chaperone for an upcoming GSCWM International or Domestic Travel Opportunity? Please reach out to travel@gscwm.org to learn more.



On Demand Programming

From September through May, bring the fun and excitement of Council-led programming directly to your troop meetings!

Expertly designed programming, delivered to your Girl Scouts, on your schedule. Complete an On-Demand Program Request Form to get the process started. Programs are scheduled on a rolling basis and prices vary. Contact Program Specialist Sarah Penna at spenna@gscwm.org for more information. See select program offerings below.

Schedule Your Own

Schedule Your Own programs are terrific resources for Girl Scout troops, Juliettes, and families—offering a wide array of opportunities, all on YOUR own schedule!

The following Community Partners offer programming that can be scheduled to meet the needs, individual interests, and availability of you or your troop. Contact Community Partners directly with your questions and to schedule.

Remember to follow all current safety standards as outlined in <u>Safety Activity Checkpoints</u> found on gscwm.org

Submit the <u>Activity and Travel Form</u>, also found at gscwm.org, before your activity

Find additional program resources for troops and families at https://www.gscwm.org/en/discover/activities/SYO-Free-Activities.html

Don't forget to thank our Community Partners for supporting Girl Scouts!

GRADE LEVEL GUIDE Look for your grade level's color dot in the following program listings! Daisies (K-1) Brownies (2-3) Juniors (4-5) Cadettes (6-8) Seniors (9-10) Ambassadors (11-12) Adults only

Archery

On Demand

Grades: 2-12 • • • •

Cost: \$10/girl, no charge/adult

GSCWM welcomes new and experienced archers as we set our sights on the target ahead! Girl Scouts will learn the importance of range safety, explore the steps of the shooting cycle, and practice their aim until they hit their perfect bullseye. Archery programs are based on Girl Scout age levels and experience to ensure a safe program for all participants. Register by filling out an On Demand Program Request here: forms.cloud.microsoft/r/md5sUy3Ta0.

Art and Design

Historic Deerfield

Grades: K-5

Cost: \$10/girl, no charge/adult

Get inspired by different kinds of art on a visit to Historic Deerfield, while working on part of your Art and Design Badges! Explore how elements of design are used in art through Historic Deerfield's collection, learn about different materials and styles, and make an art project together! Activities in this program can be adapted for different badge levels (badge not included). Open to troops only. Visit historic-deerfield.org/programs/girl-scout-badge-days or email Maria at mbodansky@historic-deerfield.org for more information and to schedule your group.

Art and Nature

New England Botanic Garden

Grades: K-1

Cost: \$16/girl, \$18/adult*

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 in this 90-minute program. Commemorate your visit with a New England Botanic Garden fun patch available for purchase online or in person at the Garden Shop. This program fee is non-refundable. *One adult chaperone for every five children is admitted free of charge. Additional chaperones pay the group rate of \$18. A minimum of 8 Girl Scouts is required to run a program. Open to troops only. To schedule a group program, email youtheducation@nebg.org or call 508-869-6111, ext. 132 at least one month in advance.

Art and Nature

New England Botanic Garden

Grades: 2-3

Cost: \$16/girl, \$18/adult*

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 in this 90-minute program. Commemorate your visit with a New England Botanic Garden fun patch available for purchase online or in person at the Garden Shop. This program fee is non-refundable. *One adult chaperone for

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Art and Nature

New England Botanic Garden

Grades: 4-5

Cost: \$16/girl, \$18/adult*

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 in this 90-minute program. You are encouraged to bring a camera or smartphone to complete the full requirements for this badge. Commemorate your visit with a New England Botanic Garden fun patch available for purchase online or in person at the Garden Shop. This program fee is non-refundable. *One adult chaperone for every five children is admitted free of charge. Additional chaperones pay the group rate of \$18. A minimum of 8 Girl Scouts is required to run a program. Open to troops only. To schedule a group program, email youtheducation@nebg.org or call 508-869-6111, ext. 132 at least one month in advance.

Art and Nature

New England Botanic Garden

Grades: 6-8

Cost: \$16/girl, \$18/adult*

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. You are required to bring a camera or smartphone to complete the requirements for this badge in this 90-minute program. Commemorate your visit with a New England Botanic Garden fun patch available for purchase online or in person at the Garden Shop. This program fee is non-refundable. *One adult chaperone for every five children is admitted free of charge. Additional chaperones pay the group rate of \$18. A minimum of 8 Girl Scouts is required to run a program. Open to troops only. To schedule a group program, email youtheducation@nebg.org or call 508-869-6111, ext. 132 at least one month in advance.

Badge Blast WPI APO

Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Alpha Phi Omega

Grades: K-12 •••••

Cost: No charge/girl or adult

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, 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 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 the WPI APO YouTube channel created just for you!

Badge Workshops with Campus Girl Scouts at WPI

Worcester Polytechnic Institute and surrounding communities

Grades: K-12 •••••
Cost: Varies by program

Campus Girl Scouts at WPI is a student-run organization founded on the principles of promoting female leadership, empowerment, and advancement, both on campus and in the surrounding community. We have been so lucky to be able to offer opportunities for troops in Massachusetts to participate in STEM badge workshops with us, allowing them to meet college-level Girl Scout alumni, experience a bit of college life, and learn about all the wonders open to them both in the world of STEM and beyond! So far, we have led workshops for Toy Designer 2 (Daisy-level), Mechanical Engineering (Daisy/Brownie-level), and STEM Career Exploration (multi-level), and been invited to lead activities at Worcester World Thinking Day, GSCWM Worcester Railers STEM event, and GSEMA STEM Fest. If your troop is interested in participating in a badge workshop with us, please don't hesitate to reach out by emailing us at gr-campusgirlscouts-officers@wpi.edu. We will also be hosting a STEM In Action event on Sunday, September 21 from 2-4pm (additional details will be announced soon). We look forward to hearing from you and working with your girls! Open to troops only. To sign up for badge workshops, go to forms.gle/nJGDtJpJ6NogR53T8.

Be Red Cross Ready

On Your Own

Grades: 6-12 •••

Cost: No charge/girl or adult

Everyone knows the Red Cross helps people during emergencies. But you may not know that it's also part of our mission to help you help yourself! Becoming "Red Cross Ready" for an emergency means following our simple steps in advance to ensure you can weather a crisis safely and comfortably. Being prepared may not prevent a disaster, but it will give you confidence to meet the challenge. It's as easy as 1-2-3! Getting prepared may sound difficult or time consuming but, with a little help from the Red Cross, it's actually very doable. Find all the information and resources you'll need to make a Survival Kit, to Make a Plan, Be Informed, learn Hands-Only CPR, and more! Do this all on your own time, or together with your troop. Open to troops, individual girls, girls with an adult, and families. Visit redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies.html for information and resources.

Berkshire Museum

Grades: K-12 • • • • •

Cost: See the Berkshire Museum website below

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 berkshiremuseum.org to schedule your visit today.

Best. Party. Ever!

Launch Family Entertainment

Grades: K-12 • • • • •

Cost: Varies

Best. Party. Ever! Launch is a full family entertainment center located right in Leominster, Massachusetts. We have trampolines, bowling, virtual reality games, an arcade, an obstacle course, full restaurant, and more! Girl Scouts enjoy 15% off admissions for being a valued member of the Girl Scouts! Open to troops and families. Contact Dillon Hammond at dhammond@launchtrampolinepark.com to book your Girl Scout party today!

Book Arts

Historic Deerfield

Grades: 6-8

Cost: \$10/girl, no charge/adult

Explore how books are made by visiting a printing press and taking a closer look into books at Historic Deerfield! Learn about bookmaking techniques and decorations as you work on your Book Artist Badge (not included). Get creative in making and decorating your own book and bring it with you to write in at home. Open to troops only. Visit historic-deerfield.org/programs/girl-scout-badge-days or email Maria at mbodansky@historic-deerfield.org for more information and to schedule your group.

