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Your guide to Girl Scout adventures | Program Edition 2024-25



Scaling New Heights

Girl Scouts embrace new challenges and support one another every day! This year, Troop 1249 tackled the climbing wall and ropes course at Rippleffect Outdoor Community Center.

Dive into more Girl Scout adventures inside!

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Hello, Girl Scouts!

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I write this on the day of my second anniversary with GSME. The time has passed quickly, and I remain excited and honored to be part of this incredible council. Girl Scouts in our state are doing amazing things. I am inspired by your stories and the different ways you bring our mission to life. From cleaning up beaches and helping animals to learning new outdoor skills and traveling the globe—you are showing up to make the world, our community, our neighborhoods, troops, and schools, better places.



We have been implementing new programs like the Gold Award college credit course with CMCC, Girl Scouts Unplugged with CMP, and A Place for Girls at Avesta Housing. Improvements have been made at our camp properties and service centers to allow more opportunities to serve the council. And we are working on updating our trainings to make it easier for our volunteers.

This coming year we will add even more new events and quality programs, continue to improve our camp properties, and look to create additional community partnerships to bring you more staff-led opportunities. I am so proud of all we have accomplished together in Girl Scouting and can't wait to see what the next year brings!

With gratitude,

Your Year in Girl Scouts



September	October	November	December
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Join or renew on time and start planning your year! Invite new members to your troop. September 13: Fall Product Program begins. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 11: International Day of the Girl. October 19: Build. Create. Innovate. October 31: Celebrate Founder's Day. (Juliette Gordon Low's Birthday) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practice a flag ceremony and participate in local Veteran's Day events. November 2: Transforming Leadership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk about community service and Take Action projects you can do in your community. Embrace winter and check out our Winter Gear Resource Guide.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in GSME's Winter Outdoor Challenge.
January	February	March	April
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Happy New Year! Attend a Cookie Rally and update your Girl Scout Product Program Cookie goals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 1: Girl Scout Cookie Program begins. February 22: World Thinking Day—celebrate with your troop, service unit, and beyond. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 9-15: Girl Scout Week—learn all the ways to participate:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 12: Girl Scouts birthday Cookies arrive in Maine! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer Appreciation Month—celebrate the incredible volunteers that support your Girl Scout. Find ideas:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cookie booths April 19: Green ME Up April 22: Earth Day
May	June	July	August
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 3: Annual Celebration. Plan your end-of-year ceremonies! Early renewal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Celebrate an amazing Girl Scout year with an end-of-the-year celebration and/or bridging ceremony. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in GSME's Summer Outdoor Challenge. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> August 10: National S'mores Day. 

For more activities and troop ideas, follow along with our Girl Scout Spirit Year activities at <https://bit.ly/GirlScoutSpiritYear>.

Girl Stories



Blast Off from Orono Planetarium

Troop 907 Daisies and Juniors got a hands-on science lesson from college students at the Versant Power Astronomy Center & Jordan Planetarium at the University of Maine Orono. The group made sun dials, used telescopes, and developed a whole new appreciation for space!

S'more Fun at Outdoor Skills Day

Troop 1649 had a blast at this year's Outdoor Skills Day at Camp Pondicherry! The first-year group of Daisies learned all about fire safety, Leave No Trace, trail markers, how to dress for the elements, and of course how to make the perfect S'more.



Women in Safety

Longreach Service Unit hosted a Women in Safety event this year. They invited an amazing panel of local women from police, EMS, fire, search and rescue, communications, nursing, and more who shared about their careers!



Leaving a Mark on Washburn

After noticing that their local “Welcome to Washburn” town sign had a display for Boy Scouts, but not Girl Scouts, Troop 1690 decided to make a change! Using cookie program money, the troop purchased, signed, and installed two metal signs so that local residents can be reminded of all that Girl Scouts do for the community!



Serving Up Kindness

Eleven Brownies from Troop 1290 helped to purchase, prep, and cook a delicious warm meal for those at the Tedford Homeless Shelter in Brunswick at the end of April. In addition to the reward of feeling compassion for others, the troop also learned a lesson in kitchen safety and food preparation!

Paw Patrol

Troop 1690 decided to use a portion of their hard-earned cookie money to sponsor a cage at the local animal shelter while learning how to effectively care for pets. Not only did the girls support a local organization and further their mission of addressing animal welfare, but they also got to meet kittens!