Botanic Illustration

New England Botanic Garden

Grades: 4-5

Cost: \$16/girl, \$18/adult*

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 in this 90-minute program. Commemorate your visit with a New England Botanic Garden fun patch available for purchase online or in person at the Garden Shop. This program fee is non-refundable. *One adult chaperone for every five children is admitted free of charge. Additional chaperones pay the group rate of \$18. A minimum of 8 Girl Scouts is required to run a program. Open to troops only. To schedule a group program, email youtheducation@nebg.org or call 508-869-6111, ext. 132 at least one month in advance.

Brave Bright Theater Kids

Grades: K-12 •••••
Cost: Varies; 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 to schedule your troop's customized class.

Bullying and Kindness Workshop

Office of District Attorney Joseph D. Early, Jr.

Grades: 2-5 ● ●

Cost: No charge/girl or adult

This workshop includes a presentation and multiple activities on bullying and kindness. You will learn how to recognize what conflict is and how to help others. District Attorney Early's Office will provide tips as both the target and as a bystander, as well as how to identify who your trusted adult is. This virtual presentation will meet some of the requirements toward your Making Friends and Social Butterfly Badges (not included). Open to troops, individual girls with an adult, and families. Contact Hope to set up your virtual presentation at 774-317-2148 or https://doi.org/10.1001/journal.com/hope.rudzinski@mass.gov.

Cabot Patch Programs

Cabot Creamery Co-operative

Grades: K-12 •••••

Cost: No charge/girl or adult

Cabot Creamery is proud to offer eight free patch programs to use at home or in your troop. The program and the patch are 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 for more information.

Camp To Troop

On Demand

Grades: K-12 •••••
Cost: No charge/girl or adult

Curious about camp, but still not sure if it's for you? This is a great opportunity for girls, volunteers, and parents to get a feel for what it's like to join a long tradition of Girl Scouts going to camp. Play classic camp games, have a camp song singalong, and get practice with building fires. Check out photos of our four camp properties, hear from camp alumni, and get a preview of the different program offerings available this summer. Take a camp readiness quiz to discover which experience is perfect for you! From magical day camps to sleepaways in the Enchanted Forest, there's an opportunity for every girl to get outside. Register by filling out an On Demand Program Request here: forms.cloud.microsoft/r/md5sUy3Ta0.



Character Does Matter

Travis Manion Foundation

Grades: 2-12

Cost: No charge/girl or adult

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 to set up your presentation.

Claytime

Claytime, Virtual or In-Person

Grades: K-12 •••••
Cost: Varies by activity

Pottery painting (including licensed Girl Scout shapes), clay building, glass fusing, and canvas painting fun geared to your troop! We offer many ways to participate in programming and to earn badges: in-studio events, off-site, 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 virtually, Claytime staff will be on hand to lead your troop through the activity. Projects can be geared to meet badge requirements. Open to troops and girls with an adult. To register, call our studio at 508-798-9950 or email claytimeinfo@gmail.com.

Eco Heroes

New England Botanic Garden

Grades: K-1

Cost: \$16/girl, \$18/adult*

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 in this 90-minute program. Commemorate your visit with a New England Botanic Garden fun patch available for purchase online or in person at the Garden Shop. This program fee is non-refundable. *One adult chaperone for every five children is admitted free of charge. Additional chaperones pay the group rate of \$18. A minimum of 8 Girl Scouts is required to run a program. Open to troops only. To schedule a group program, email youtheducation@nebg.org or call 508-869-6111, ext. 132 at least one month in advance.

Eco Heroes

New England Botanic Garden

Grades: 2-3

Cost: \$16/girl, \$18/adult*

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 in this 90-minute program. Commemorate your visit with a New England Botanic Garden fun patch available for purchase online or in person at the Garden Shop. This program fee is non-refundable. *One adult chaperone for every five children is admitted free of charge. Additional chaperones pay the group rate of \$18. A minimum of 8 Girl Scouts is required to run a program. Open to troops only. To schedule a group program, email youtheducation@nebg.org or call 508-869-6111, ext. 132 at least one month in advance.

Eco Heroes

New England Botanic Garden

Grades: 6-8

Cost: \$16/girl, \$18/adult*

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 in this 90-minute program. Commemorate your visit with a New England Botanic Garden fun patch available for purchase online or in person at the Garden Shop. This program fee is non-refundable. *One adult chaperone for every five children is admitted free of charge. Additional chaperones pay the group rate of \$18. A minimum of 8 Girl Scouts is required to run a program. Open to troops only. To schedule a group program, email youtheducation@nebg.org or call 508-869-6111, ext. 132 at least one month in advance.

EcoTarium Group Programs

EcoTarium

Grades: K-12 •••••
Cost: Varies by program

The EcoTarium offers fun and exciting educator-led science programs. Programs are offered in-person at the EcoTarium and in your community! Open to troops only. Complete the program request form on our website at ecotarium.org/school-and-group-programs.

Events for Robotics & Engineering Badges

Snapology, Your Location

Grades: K-3

Cost: Varies by program

Snapology's leading STEAM programs are available to be brought to you! Earn your Robotics and/or Engineering badges through our exciting programs that teach the foundations of engineering and coding alongside teamwork and grit. Open to troops only. Email curbine@snapology.com to schedule a date and time for us to come to you!

Exfoliate & Elevate: Sugar Scrub Crafting

Beyond Happiness LLC

Grades: 6-12 ● ● ● Cost: \$15/girl or adult

Embrace the beauty of nature with our Exfoliate & Elevate: Sugar Scrub Crafting workshop! In this hands-on experience, you'll discover the art of crafting your own sugar scrubs using all-natural ingredients and pure essential oils. Perfect for exfoliating and nourishing your skin, these scrubs offer a luxurious and eco-friendly addition to your skincare routine. Join us for a session that celebrates the power of nature and leaves your skin feeling silky smooth! You'll take home your handcrafted sugar scrub to enjoy. Work toward your Science of Happiness or Science of Style Badge (not included). Group size is limited to 12 participants. Open to troops. Email thesocialbreakthrough@gmail.com to set up your program.

Fantastic Flowers

New England Botanic Garden

Grades: K-1

Cost: \$16/girl, \$18/adult*

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 in this 90-minute program. Commemorate your visit with a New England Botanic Garden fun patch available for purchase online or in person at the Garden Shop. This program fee is non-refundable. *One adult chaperone for every five children is admitted free of charge. Additional chaperones pay the group rate of \$18. A minimum of 8 Girl Scouts is required to run a program. Open to troops only. To schedule a group program, email youtheducation@nebg.org or call 508-869-6111, ext. 132 at least one month in advance.

Flower Power

New England Botanic Garden

Grades: 4-5

Cost: \$20/girl, \$18/adult*

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 in this two-hour program. Commemorate your visit with a New England Botanic Garden fun patch available for purchase online or in person at the Garden Shop. This program fee is non-refundable. *One adult chaperone for every five children is admitted free of charge. Additional chaperones pay the group rate of \$18. A minimum of 8 Girl Scouts is required to run a program. Open to troops only. To schedule a group program, email youtheducation@nebg.org or call 508-869-6111, ext. 132 at least one month in advance.

Food Allergy Awareness Patch Program

Food Allergy Research & Education (FARE), On Your Own

Grades: K-12 •••••

Cost: No charge/girl or adult

The Food Allergy Awareness Patch Program gives Girl Scouts the opportunity to learn about life with food allergies, with an emphasis on raising awareness of the public health issues, which impacts 33 million children and adults in the United States. Open to troops, girls with an adult, and individual girls. Follow this link for more information: foodallergy.org/our-initiatives/awareness-campaigns/food-allergy-awareness-girl-scout-patch.