May Day Baskets

Troop 1702 made May Day baskets to be passed out to the local elders in Eastport. The community hasn't had an active Girl Scout presence in over 15 years, but they have warmly welcomed the multi-level group.



Car Care Badge

Troop 2196 visited Hero Motors in Biddeford to learn how to change a tire, check and replace fluids, charge a car battery, and more while earning the Car Care badge!



Girl Scouts Teen Academy

Senior Girl Scout Avis Kennedy-Stirling from Troop 907 traveled south to participate in Girl Scouts Teen Academy at the FBI Boston office. Avis learned all about the FBI's day-to-day operations, from hiring processes to social media, evidence response, and even job opportunities!



Cleaning Up Eliot Boat Basin

Troop 1411 participated in their second annual beach cleanup at the Eliot Boat Basin to celebrate Earth Day. After cleaning up the area, which included a park, playground, trails, boat launch, and beach, they capped off the day with a pizza party!



Helping the Animal Orphanage

Troop 1381 donated \$200, toys, cleaning supplies, and several bags of food to the Animal Orphanage in Old Town. As a thank you for their efforts, the girls received a special tour of the facility and learned about pet care and the adoption process from staff members!



Travel Sisters Take on Boston

Travel Sisters, GSME's travel troop for Juniors and up, just completed their first year of learning how to research, plan, and execute a successful trip! They put their new knowledge to the test with an exciting 3-day trip to Boston, where they navigated public transportation and explored the city.



Outdoor Skills Day

Outdoor Skills Day was the perfect first camp experience for Troop 1565 this year! The troop had a jam-packed day of taking on new skills at Camp Pondicherry, learning knot tying, outdoor first aid, knife safety, Leave No Trace, fire-building, trail marking, and how to make SWAPS.

Camp Carnival

Troop 1312 put a fun twist on their camping experience this year by creating the first-ever "Carnival Camp." They rented an inflatable bounce house and a snow cone machine and made ice cream sundaes to recreate that feeling of visiting a fair while learning all about tent camping, fire safety, cooking, and more!



Swimming Party Celebration

Troop 1049 celebrated bridging from Juniors to Cadettes with a swim party! They also made a candy salad and video to announce their achievement and share with friends and family.



In Their Swift Era

Juniors and Cadettes from Troop 907 met up to complete a Taylor Swift themed journey! The group discussed healthy relationships, smart media use, and flexed their creative muscles by making personalized Swiftie gear like T-shirts and bracelets.



Me and My Guy Campout

To help prepare them for their first time camping, Troop 1411 held a "Me and My Guy" father-daughter campout! They set up tents, cooked dinner, made S'mores, and even went on a night hike before teaching the dads some of their favorite camp songs.



Fun in Portland

Troop 354 of Bath celebrated the end of the year and an awesome cookie program with a fun-filled day in Portland! Between the trampolines at Urban Air, bowling and arcades at Round1, and flying high at It Adventure—the girls had a blast all day long!

Girl Stories



Outdoor Adventures

Junior Troop 1097 had an amazing year filled with outdoor fun. They attended a Camp Pondicherry Camporee, organized a successful group cleanup at Ferry Beach, and participated in the outdoor high ropes course adventure at Monkey C Monkey Do in Wiscasset!



Sundae Fun Day

Troop 571 held a “Sundae Fun Day” celebration this June with help from girl and adult Nidoba Service Unit members. They ate ice cream, played games, and tested their sweet treat knowledge with a fun round of trivia!

Longreach Camporee

Longreach Service Unit held their first Camporee “Next Level Scout” in six years at Camp Kirkwold! The weekend was full of learning, cooking, and a lot of smiles.





Central Maine Power (CMP) hosted 50 Girl Scouts from all around the state this spring for a hands-on learning event, offering the group meaningful insights into careers in STEM. Participants chosen by lottery received a tour of the CMP Control Center, practiced biodiverse seed sorting, learned about telephone wire repair, and even got to go up in a bucket truck! Plus, special guest Governor Janet Mills made an afternoon visit to take part in a discussion panel alongside some of CMP's most successful female employees.