Forest Bath

On Demand

Grades: K-12 • • • • •

Cost: \$10/girl, no charge/adult

Shinrin yoku, or forest bathing, comes from a Japanese practice focused on the healing powers of nature. Just a short amount of time spent outside can begin to physically heal your body from stress, chronic pain, and anxiety. Come cultivate your relationship with nature through a series of invitations and meditations, ending with a tea ceremony. Forest bathing is sometimes referred to as forest therapy because, while it isn't a clinical practice, the forest often offers therapeutic benefits during these experiences. This is more than a hike; it's a time to truly slow down, breathe deep, and revel in your oneness with nature. For more information on forest therapy, visit anft.earth/the-practice. Register by filling out an On Demand Program Request here: forms.cloud.microsoft/r/md5sUy3TaO.

Fused Glass Workshop

Worcester Center for Crafts

Grades: 2*-12 ● ● ● ● ● ● Cost: \$70/girl or adult

Layer pieces of flat glass and heat them in a kiln until they melt together in one piece, a process that is also known as fusing. Create your own colorful fused glass sun catchers. There will be plenty of design templates and ideas, or bring your own! Your work will be available for pick-up a few days later after firing. Please wear natural fibers (cotton, linen, wool, etc.) and closed-toe shoes. A minimum of 6 participants are needed to book a program. *Program is suitable for ages 8 and up. You can apply what you learn and do toward your level's new Maker Badges (not included). Open to troops, individual girls with an adult, and families. Email tsakai@worcester.edu to schedule your workshop 4-6 weeks in advance of your desired date.



Garden Senses

New England Botanic Garden

Grades: 2-3 ●

Cost: \$16/girl, \$18/adult*

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 in this 90-minute program. Commemorate your visit with a New England Botanic Garden fun patch available for purchase online or in person at the Garden Shop. This program fee is non-refundable. *One adult chaperone for every five children is admitted free of charge. Additional chaperones pay the group rate of \$18. A minimum of 8 Girl Scouts is required to run a program. Open to troops only. To schedule a group program, email youtheducation@nebg.org or call 508-869-6111, ext. 132 at least one month in advance.

Gems and Jewelry

New England Botanic Garden

Grades: 4-5

Cost: \$20/girl, \$18/adult*

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 in this two-hour program. Commemorate your visit with a New England Botanic Garden fun patch available for purchase online or in person at the Garden Shop. This program fee is non-refundable. *One adult chaperone for every five children is admitted free of charge. Additional chaperones pay the group rate of \$18. A minimum of 8 Girl Scouts is required to run a program. Open to troops only. To schedule a group program, email youtheducation@nebg.org or call 508-869-6111, ext. 132 at least one month in advance.

Girl Scouts Fired Up!

On Demand

Grades: 4-12

Cost: \$15/girl, no charge/adult

It's not a camping trip without a fire! Become a fire expert as you dive into fire safety, practice different fire lays, and chef it up with some classic camping recipes. Tell stories, sing songs, and enjoy snacks as the time passes along! Work with your Program Specialist ahead of your scheduled program to plan your meal. The troop will be responsible for providing a suitable outdoor location for a campfire and for acquiring ingredients for the meal or snack. Council will provide cookware and firewood. Register by filling out an On Demand Program Request here: forms.cloud.microsoft/r/md5sUy3Ta0.



Girl Scout Ranger Program

National Parks

Grades: K-12 •••••
Cost: No charge/girl or adult

The National Park Service and Girl Scouts of the United States of America have partnered to create the Girl Scout Ranger Program. Girl Scouts are invited to participate in a variety of existing, organized educational or service projects at national park sites, or design their own experience or project to align with Journey work, badge activities, or a Take Action or Highest Award project. Girls can participate in the Girl Scout Ranger Program through a troop, event, travel, or camp experience. Upon completion of the program, Girl Scouts will be awarded a certificate and/or patch. Open to troops, girls with an adult, and families. Visit nps.gov/subjects/youthprograms/girlscoutranger.htm for more information.

Girl Scouts Magic Workshop

Urban Wizards Academy, Virtual

Grades: 2-3

Cost: Call for pricing

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 <a href="majorage-normalization-no

Girl Scouts: Staying Fit with Aerial Yoga

Earth & Aerial Yoga

Grades: 4-12 ••••
Cost: \$45/girl or adult

Girl Scouts will build awareness, flexibility, strength, and mobility, all while reducing stress and tension, and learning about practical ways they can maintain their health and wellbeing. This Girl Scouts event is 1.5 hours and consists of two 45-minute sections. First, participants join in a healthy living discussion, followed by a guided meditation practice. Then, they flow through a series of guided aerial yoga poses and transitions, characterized by mindful movement. This event is open exclusively to Girl Scouts troops that belong to Eastern, Central and Western Massachusetts. Maximum group size is 14. We can also offer a partner class if group size is between 15-20. Troop leaders and parents are welcome to join in on the fun! Fun patch included. Open to troops, individual girls with an adult, and families. Please email info@earthandaerialyoga.com or call 978-257-0075 to book your exclusive event at a date and time of your choosing.

Go Gardening!

New England Botanic Garden

Grades: 4-5

Cost: \$16/girl, \$18/adult*

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 in this 90-minute program. Commemorate your visit with a New England Botanic Garden fun patch available for purchase online or in person at the Garden Shop. This program fee is non-refundable. *One adult chaperone for every five children is admitted free of charge. Additional chaperones pay the group rate of \$18. A minimum of 8 Girl Scouts is required to run a program. Open to troops only. To schedule a group program, email youtheducation@nebg.org or call 508-869-6111, ext. 132 at least one month in advance.

Good Skin Knowledge

UMass Medical School Dermatology Interest Group Campus or Virtual

Grades: 2-12 • • • • •

Cost: No charge/girl or adult

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 or visit umassdermgsk@gmail.com or visit umassdermgsk@gmail.com at least 48 hours before your program.

Habitrek

New England Botanic Garden

Grades: 4-5

Cost: \$16/girl, \$18/adult*

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 in this 90-minute program. Commemorate your visit with a New England Botanic Garden fun patch available for purchase online or in person at the Garden Shop. This program fee is non-refundable. *One adult chaperone for every five children is admitted free of charge. Additional chaperones pay the group rate of \$18. A minimum of 8 Girl Scouts is required to run a program. Open to troops only. To schedule a group program, email youtheducation@nebg.org or call 508-869-6111, ext. 132 at least one month in advance.

Hannaford's Healthy Shopper Patch

Hannaford, Lunenburg

Grades: K-12

Cost: No charge/girl or adult

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 to Brittany with any questions and to register at brittany.wujek@hannaford.com, 4-6 weeks prior to when you would like to visit.

Healing People Changing Lives Fun Patch

On Your Own

Grades: 11-12 • **Cost:** \$3.50/girl

Through service, Girl Scouts aim to help people at all times. So why not find a career that combines your love of service with something else you enjoy? Whether interested in working with athletes, children, actors on Broadway, the elderly, in pelvic health or in the hospital, the opportunities are endless in the career of Physical Therapy! Become familiar with the profession of Physical Therapy and discover what it takes to become a Physical Therapist or Physical Therapy Assistant. When you order this patch, a free copy of the Fun Patch Program Guide will be sent to your email with the steps on how you and your troop can earn this fun patch! Explore the Magic of Motion is a Lifetime Girl Scout owned business! Open to troops, individual girls, and girls with an adult. Visit magicofmotion.org/girlscouts for more information.