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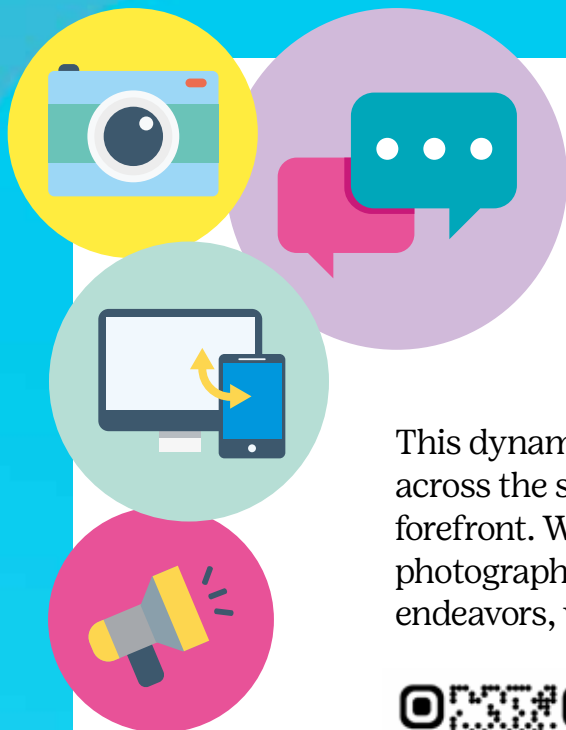


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Introducing our new media representative program: GSME's Media Squad!

This dynamic program features a talented cohort of 24 Girl Scouts from across the state, each bringing diverse media skills and passions to the forefront. Whether your talents lie in news interviews, blog writing, photography, podcasting, social media, or you want to learn one of these endeavors, we invite YOU to join the Media Squad!



No matter if you thrive in the limelight or prefer to work behind the scenes, this is your chance to shine. Scan the QR code to sign up—all age levels are invited to be a part of this exciting opportunity!

www.girlscoutsofmaine.org/mediasquad



Abigail Broadbent

Town: Lisbon
Service Unit: Dirigo
Troop #: 1445



Abigail Osier

Town: Pittston
Service Unit: Cobbossee
Troop #: 1478



Addison Boucher

Town: Dayton
Service Unit: Saco Bay
Troop #: 2196



Alexandra Hounsell

Town: Hebron
Service Unit: Mollocket
Troop #: Juliette



Ava Adams

Town: Gardiner
Service Unit: Cobbossee
Troop #: 673



Caledonia Torberg

Town: East Waterboro
Service Unit: Maple Valley
Troop #: 434



Catie Towers

Town: South Berwick
Service Unit: Gundalow
Troop #: 1411



Charlee Moya

Town: Berwick
Service Unit: Bauneg Beg
Troop #: 1411



Charlotte Lane

Town: Old Town
Service Unit: Winding Rivers
Troop #: 1487



Charlotte Ramsdell

Town: New Harbor
Service Unit: Midcoast
Troop #: Juliette



Dana Keene

Town: North Yarmouth
Service Unit: Nidoba
Troop #: 1249



Ella Simkowitz

Town: Durham
Service Unit: Dirigo
Troop #: 1146



Emelyn Gosselin

Town: Mars Hill
Service Unit: Sapphire
Troop #: 794



Finleigh Luby

Town: Kittery
Service Unit: Gundalow
Troop #: 1281



Isabelle Leconte

Town: Windham
Service Unit: Midcoast
Troop #: 1413



Kinsley Weiss

Town: Boothbay
Service Unit: Midcoast
Troop #: Juliette



Leora Ankeny

Town: Kittery
Service Unit: Gundalow
Troop #: 919



Madison Colby

Town: Berwick
Service Unit: Bauneg Beg
Troop #: 2113



Melanie Matson

Town: Old Town
Service Unit: Winding Rivers
Troop #: 1487



Pheobe Schroeder

Town: Port Clyde
Service Unit: Knox
Troop #: Juliette



Reese Hull

Town: Easton
Service Unit: Sapphire
Troop #: 1136



Sarah Pelkey

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Service Unit: Nidoba
Troop #: 587



Sophia Hatt

Town: Biddeford
Service Unit: Saco Bay
Troop #: 1049



Winter Williams

Town: Saco
Service Unit: Saco Bay
Troop #: 2196

“Embrace Possibility” with the 2024 Fall Product Program!

Benefits of Participating:

- Learn and practice skills like **goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics** as you earn troop funds.
- **Earn startup proceeds** to fund your troop’s activities and projects throughout the year.
- **Proceeds stay local and troops** earn \$2.25 for each Mags & More item sold and \$0.85 for each nut item sold. Opting out of rewards can earn troops an additional \$0.25 per Mags & More items and \$0.15 per nut item sold.