Healing Through Motion Fun Patch

On Your Own

Grades: 9-10 **● Cost:** \$3.50/girl

Imagine a world where you could not do anything by yourself. Things like walking, dancing at a party with friends, or even going to the kitchen would be hard! Physical Therapy is a profession that improves a person's ability to move on their own. Learn how Physical Therapy helps treat various medical conditions that may affect you or your friends and family. Discover how some skills therapists learn can be used in your life. Take what you've learned and find a way to promote good health through physical activity to people in your community. When you order this patch, a free copy of the Fun Patch Program Guide will be sent to your email with the steps on how you and your troop can earn this fun patch! Explore the Magic of Motion is a Lifetime Girl Scout owned business! Open to troops, individual girls, and girls with an adult. Visit magicofmotion.org/girlscouts for more information.

Healthy Teams Fun Patch

On Your Own

Grades: 3-5 ● ● **Cost:** \$3.50/girl

Healthy teams communicate well, compromise, support one another and respect differences. Since life is full of teams, it is important to learn the skills necessary to work well as a team member. Learn teamwork skills while becoming familiar with the teams in your body and healthcare groups that take care of you! When you order this patch, a free copy of the Fun Patch Program Guide will be sent to your email with the steps on how you and your troop can earn this fun patch! Explore the Magic of Motion is a Lifetime Girl Scout owned business! Open to troops, individual girls, and girls with an adult. Visit magicofmotion.org/girlscouts for more information.

Hearth Cooking

Historic Deerfield

Grades: 4-10

Cost: \$10/girl, no charge/adult

See how cooking was done in a historic kitchen at Historic Deerfield! Using a historic recipe, make some delicious food with an experienced cook on an open hearth. After cooking, learn about the ingredients, where they come from, and how recipes like the one you'll use have changed over time. A copy of the recipe will be included to make and taste later! This program covers parts of the New Cuisines, Locavore, and Simple Meals Badges (not included). Open to troops only. Visit historic-deerfield.org/programs/girl-scout-badge-days or email Maria at mbodansky@historic-deerfield.org for more information and to schedule your group.

Horse Programs

Whip-O-Will Stables

Grades: 2-12 ● ● ● ● ● ● Cost: Varies by program

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 whitpowillstables.weebly.com or email rideatwowstables@gmail.com to arrange your program.

Incredible Insects

New England Botanic Garden

Grades: 2-3

Cost: \$16/girl, \$18/adult*

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 in this 90-minute program. Not offered November through March. Commemorate your visit with a New England Botanic Garden fun patch available for purchase online or in person at the Garden Shop. This program fee is non-refundable. *One adult chaperone for every five children is admitted free of charge. Additional chaperones pay the group rate of \$18. A minimum of 8 Girl Scouts is required to run a program. Open to troops only. To schedule a group program, email youtheducation@nebg.org or call 508-869-6111, ext. 132 at least one month in advance.

Internet Safety, Virtual

Office of District Attorney Joseph D. Early, Jr.

Grades: 4-10 •••

Cost: No charge/girl or adult

This workshop includes a presentation and multiple activities on how to stay safe in the digital world. Learn the various forms for bullying, including cyberbullying. District Attorney Early's Office will also provide tips on protecting yourself from online scams and how to recognize artificial intelligence (AI). This program will meet some of the requirements toward your Digital Leadership (grades 4-5), Cybersecurity 3: Investigator (grades 6-8), or Digital Leadership (grades 9-10) Badges (not included). Open to troops, individual girls with an adult, and families. Contact Hope to set up your virtual presentation at 774-317-2148 or hope.rudzinski@mass.gov.

Interskate 91 Field Trips

Interskate 91

Grades: K-12 •••••
Cost: Flat rate of \$699*

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 to arrange your field trip today.

Interskate 91 STEM Field Trips

Interskate 91

Grades: K-12 ••••

Cost: \$13/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 to arrange your field trip today.

Leadership in Action (LiA) Training

Worcester or Holyoke Leadership Centers

Grades: 6-8

Cost: \$10/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 at least one month prior.

Leave No Trace

On Demand

Grades: K-12 ● ● ● ● ●

Cost: \$10/girl, no charge/adult

Explore the seven principles of Leave No Trace and become a friend to the environment. Spend the second half of the program spreading the word. Make a poster, record a podcast, craft a social media post, write a poem; the possibilities are endless! Register by filling out an On Demand Program Request here: forms.cloud.microsoft/r/md5sUy3Ta0.

LEGO Drop-In

Holyoke and Worcester Leadership Centers

Grades: K-12 •••••
Cost: \$5/girl, no charge/adult

From one-minute challenges to LEGO games, to badge work, to full structure builds, to teambuilding exercises, to open-ended fun, your troop can use our space to let your imagination run wild! Our large MakerZone spaces offer plenty of creative space for your troop to enjoy our neverending supply of LEGOs for your never-ending fun! Along with LEGO blocks, our Leadership Centers also have LEGO Challenge cards and building ideas for your use. Open to troops only. To reserve a LEGO Drop-In for your troop, contact info@gscwm.org for availability.

Mad for Macramé

On Demand

Grades: 4-12

Cost: \$25/girl, no charge/adult

Learn basic macramé knotting skills and make different crafts. During this program, you'll choose to make a hanging plant holder, coaster, jar cover, or maybe all three! Plants and pots included. These make the perfect gift for a loved one or use them yourself! Register by filling out an On Demand Program Request here: forms.cloud.microsoft/r/md5sUy3Ta0.



Magic of Motion Fun Patch

On Your Own

Grades: 6-8 ● Cost: \$3.50/girl

Being physically active isn't just for athletes, it's for everyone! Exercise is important to your body's health. Like any machine, if you don't use it, the parts get rusty. Choosing to exercise will help you sleep better, stress less, and keep your body healthy and strong. Find out how activity helps your body and learn how to incorporate exercise in your life. When you order this patch, a free copy of the Fun Patch Program Guide will be sent to your email with the steps on how you and your troop can earn this fun patch! Explore the Magic of Motion is a Lifetime Girl Scout owned business! Open to troops, individual girls, and girls with an adult. Visit magicofmotion.org/girlscouts for more information.

Mandala—Outdoor Art Creator Badge

Bala Bends

Grades: K-5

Cost: \$15/girl, \$20/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 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.

Mike's Maze

Warner Farm

Grades: K-12 •••••
Cost: \$10/girl or adult

All Girl Scout visitors pay a non-profit general admission rate to enter the farm grounds. General admission at Mike's Maze gives you access to our 8-acre maze experience and an epic playground for kids of all ages. Also included is our Camera Obscura, Petting Zoo, and more! Make your visit a full day event by adding on some of the optional attractions and enjoying eats and treats at our Corn Cafe! Book your private party area today and have the best fall troop meeting ever! Open to troops only. Book your event with Lacey at 413-665-8331.

Mohawk Trail State Forest

Grades: K-12 •••••
Cost: Varies by program

Looking for a day trip adventure? Mohawk Trail State Forest has the tallest trees, the oldest forests, and some of the most rugged terrain in Massachusetts. Use our unique and beautiful property, whether joining up with one of our regularly scheduled hikes and programming, or organizing a special visit to earn your woodsiest badges. Interested in learning and playing in the mountains? Contact christiandrake@mass.gov and we'll do what we can to make your visit memorable. Open to troops and girls with an adult.

Museum of Worcester

Grades: K-12

Cost: Call for programming and pricing

Interact, explore, and discover history in a creative and imaginative new way. Open to troops and girls with an adult. For more information, contact <u>info@worcesterhistory.org</u> or visit <u>worcesterhistory.org</u>.

NASA's First Woman Graphic Novel Series

NASA, Virtual

Grades: K-12 •••••

Cost: No charge/girl or adult

Fictional astronaut Callie Rodriguez continues exploring space as the first woman to walk on the Moon in a new issue of the *First Woman* graphic novel series. Now available digitally in English and Spanish, *First Woman: Expanding Our Universe* follows Callie and her crewmates as they work together to explore the unknown, make scientific discoveries, and accomplish their mission objectives. Through the *First Woman* series, NASA is inspiring the next generation of explorers—the Artemis Generation—as it works to land the first woman and first person of color on



the Moon under the Artemis program. The website and immersive app allow audiences to explore a new virtual 3D environment, technologies, and objects related to lunar exploration. Fans can also explore updated *First Woman* content, including videos, interactive games, and other materials related to ongoing and future NASA missions. Whether you are working on your Space badges, STEM Career badges, or just want to learn more about space—this is a great opportunity to do that from home! Open to troops, girls with an adult, and individual girls. Visit nasa.gov/calliefirst.

Nature is My Muse

On Demand

Grades: K-12 ••••

Cost: \$25/girl, no charge/adult

Art and nature come together to inspire you. Select from a number of different art projects and discover how the natural world provides us with all the materials we need, including inspiration! Talk to your Program Specialist about including a badge. Register by filling out an On Demand Program Request here: forms.cloud.microsoft/r/md5sUy3Ta0.

Night Journeys Overnight

EcoTarium

Grades: K-10 ••••
Cost: \$65/girl or adult

Enjoy a night of hands-on thematic programming and exploration. Designed for groups ages 5-14, overnights at the EcoTarium are educational, interactive, and FUN! Imagine exploring the EcoTarium after hours when all the visitors have left for the evening. Our Night Journey overnight experiences are the perfect way for any group to see what happens when the lights go out and the exhibits and animals settle in for the night. Night Journey patches are available for purchase. Open to troops, individual girls with an adult, and families. Register online on the Night Journeys webpage at ecotarium.org/night-journeys.

Operation Valentine

Virtual

Grades: K-12 •••••

Cost: No charge/girl or adult

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 around 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 <u>rsangels.org</u>. Open to troops, girls with an adult, individual girls, and adults. If you have questions or would like more information, contact Irene at <u>irene@rsangels.org</u>.

Percussion Party

On Demand

Grades: K-12

Cost: \$15/girl, no charge/adult

Dive deep into the world of drumming as you create your own instrument, write your own beat, and travel around the musical world. Brownies earn Musician Badge. Other levels will take home a fun patch. Register by filling out an On Demand Program Request here: forms.cloud.microsoft/r/md5sUy3Ta0.

Period Positivity Workshop

Wise Gal Period Mentor, Your Location*

Grades: 4-8

Cost: \$100/pair, minimum 4 pairs, OR group flat rate fee of \$600 for 5-12 pairs

Imagine a positive and affirming introduction to menstruation, to have a sense of confidence and assurance that periods are normal and healthy, and to have a community of support and wisdom. Join us to explore your body's superpowers! We'll dive into understanding your body, sharing helpful tips, playing games, storytelling, intergenerational connection, arts & crafts, and exploring ways to make your period a positive experience. This is a space to learn, ask questions, and feel supported. Together, let's celebrate what makes each of us unique and strong! This three-hour workshop is designed to be fun and engaging for both parent and pre-teen, to share body literacy education, and intended to empower pre-teens with the knowledge they need to have a positive relationship to their menstrual cycle. Participants will receive a resource guide for parents, a workbook for the pre-teens, and an unforgettable experience. *There may be a travel fee that will be determined at time of booking. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Reach out to Julia at wisegalperiodmentor@gmail.com with questions and curiosities at least 14 days prior to your date.

Plants and Paint

New England Botanic Garden

Grades: 2-3

Cost: \$16/girl, \$18/adult*

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 in this 90-minute program. Commemorate your visit with a New England Botanic Garden fun patch available for purchase online or in person at the Garden Shop. This program fee is non-refundable. *One adult chaperone for every five children is admitted free of charge. Additional chaperones pay the group rate of \$18. A minimum of 8 Girl Scouts is required to run a program. Open to troops only. To schedule a group program, email youtheducation@nebg.org or call 508-869-6111, ext. 132 at least one month in advance.

Playing the Past Junior Badge Building

Salisbury Mansion

Grades: 4-5

Cost: \$15/girl, no charge/adult

Playing the Past allows Juniors to dream up a character 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 Playing the Past Badge (not included). Handouts covering the requirements will be provided. Open to troops and girls with an adult. Contact us to set up your troop's date by email at heatherwilder@worcesterhistory.net or call 413-813-7735.

Playing the Past

Historic Deerfield

Grades: 4-5

Cost: \$10/girl, no charge/adult

Visit Historic Deerfield for your Playing the Past Badge (not included), and explore the lives of girls who lived in Deerfield in the 1700s. As part of earning the badge, you can wear old-fashioned clothes, write with a quill pen in a one-room schoolhouse, visit our historic kitchen, and more! Open to troops only. Visit historic-deerfield.org for more information and to schedule your group.

Playing with Pottery

Historic Deerfield

Grades: 2-3

Cost: \$10/girl, no charge/adult

Visit Historic Deerfield to learn all about clay and make your own piece of pottery to take home! Explore examples of pottery in our collection and learn about the materials, tools, and methods used by potters in the past and today. Then try your hand at making a clay pot and think of how to decorate it. Use what you learn to earn one of the new Maker Badges (not included). Open to troops only. Visit historic-deerfield.org/programs/girl-scout-badge-days or email Maria at mbodansky@historic-deerfield.org for more information and to schedule your group.

Prepare with Pedro

Your Location

Grades: K-2*

Cost: No charge/girl or adult

Follow a fun penguin named Pedro and his friends as they prepare for and take actions to help them during emergencies and hazards. You'll learn how to stay safe during emergencies, ways to prevent and stay safe during a home fire, and gain confidence in your ability to be prepared with hands-on activities. You'll even receive a fun emergency preparedness item to take home. *Program is geared for grades K-2. Open to troops and families. To learn more about the program or to schedule a presentation, please contact Luca at luca.calvani@redcross.org.

Rock Fossil Dinosaur Shop

Grades: K-3 ● Cost: Call for pricing

Travel back in time to visit the dinosaurs that lived in Massachusetts and learn all about them. Become a geologist and go panning for gemstones, fossils, and crystals, or take a trip into the mineshaft. Excavate a pit or two and look for buried treasure. Open to troops

and families. Contact us at 413-665-ROCK to schedule your program and visit!

Salisbury Mansion

Grades: K-12

Cost: Call for programming and pricing

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 about how people prepared food, worked, and spent their free time. Open to troops and girls with an adult. For more information, contact info@worcesterhistory.org or visit worcesterhistory.org/mansion.

Samuel Slater Experience

Grades: 4-12 ••••
Cost: See website below

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 samuelslaterexperience.org to request a field trip or contact Reanna at rkuzdzal@samuelslaterexperience.org to discuss your program options.

Seasonal Foraging and Mushrooming

Cooking with Mrs. G, Locations Vary

Grades: 2-12 ● ● ● ● ● Cost: Call for pricing*

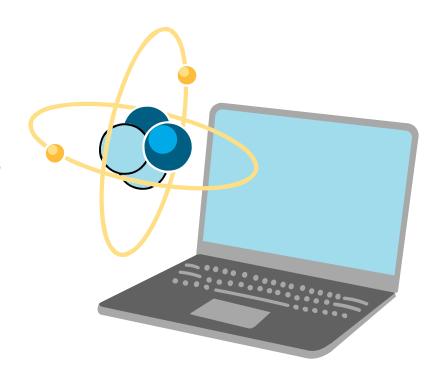
Let's find wild food and herbs, mushrooms, and even edible trees! Learn how to identify them safely, prepare them as food or first aid, preserve them to use later, and more! Every season there's a different bunch of wild things to harvest, so let's see what treasures we can find! **Group rate available for up to 30 girls and adults*. Open to troops, families, and girls with an adult. Contact Mrs. G at goclawski@msn.com or 781-249-9587 to schedule your date, time, and location!