How the Fall Product Program Works:

There are two ways for Girl Scout entrepreneurs to participate:

- In person by taking orders using the nut order card and collecting payments.
- Online by inviting friends and family to place an order. Customers can choose to have nuts, chocolates, magazines, Tervis® Tumblers or a Girl Scout themed BarkBox shipped directly to them or they can select from a group of nut and chocolate products that Girl Scouts can deliver.

Important Dates:

- **9/13/24:** Program begins—online ordering opens and Girl Scouts may sell in-person.
- **11/1/24:** Last day of order taking with the order card AND deadline to enter the items sold into the online system.
- **11/3/24:** Last day for online girl delivery orders.
- **11/10/24:** Last day for online shipped orders.
- **11/22-11/23/24:** Nut and chocolate items will be delivered to service unit sites.

All About Asian Elephants

Scientific name: *Elephas maximus*

Height: 6 to 12 feet tall at the shoulder

Gestation period: 18-22 months

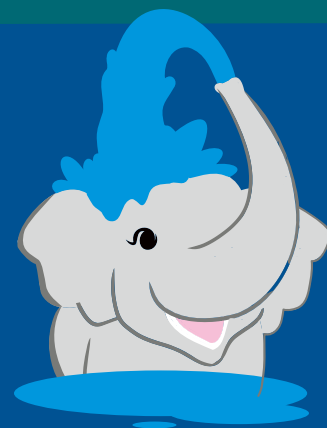
Interesting facts:

- Asian elephants are the largest land mammal on the Asian continent.
- Asian elephants’ trunks contain around 100,000 muscles.
- Asian elephants use low-frequency sound waves for communication.
- Asian elephants are extremely sociable, forming groups of females.

Body length: 18-21 feet

Weight: 4,400–12,000 pounds

Life span: 60 to 70 years





FREE Adventure Challenge

Three steps to earn a summer 2025 adventure. Pick your tier and set your goal!

1. Register or renew your 2025 Girl Scout Membership by 9/30/24

2. Participate in the Fall Product Program

Tier 1

- Sell 50 Candy and/or Nuts **and**
- 5 Magazines, Tumblers, and/or BarkBoxes

Tier 2

- Sell 75 Candy and/or Nuts **and**
- 9 Magazines, Tumblers, and/or BarkBoxes

3. Participate in the Girl Scout Cookie Program

- Sell 350 Packages of Cookies**

- Sell 450 Packages of Cookies**

Earn one of these Adventures*!

Choose ONE of the following:

- Maine State Vehicle Park Pass
- Canobie Lake Park Adventure

Choose ONE of the following:

- GSME Summer Camp Session
- Great Wolf Lodge Adventure
- Any Tier 1 Adventure

All Free Adventure Challenges are non-cumulative, non-transferable, and cannot be redeemed for cash.

* Full flyer with details on each Adventure can be found online at: <https://bit.ly/FreeAdventureChallenge>.

**Packages of cookies must be sold via individual sales from February 1, 2025 through April 30, 2025 and all cookie money must be turned in to GSME by May 14, 2025.

Questions? 888-922-4763 | customercare@gsmaine.org | www.girlscoutsofmaine.org



Events for everyone!



Build. Create. Innovate.

October 19, 2024 | Bangor

Join us for a FREE, fun-filled day of creativity and innovation for the whole family! Discover how technology and engineering concepts shape our lives today and explore how we can innovate for the future—on land, in the air, in space, on the water, and in the digital world.

Get inspired by the past to build the future at the Cole Land Transportation Museum and Bangor Service Center. You can design and test a car, play with boats, delve into aviation and space, and get those inventive ideas flowing. This event is open to everyone, so bring a friend and let's build, create, and innovate together!



Green ME Up!

April 19, 2025 | Freeport

Celebrate Earth Day with an exciting, hands-on day of learning how you can help keep Maine green today and in the future. Join us for interactive and earth-friendly activities for the whole family! FREE admission and parking, live musical entertainment, and open to the public.



Annual Celebration

May 3, 2025 | Williamson Performing Arts Center, Fairfield

Don't miss celebrating our Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award Girl Scouts, Graduating Ambassadors, Future Leaders Scholarship recipients, and our amazing adult volunteers.



Save the Date for Expedition Acadia

September 27, 2025



Explore Acadia National Park with Girl Scouts from across Maine. Choose your guided experiences in and around the park—hiking, boat tours, rock climbing, and more!



Service Center Opportunities

Our South Portland and Bangor Service Centers have been refreshed and programming has begun in both locations!

Check out opportunities throughout the year in South Portland starting with Founder's Day Halloween fun.

New in Bangor—the service center is available for troop sleepovers.

Stay tuned for more info!

Girl Scouts Member Benefits

Did you know that being a Girl Scout entitles you to member benefits throughout the year?



Special Girl Scout days at the Coastal Maine Botanical Garden, Aquaboggan, sporting events, and discounted tickets.












Check out opportunities here:

www.girlscoutsofmaine.org/discountedtickets

Events and activity registration, cancellation policy, updates, and newly added events can be found at www.girlscoutsofmaine.org/eventlist.

GSME Programs

September 2024-March 2025

Program Pillar	Date	Reg. By	Program	Time	Location	Girl Fee	Adult Fee	GS Level
	9/29	9/23	Travel Your Way: Girl Scout Travel Opportunities	4:00 - 5:00 PM	Online 04106	\$0	\$0	J/C/S/A
	10/13	9/25	Scenic Bike Tour	10:00 AM-1:00 PM	Rockport 04856	\$37	\$37	2nd yr J/C/S/A
	11/2	10/22	Makerspace at the Museum	4:30 - 7:00 PM	Portland 04102	\$26	\$16	D/B/J
	11/2	10/22 EB 9/30	Transforming Leadership	9:30 AM-4:30 PM	Orono 04469	\$29	\$29	C/S/A
	11/9	10/30	Nature As My Muse	10:00 AM-12:30 PM	Cape Neddick 03902	\$17	\$6	D/B/J
	11/16	10/30	Discovery Day	10:00 AM-2:00 PM	Bangor 04401	\$11	\$0	D/B/J
	12/7	11/20	Operation Comet Space Misson	10:00 AM-12:30 PM	Bangor 04401	\$25	\$0	C/S/A
	12/14	11/27	Winter Solstice Celebration	10:00 AM-12:00 PM	Easton 04740	\$10	\$8	D/B/J
	1/10	1/3	Camp Inside Out	6:00 AM-7:30 PM	Online 04106	\$0	\$0	D/B/J
	1/11	12/11	Girl Scout Night with the Maine Celtics	12:30 - 9:00 PM	Portland 04102	\$16	\$13	B/J/C/ S/A
	1/11	12/4	Create Your Own Cookie Commercial	10:00 AM-3:00 PM	Presque Isle 04769	\$5	\$0	J/C
	1/25	1/15	Science FauxVerNight	5:00 - 8:00 PM	Portland 04102	\$35	\$16	D/B/J
	1/26	1/20	Travel Your Way: Girl Scout Travel Opportunities	4:00 - 5:00 PM	Online 04106	\$0	\$0	J/C/S/A
	2/8 - 2/9	1/22	Unwind Your Mind	3:00 PM - 8:00 AM	Augusta 04330	\$41	\$10	C/S/A
	2/28 - 3/2	2/13	Girl Scouts Around the World	6:30 PM - 11:00 AM	Bridgton 04009	\$36	\$12	J/C/S/A
	3/1	2/5	Animal Adventures Almost Sleepover	5:30-8:00 PM	Bangor 04401	\$38	\$0	D/B/J
	3/8	2/26	Take Apart a Toaster	9:00 AM-12:00 PM	Brunswick 04011	\$8	\$0	C/S/A
	3/8	2/26	Exploration Lab	9:30 - 11:00 AM	Bangor 04401	\$18	\$0	B/J



Life Skills



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Entrepreneurship

Program Description

Learn about once-in-a-lifetime national and international travel opportunities Girl Scouts has to offer!

Take a scenic bike tour in the Rockport/Camden area with your Girl Scout friends old and new.

At the Children's Museum & Theatre of Maine, print your unique pattern on a canvas tote and explore the museum exhibits in an exclusive after hours event just for Girl Scouts.

Come together with Girl Scouts from across the state to spark new friendships, try new things, and explore new horizons! Workshop details on pages 26-27.

Use the Center for Wildlife's live animal ambassadors as the inspiration for an art project.

Discover the wonders of space as you explore the Maine Discovery Museum.

Join the Challenger Learning Center's team to help save a mission in space.

Celebrate the Winter Solstice and learn why this is the shortest day of the year.

Back by popular demand! Join Girl Scouts from across Maine for camp songs and hands-on activities all while getting excited about camping and having a camp-in (or out) at your house!