Skype a Scientist

Virtual

Grades: K-12 ••••• Cost: No charge/girl or adult

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, girls with an adult, and individual girls. Visit SkypeAScientist.com to invite a scientist to YOUR troop!





Slingshots

On Demand

Grades: K-1

Cost: \$10/girl, no charge/adult

Special shout out to our Daisy friends! Would you love to try your hand at Archery but you haven't bridged to Brownies yet? We have the perfect activity for you to try. Join us for one of our Slingshot programs where you will explore the steps of the shooting cycle & perfect your aim, all while utilizing a safe new tool approved for Daisy Girl Scouts—Slingshots! This is an excellent gateway program for Girl Scout Daisies and creates a smooth progression to future Archery programming as they grow. Register by filling out an On Demand Program Request here: forms.cloud.microsoft/r/md5sUy3Ta0.

Spread Kindness

Bala Bends

Grades: 2-5 ● ●

Cost: \$20/girl or adult*

One kind word or message from a friend, teacher, family member, or 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, affirmations, or your favorite quote. Once the rocks are completed, you can "plant" them 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 or 617-899-2661.

STEM the Gap Academy

On Your Own

Grades: K-12 •••••
Cost: Varies by program

At STEM the Gap Academy, we are a group of women in STEM committed to inspiring, educating, and empowering the next generation of girls in STEM fields. We offer classes designed to help girls earn badges and patches across various STEM categories, with plans to expand our offerings as we grow so visit us often! From earning your level Cybersecurity, Coding Basics, STEM Career Exploration, and Mechanical Engineering Badges, to Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Chess patch programs, real women in STEM are here to help you earn and inspire you toward STEM! Open to troops and girls with an adult. Visit STEM the Gap Academy at stemthegapacademy.com/badges-and-patches to earn your badge or patch today!

Tailored Workshops at the Story Barn

The Story Barn, Somers

Grades: K-12 •••••
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 and storytelling workshops, working with a published author, process art in nature, other badge work and even leader/volunteer retreats. Events are offered in-person on our seven acre property or virtually via Zoom. We also offer scheduled programs throughout the year that can be found on our website at friedab.com/calendar. Every Story Matters is our motto. Who are you Free to B? Open to troops and girls with an adult. To explore a customized event for your troop, call 860-763-0330 or email info@friedab.com today!

Terrific Trees

New England Botanic Garden

Grades: 6-8

Cost: \$16/girl, \$18/adult*

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 in this 90-minute program. Commemorate your visit with a New England Botanic Garden fun patch available for purchase online or in person at the Garden Shop. This program fee is non-refundable. *One adult chaperone for every five children is admitted free of charge. Additional chaperones pay the group rate of \$18. A minimum of 8 Girl Scouts is required to run a program. Open to troops only. To schedule a group program, email youtheducation@nebg.org or call 508-869-6111, ext. 132 at least one month in advance.

Textile Artist

Historic Deerfield

Grades: 9-10

Cost: \$10/girl, no charge/adult

Dive into textile arts on a visit to Historic Deerfield and experience the different steps of creating cloth and making your own sewing project. While you're here, see examples in the museum, learn to use a loom, and make your own sewing kit to take home. You'll work on your Textile Artist Badge (not included). Open to troops only. Visit historic-deerfield.org for more information and to schedule your group.

The Pillowcase Project

Your Location

Grades: 3-5* ● ●

Cost: No charge/girl or adult

Learn how to stay safe during emergencies, ways to prevent and stay safe during a home fire, how to manage stress during an emergency, and gain confidence in your ability to be prepared for emergencies through hands-on activities. You'll use your knowledge to act as advocates for emergency preparedness and discuss the role science plays in emergency preparedness. You'll go home with a fun emergency preparedness item too! *This program is geared for grades 3-5. Open to troops and families. To learn more about the program or to schedule a presentation, please contact Luca at luca.calvani@redcross.org.

Theatre and Improv Badge Work

Drama Out of the Box, Your Location or Virtual

Grades: K-12 • • • • •

Cost: Pricing varies

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 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 in the Past, or create an end of year troop skit. Fun and laughs guaranteed. Unleash your inner artist and create outside the box! Open to troops only. Contact Drama Out of the Box to set up a visit at medramaenrichment@gmail.com or dramaoutofthebox com

Trail Detectives

New England Botanic Garden

Grades: K-1

Cost: \$16/girl, \$18/adult*

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 in this 90-minute program. Commemorate your visit with a New England Botanic Garden fun patch available for purchase online or in person at the Garden Shop. This program fee is non-refundable. *One adult chaperone for every five children is admitted free of charge. Additional chaperones pay the group rate of \$18. A minimum of 8 Girl Scouts is required to run a program. Open to troops only. To schedule a group program, email youtheducation@nebg.org or call 508-869-6111, ext. 132 at least one month in advance.

Trail Detectives

New England Botanic Garden

Grades: 2-3

Cost: \$16/girl, \$18/adult*

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 in this 90-minute program. Commemorate your visit with a New England Botanic Garden fun patch available for purchase online or in person at the Garden Shop. This program fee is non-refundable. *One adult chaperone for every five children is admitted free of charge. Additional chaperones pay the group rate of \$18.



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Trail Detectives

New England Botanic Garden

Grades: 4-5

Cost: \$16/girl, \$18/adult*

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 in this 90-minute program. Commemorate your visit with a New England Botanic Garden fun patch available for purchase online or in person at the Garden Shop. This program fee is non-refundable. *One adult chaperone for every five children is admitted free of charge. Additional chaperones pay the group rate of \$18. A minimum of 8 Girl Scouts is required to run a program. Open to troops only. To schedule a group program, email youtheducation@nebg.org or call 508-869-6111, ext. 132 at least one month in advance.

True Robotics Workshop

True Robotics, Inc. or Your Location

Grades: K-10 •••

Cost: \$750/hour per group of up to 30

Join us for an exciting and interactive True Robotics Workshop, designed specifically to help Girl Scouts earn their Robotics Badge! Led by two experienced facilitators, this workshop combines a blend of learning and fun. You will participate in an engaging presentation to learn the basics of robotics, get hands-on experience with robot kits to include building, coding, and driving robots. Tackle exciting challenges to test your robots and problem-solving skills. You will proudly complete the requirements of the Robotics Badge (not included)! This fee is for up to 30 participants, so you may want to invite a sister troop to join you! We're happy to adjust the structure to meet your specific needs and goals—just let us know how we can tailor the experience for your group! Open to troops. Contact Carla at carla.jachimczyk@truerobotics.org or visit truerobotics.org today.

U CAN—Confidence Building Workshop

U CAN Academy, Virtual

Grades: 6-12 •••

Cost: \$15/girl*, no charge/adult

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. 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, give us a call at 617-240-0201, or connect on Instagram @u.can.academy.

Virtual Farm Tours

Cabot Creamery Co-operative

Grades: K-12 •••••
Cost: No charge/girl or adult

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 newenglanddairy.com/live-virtual-farm-tour-schools to take the tour today!

Virtual Nutrition Events

Zoom

Grades: K-12 •••••
Cost: No charge/girl or adult

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 to sign up at least 30 days prior to book your event.

Vision Board Workshop

Bala Bends

Grades: 4-5

Cost: \$20/girl or adult*

Ring in the new year 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, markers, photos, quotes, affirmations, stickers, etc. 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 or 617-899-2661.



Wonderful Woodworking

Historic Deerfield

Grades: 6-8

Cost: \$10/girl, no charge/adult

Join us in the Historic Deerfield woodworking shop to make a simple project out of wood! You will learn about hand tools of the past and some of the techniques used by carpenters to make utilitarian and beautiful objects. Under the careful supervision of a woodworker, you will use a hammer, saw, and other tools to start a special wooden project, one that you can finish and say, "I made it myself!" while working on your Woodworker Badge (not included). Open to troops only. Visit historic-deerfield.org/programs/girl-scout-badge-days or email Maria at mbodansky@historic-deerfield.org for more information and to schedule your group.

Worcester Art Museum

Grades: K-12 •••••
Cost: Prices vary by activity

We welcome all K-12 Girl Scout visitors! We invite you to book your guided visit led by museum docents, or a self-guided visit, which allows you to lead your own group through the museum. Combine your tour with an Art Studio Workshop or an Arms and Armor Presentation—or both! Programs are conducted for groups of 10 or more Girl Scouts. Reservations must be made at least three weeks in advance for guided tours, demos, and art workshops. We can help with many of your badges! Call our Group Tour Coordinator at 508-793-4338 for more information. Open to troops only. To schedule programs visit workshops. We can help with or book your guided tour by emailing grouptours@workshops. workshops.

Worcester Sustainability Community Room

National Grid Worcester Sustainability Hub

Grades: K-12 •••••
Cost: No charge/girl or adult

Our community room offers a meeting place for local organizations to utilize. It's also a space we use for interactive learning on our in-person tours. We have a flat screen TV and audio bar for presentations, a conference phone, and a phone charging station, along with tables and seating. Book a tour, and book the room after to complete your badge requirements. Open to troops only. Visit nationalgridus.com/worcester-sustainability-hub to reserve the community room.

Worcester Sustainability Hub Tours

National Grid Worcester Sustainability Hub

Grades: K-12 •••••
Cost: No charge/girl or adult

Our in-person tour is a 45 minute to 1 hour walk through our Sustainability Hub. The Hub is laid out like a house, showcasing how consumers can reduce their energy use through smart grid technologies, smart meters, and Energy Star certified appliances. During the tour, groups will learn how these technologies work, hear a little background information about electricity, and discover other easy tips to reduce energy usage and live a more sustainable lifestyle. We also discuss renewable energy, such as the solar panels we installed on the Hub's roof, and the benefits of electric vehicles. Each tour concludes with a Q&A session where we answer any questions our guests have about sustainability, energy, or any of the other material covered on the tour. Open to troops only. Visit nationalgridus.com/worcester-sustainability-hub to book your program, reserve the community room, or take a tour.

Worcester Sustainability Hub Virtual Presentations

National Grid Worcester Sustainability Hub

Grades: K-12 •••••
Cost: No charge/girl or adult

Our virtual presentations can be tailored to your group's interests, and therefore vary quite a bit. We've given presentations focusing on everything from climate change to food systems. Generally, we give a bit of background about what we typically do at the Hub before discussing many of the same topics covered in our in-person tours, such as renewable energy, ways to reduce your energy usage, and electric vehicles. We're always eager to collaborate to make our virtual presentations fit the unique needs of each group, and can tailor a badge program. Open to troops only. Visit nationalgridus.com/worcester-sustainability-hub to book your program, reserve the community room, or take a tour.



Gage Museum

The Gage Museum exists to preserve memorabilia related to Girl Scouting so it may be available for present and future users. Our Legacy Council information is also included.

With these materials, we offer exhibits and historical program activities to help foster a sense of belonging to the Girl Scout organization from present day to its founding in 1912.

Browse the exhibits and displays of unique Girl Scout memorabilia and archival library at the Gage Center at Camp Laurel Wood. Get a sense of how Girl Scouts has changed in the century since its founding. Guided tours and vintage uniform try-on sessions are available by advance reservation. There is no charge for museum tours, and they can be tailored to your group's interest or badge work.

The museum has a large collection of research materials including books, clippings, and photos as well as other Girl Scout memorabilia. Some items may be available for use in the museum, and some are available for loan. Copies of some materials may be made available for use with your troop or in a display for your town.

Museum tours are FREE of charge and may take between one to two hours. Reservations are required. You may purchase Museum Patches by preorder for a nominal fee when your tour is booked.

Historic uniforms may be rented for activities such as parades, fashion shows, theater productions, or World Thinking Day. Three weeks' notice is required. For rental uniform information contact: info@gscwm.org.

Volunteers operate our museum! We encourage you to consider being part of our team. Troops are invited to contact us about making a display, and individual adults of every age are needed and appreciated. Can you assist with typing, record keeping, or putting a display in place? Perhaps you'd like to help lead tours of our collection? Short-term and continuing helpers are needed! To volunteer or learn more, contact: info@gscwm.org.



Schedule your FREE museum tour today!

info@gscwm.org





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Virtual Program Opportunities

We work with great Community Partners, many of whom have gone the extra mile by offering virtual content and programming to girls and families.

Use this content to supplement the badge work you are doing, learn a new skill, or to go places and do things you've only dreamed of. The possibilities are endless! You can find additional Community Partner virtual program opportunities on our website at https://www.gscwm.org/en/discover/activities/SYO-Free-Activities.html.

What else can you find there? Our Community Partners are 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 exist 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 and let's work together! If you worked with a 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. Let's partner to provide great programming—together!



Girl Scout Awards



Highest Awards

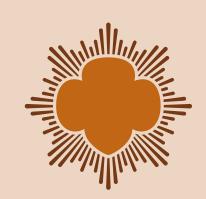
Bronze. Silver. Gold. These represent the highest honors a Girl Scout can earn.

All three of the highest 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 will inspire others (and yourself). As you earn one of Girl Scouts' highest awards, you'll change your corner of the world—and beyond.

You can find all Highest Award Guidelines, current GSCWM reports and forms, information about all orientations listed throughout the Program Guide, and many helpful resources at https://www.gscwm.org/en/members/for-girl-scouts/highest-awards.html.

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 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 Girl Scout Juniors who are interested in learning the steps to earn 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 is a great start to the Bronze Award journey.



Strive for Silver Orientations are for Girl Scout 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 by 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 by all girls within one year of beginning the Gold Award process and submitting a Gold Award Proposal.*



Gold Award Committee Meetings are held over Zoom. Appointments with the GAC can be made by emailing GoldAward@gscwm.org at least one month prior to when you would like an appointment, or by submitting your Gold Award Proposal on GoGold. 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.

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 of the current year. You'll find that there are other great scholarship opportunities waiting for you as well! Visit girlscouts.org/en/scholarships.html to learn about these great opportunities.

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 of, 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.

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 communities at large, 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 that 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. Exclusively for this award, girls can apply volunteer service hours earned on their Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award to the total hours for the PVSA.

Find full information on the requirements of these awards and applications in the Volunteer Toolkit, at https://www.gscwm.org/en/members/for-girl-scouts/girl-leadership.html, or contact tbreen@gscwm.org. Deadline for submission of application is September 5.

Religious Awards

My Promise, My Faith

Girls of all grade levels can earn the My Promise, My Faith pin, which helps girls 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

Girl Scouts is founded 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. There are national programs and awards for almost every religion that are sponsored by the individual's own faith and based on age.

Teen Mentoring Awards

When girls guide or teach others, they act as mentors. As 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.



Camp is the perfect environment for Girl Scouts to be *Brave. Fierce. Fun!* When girls get outdoors together, they embrace new challenges, create lasting memories, develop healthy habits, and expand their sense of wonder. In nature, girls become experiential learners and encounter the unfamiliar, all while deepening their relationships to themselves and others. Camping is in our Girl Scout DNA!