Have fun with the Maine Celtics. Girl Scouts who are Brownies and up can participate in an afternoon dance clinic led by a Boston Celtics dance coach. Friends and family are invited to watch the game and cheer on the Girl Scouts as they perform during the half time show.

As a group, create your own cookie commercial at WAGM to use to promote your cookie business.

Head to the Children's Museum & Theatre of Maine for a special night of science, play, pizza, and PJs.

Learn about all the cool national and international travel opportunities Girl Scouts has to offer!

Relax, unwind, and get bendy in this yoga and meditation overnight.

Spend your weekend connecting with Girl Scouts locally and across the world while exploring Girl Scouting and its relationship to World Thinking Day.

Have some animal fun with this almost sleepover while the museum is closed to the public.

Join the Society of Women Engineers for a morning of tinkering and exploring how things work.

Try out several stations in the Challenger Learning Center's Mission Control and Space Lab simulators.

GSME Programs

March-July 2025

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	3/23	3/17	Travel Your Way: Girl Scout Travel Opportunities	4:00-5:00 PM	Online 04106	\$0	\$0	J/C/S/A
	3/29	3/12	Out of This World	1:00-4:00 PM	Orono 04469	\$20	\$20	B/J/C
	4/12	4/2	Night at the Theatre	4:30-7:30 PM	Portland 04102	\$35	\$16	D/B/J
	4/19	4/18	Green ME Up	10:00 AM-2:00 PM	Freeport 04032	\$0	\$0	All
	5/10	4/23	Playing the Past	10:00 AM-2:00 PM	Livermore 04253	\$20	\$0	B/J
	5/17	4/30	Scenic Bike Tour	10:00 AM-1:00 PM	Rockport 04857	\$37	\$37	2nd yr J/C/S/A
	5/17	4/16	Ride the Rails to Boston Museum of Science	7:30 AM-6:30 PM	Portland 04102	\$48	\$53	B/J
	5/31	5/7	Outdoor Skills Day*	9:00 AM-4:00 PM	Bridgton 04009	\$19	\$6	D/B/J
	6/7	5/21	High Flying Adventure	10:00 AM-12:30 PM	Wiscasset 04578	\$23	\$23	J/C/S/A
	6/14	6/4	Pond Investigation	12:30-3:30 PM	Boothbay 04537	\$12	\$16	Pre-K, D/B/J
	6/14	5/28	Harbor to Harbor Kayak	9:00 AM-1:00 PM	Rockport 04858	\$65	\$65	2nd yr J/C/S/A
	6/20 - 6/22	12/1/24	GSME Goes to Boston and Salem	7:00 AM-6:30 PM	Portland 04102	\$250	\$250	J/C
	6/21	6/11	GSME Amazing Race: Portland	9:00 AM-4:00 PM	South Portland 04106	\$14	\$14	B/J
	6/25 - 6/28	12/1/24	GSME Goes to Montreal	8:00 AM-8:00 PM	Bangor 04401	\$550	\$550	C/S/A
	7/12	6/25	Camden Harbor Kayak Tour	10:00 AM-2:00 PM	Rockport 04859	\$35	\$35	C/S/A
VIRTUAL PROGRAMS								
	1/15, 1/22, 1/29 and 2/5	1/3	Where in the World is Juliette Gordon Low? Virtual Series	6:00-7:00 PM	Online 04106	\$15	\$0	D/B/J
	3/6, 3/13, 3/20, and 3/27	2/26	Coding Without a Computer Virtual Badge Series	6:00-7:00 PM	Online 04106	\$15	\$0	D/B/J



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Program Description

Learn about all the cool national and international travel opportunities Girl Scouts has to offer!

Complete parts of your Space Science badge as you enjoy an afternoon at the planetarium and observatory.

The Children's Museum & Theatre of Maine is ready to host you for a special live theatre performance of Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress by Julianny Taveras and some post-performance museum exploration.

Be inspired to take action at Green ME Up! Celebrate Earth Day with a FREE, hands-on, fun-filled day learning how you can help keep Maine green today and into the future.

Step into the past and explore what life was like back in the 1800s.

Take a scenic bike tour in the Rockport/Camden area with your Girl Scout friends old and new.

Depart from Portland on the Downeaster with Girl Scouts from Maine, spend the day at the Boston Museum of Science, and return on the train at the end of the day.

Spend the day at beautiful Camp Pondicherry and work towards earning part of the Level 1 Outdoor Skills patch. Brownies and Juniors, add on an optional overnight. **Daisies have a half-day program from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. for a reduced price.*

Be part of the ultimate high ropes experience as you traverse through over 30 obstacles, 5 zip lines, and a giant swing.

Dip a net into the ponds of the gardens and find out what aquatic organisms call the place home.

Explore the coastline of Penobscot Bay with your Girl Scout sisters by kayak.

Travel with Girl Scouts on the train to Boston and to Salem, spend TWO nights in Boston, and have time to explore on your own!

Navigate Portland in the ultimate walking adventure while building your troop travel skills.

Come explore Quebec's largest city and the cultural capital of Canada. Choose to explore cobblestoned streets, French Colonial Vieux, a zoo, one of 50+ museums, and more!

Explore Penobscot Bay by kayak with Girl Scouts friends old and new.

Juliette Gordon Low loved to travel. Explore the U.S. National Parks and discover where JGL travels each week in this 4-week series.

Explore the world of coding through hands-on games and activities, and earn your Coding Basics badge.



Girl Scouts Get Making!

GSME held four Get Making patch events this year. Making is when you design or create something—sometimes it's a drawing, a painting, or even woodworking. At this year's Maker Events, Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors worked together to create book caddies while exploring the world of making. They also got to learn from professional makers like carpenters, leather workers, wood workers, and more to hear about how and why they decided to pursue their passion!



Teen Advisory Group

TAG

The Teen Advisory Group (TAG) gives Girl Scouts in 8th-12th grade the opportunity to serve as the youth voice of our council, playing a significant role in shaping the ongoing program development work of Girl Scouts of Maine. This year's TAG is comprised of Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors from 8 different service units and represents both our Juliette members as well as those who are in troops. We look forward to the work this group will accomplish this year!



Addison Boucher
Ambassador
Troop 2196
Saco Bay Service Unit



Cheyenne Nault
Senior
Troop 507
Dirigo Service Unit



Delaney Evans
Ambassador
Troop 1988
Sunberries Service Unit



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Troop 163
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Sunberries Service Unit



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Ambassador
Troop 721
Merrymeeting Service Unit



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Senior
Troop 227
Knox Service Unit



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Ambassador
Troop 876
Katahdin Service Unit



Lorelei Young
Ambassador
Troop 191
Knox Service Unit



Meghan Case
Senior
Troop 587
Nidoba Service Unit



Penelope Graham
Senior
Troop 1211
Arnold Trail Service Unit



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Senior
Troop 1885
Saco Bay Service Unit



Going for Gold or seeking your Silver Award?

Got a vision for a better world? We're here to help you create lasting change every step of the way—and can't wait to see all that you're going to accomplish.

The Highest Awards resource pages on the GSME website are the place to go for all of your Highest Awards needs. There you will find Highest Awards guidebooks and forms, leader and parent resources, as well as tip sheets, tools for success, and more! Get started at www.girlscoutsofmaine.org/highestawards.



To find and register for an upcoming training like our Silver Award training (or any activity), visit www.girlscoutsofmaine.org/eventlist.

GSME Goes to...



Washington, D.C.

"In June, nine Girl Scouts from Houlton Troop 152 embarked on an exciting adventure to Washington, D.C. They started with a press conference alongside Congresswoman Chellie Pingree, visited Susan Collins' office on Capitol Hill, met with Congressman Jared Golden, and toured the Capitol with Senator King's office. They also explored the White House, several Smithsonian Museums, the National Zoo, and delivered Girl Scout Cookies to the sentinels at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery."

Erica Peabody, Troop 152 Leader.



Boston



"Boston was an amazing experience. One of my personal favorites was visiting WNDR which is an interactive museum-there were so many fascinating exhibits in every room!" - Sarah Pelkey, Troop 587

"Our troop shared three days of Boston adventure! We got our fill of animal fun at the Franklin Park Zoo, learned so much at the Boston Museum of Science, visited the aquarium and so much more." - Dawn Brunelle, Troop 143 Leader

Travel Your Way!

For more information on these opportunities, attend the free Travel Your Way program!



GSME Goes to Boston and Salem

Dates: June 20-22, 2025
Cost: \$250
Levels: J/C
Registration deadline: December 1, 2024
(Non-refundable \$150 deposit due.)

Looking to explore Boston and get spooky in Salem? Travel with Girl Scouts on the train, visit Salem, MA, explore and spend TWO nights in Boston.