GSCWM owns four camps, which share the mission of providing enhanced outdoor Girl Scout programs that inspire a love of nature and a lasting commitment to environmental stewardship. The ongoing development and maintenance of these properties serve the express purpose of creating a comprehensive, modern, and distinctive exposure to the magic of camping. All camps are staffed with well-trained, experienced personnel who act as role models for girls, setting examples for safety, stewardship, and skill building. 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.

Camp to Troop: Curious about camp, but still not sure if it's for you? Sign up for a Camp to Troop visit, where we bring the camp vibes to your troop meeting! This is a great opportunity for girls, volunteers, and parents to get a feel for what it's like to join a long tradition of Girl Scouts being *Brave. Fierce. Fun!* at camp. Submit an On-Demand Program Request here: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/md5sUy3Ta0.

Email Program Specialist Sarah Penna at spenna@gscwm.org to find out more.

Service Projects: Pre-arrange a project with GSCWM. Some ideas include: painting, cleaning fire circles, cleaning camp sites, trail marking, and landscaping.

Borrow Equipment: To borrow or rent equipment, complete the Loanable Resources Form found online: https://www.gscwm.org/en/members/for-volunteers/forms-and-documents.html.

Find out more at https://www.gscwm.org/en/members/for-girl-scouts/camp-and-outdoors.html. Confirm 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.

Girl Scout Summer Camp

Access to our beautiful camps and Girl Scout summer camp programming is a key benefit of Girl Scout membership. Girl Scout camp is open to all girls—no prior Girl Scout experience needed to attend! Non-members pay an additional \$55 fee for camp, which includes all membership benefits through September 2026. In a girl-led, girl-friendly environment, Girl Scouts challenge themselves to take healthy risks, surrounded by supportive friends and camp staff. The outdoors provides endless opportunities to get *Brave. Fierce. Fun!* while thriving physically, emotionally, and intellectually. Learn more about our four special camps below, and be on the lookout for summer 2026 programs at gscwm.org/camp.



Have an idea for 2026 camp programming?

Submit it here: forms.gle/NBEmGmusbKg8UcKB6

Over the years we've had all kinds of fun at camp. From roller coaster rides to late night snacks, spa days to bikes and boats, archery challenges to campfire feasts—Girl Scouts do it all! Now, we want to hear from you! What do you want to do at camp? Are there specific skills you want to learn? A unique theme that would make for a fun-filled week? Maybe even a day trip location or community partner you'd love to see incorporated? Let us know!

Community service opportunity!

Interested in giving back to one of our camps? This can be done:

- Through a girl-centered community service project
- · As a Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award project
- As an adult or group of adults looking to lend a hand to make some improvements

Call and ask to speak with the Facilities Manager, Carolyn Porter. Together, we can figure out what you or your group are interested in taking on. Big and small projects move us in the right direction, toward improving the girl experience at camp!



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 (although 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 girls discover theirs
- Network and meet new people in your community
- Build new skills and have fun as you take on exciting activities with Girl Scouts

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.



Call for Volunteers!

High Adventure Group

Adults wanted! The High Adventure Group is seeking other Girl Scout Leader Volunteers to join our Leadership Team. Come help lead high adventure events, or help with behind the scenes tasks. 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.

National Girl Scout Advisory Board to GSUSA

The National Girl Scout Advisory Board to GSUSA is made up of Girl Scout members who will be in grades 7-11 in the fall. The board works with the Girl Scout national office on key projects and initiatives aligned to the national strategy, and provides critical customer insight and innovative ideas to serve girls in the 21st century. Girl Scouts submit applications for the national board to GSCWM. Applications are reviewed by a council committee made up of volunteers—LIKE YOU—and council staff. If you are interested in being part of this review committee, please email Tammy at tbreen@gscwm.org.

Program Consultants Wanted!

Do you have a career or interest you'd like to share with Girl Scouts? Maybe you:

- Code for fun
- · Build battle bots in your spare time
- Love to sew

- Can find your way around with only a compass
- · Hunt for geocaches on the daily
- · See the world around you to create art
- · Can fix a car
- · Own your own business

Did you know there's a badge for that—and so much more? When troops are interested in earning badges, troop volunteers sometimes look to the professionals in order to help their troops earn these badges.

GSCWM invites YOU to share your knowledge, experience, and passions with our Girl Scouts! If you want to join our Program Consultant Resource database, so that our volunteers can contact you directly to work with their troops in your skill area, please take a moment and let us know at <a href="mailto:emailto:

Also, based on the feedback from girls and our volunteers, we are looking to find volunteers interested in helping us start and/ or build upon these opportunities:

- Orienteering
- · Astronomy Club
- Rocketry Club
- Trailblazers
- Sailing
- GSCWM Camping Group
- · Archery Club

Please email Tammy at <u>tbreen@gscwm.org</u> if you'd like to join us in expanding our program opportunities.



Coming in February



What's coming in February?

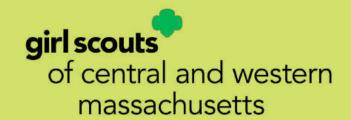
The 2nd Edition of the Program Guide, with even more great programs and opportunities for your year of Girl Scout fun! Can't wait until February to begin planning the rest of your year? Visit gscwm.org/en/discover/activities/events.html for additional programs already scheduled, and don't forget to visit often for added programs throughout the year! Let's begin with these teasers:

- January brings a New Year, new beginnings, and A NEW COOKIE! Can you guess what it is? It is a perfect pairing with our theme of being Brave. Fierce. Fun!
- Calling all Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, and Cadettes! Put March 22 on your calendar and join us for a badge-in-a-day event with the Worcester Railers like never before!
- Brownies: Get out your binoculars and turn up your listening ears as we go Birding at Bonnie Brae on April 11!
- Calling all CSAs! Explore the woods on April 11 in a new way during a springtime Forest Bath. Slow down, breathe deep, and revel in your oneness with nature.
- Hey Girl Scout Juniors! Join us to earn your Art and Design Badge as you explore how music and art come together at Synesthesia on April 20!
- Explore the beauty of nature and give back to others by Planting for the Community on April 25 for Daisies and Brownies!
- Looking for CSAs to help us figure out what really happened to Captain Baha, to find the treasure, and to join the FUN at The Brass Monkey Mystery Pizza Party on April 25!

- Girl Scout Brownies through Ambassadors, cast your line and reel in a catch with Fishing Fun & Outdoor Basics on May 16!
- How much fun can Daisies have earning their Create and Innovate Badge? Join us for Marshmallow Madness on May 9 to find out!
- The 5th Annual CSA Roundup heads to Camp Green Eyrie for this popular weekend on May 29-31. What better way to round off your Girl Scout year!
- Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors join us for Flower Power: Blooming with Kindness on May 2 to learn how to create your own beautiful floral arrangements!

And of course...coming in January is all things **CAMP!** Camp is the perfect environment for Girl Scouts to be Brave. Fierce. Fun! When girls get outdoors together, they embrace new challenges, create lasting memories, develop healthy habits, and expand their sense of wonder. In nature, girls become experiential learners and encounter the unfamiliar, all while deepening their relationships to themselves and others. Camping is in our Girl Scout DNA! Whether for a few days, a few weeks, or for the whole summer, browse our 2026 Summer Camp Guide at gscwm.org/en/members/ for-girl-scouts/camp-and-outdoors/summercamp.html to learn more and start preparing for a summer full of camp magic! Day Camp and Overnight Camp information will be showcased in the next edition.

Watch for **camp registration** to open in January 2026.



Keep in Touch

With Girl Scouts, you're part of a community where there are always new and fun opportunities. Stay in touch!

Our Website: gscwm.org

Visit <u>gscwm.org</u> often for the most current information on events and news, including upcoming trainings, programs for girls, special events, product program information, and Leadership Center and shop 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.

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 monthly electronic newsletter is distributed the first Sunday of each month, August through June.

Program Express

This short and sweet monthly 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.

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