GSME Goes to Montreal

Dates: June 25-28, 2025
Cost: \$550
Levels: C/S/A
Registration opens: October 1, 2024
Registration deadline: December 1, 2024
(Non-refundable \$150 deposit due.)

Come explore Quebec's largest city and the cultural capital of Canada. Choose to explore cobblestones, French colonial Vieux, a zoo, one of 50+ museums, and more!

Future GSME Goes to Trips



NYC | June 2026



Washington D.C. | June 2027

International Travel

We are excited to share the upcoming travel plans for GSME's very own international travel troop, Girls on the Go:



Nuestra Cabaña (Mexico)



Our Chalet (Switzerland)



PAX Lodge (London)

Destinations

Girl Scout Destinations are an amazing travel opportunity for individual girls ages 11 and older! Check out trips around the country and around the world, and apply by November 15!





Saturday, November 2, 2024
 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 University of Maine, Orono

Cost: \$29 per girl/adult

Registration Deadline: October 22, 2024

Early Bird: September 30, 2024

Early birds get a FREE longleeve T-shirt!

Join Girl Scouts from across Maine at the 16th Annual Transforming Leadership Conference!

Girl Scouts in grades 6-12, adult Girl Scouts of all ages, and friends are all invited to explore new ideas, new friendships, and expand on skills they already have. With 60-minute workshops covering a variety of topics, you'll be busy and engaged throughout the day. Come and expand your horizons with us!

Bring a Friend!

Know someone outside of your Girl Scout circle who may enjoy Transforming Leadership? Each non-member friend you invite that registers earns you a raffle entry to WIN a SeaBag Wristlet!



Find more info at:

www.girlscoutsofmaine.org/tlc

Girl Workshops*

- CultureFest
- Amazing Race: UMaine
- Adventure is Calling!
- Stress Less
- In the Driver's Seat
- Financing Your Dreams
- First Aid 101
- Know Your Situation
- Through Your Eyes
- Dance Exploration
- Printovation: 3D Printing
- Cybersense
- MEdia
- Robotics
- Textile Artistry



Adult Workshops*

- Youth Mental Health First Aid
- GlobalFest
- Exploring Girl Scout Travel Opportunities
- Supporting Girl Scouts: Highest Awards
- Working with Every Girl Scout
- Handling Sensitive Topics
- Building a Culture of Invitation and Appreciation
- Intro to the Service Team
- How to: Service Unit Tech
- Managing Conflict
- Getting Out with Maps & Orienteering
- Getting Out with Knots, Lashing, and Tarps
- Outdoor Events for Older Girl Scouts
- FLoW

*Workshops are subject to change

Girl Scout Grown-ups

Resources, training, adventures, and more just for adults! Discover how good it feels to help Girl Scouts find their voice—while expanding your skill set alongside them.



Looking for resources and support? We've got what you need...

Our website, the Volunteer Toolkit (VTK), and gsLearn are the places to go for many of your volunteer needs. The Volunteer Handbook, Safety Activity Checkpoints, Troop Activity Guide, Troop Finance Guide, latest guidelines, learning opportunities, and more are all there for you.



Start exploring at:

www.girlscoutsofmaine.org/volunteerresources



Find Adult Learning info and links at:

www.girlscoutsofmaine.org/adultlearning

Seeking adventure and expanding your abilities? Save these dates...



Transforming Leadership Conference
November 2, 2024
(See page 26 & 27 for more info.)



Camp Adventures for Grown-ups
August 10-12, 2025 at Camp Natarswi, Millinocket



Camp Adventures for Grown-ups: Chilling Out!
February 7-9, 2025 at Camp Pondicherry, Bridgton



Camp Adventures for Grown-ups: Chilling Out

February 7-9, 2025 | Camp Pondicherry, Bridgton

There's a track for everyone and all abilities! You'll get to try any activity at a level of progression that's right for you!

- **Isn't it pretty outside?** Track for those who enjoy winter time—from inside a warm shelter.
- **It's pretty outside, but...** Track for those who would enjoy a bit more time in the snow, but a break (or two) inside would be nice.
- **It's pretty awesome outside!** Track for those who want to really chill out—ready for adventure and that extra challenge, regardless of the weather.

Enjoy connecting with other grown-up Girl Scouts in the outdoors, and when you come in from the cold, you can settle into the cozy Chalet each evening!

**Space is limited for indoor sleeping options.
Sign up today on gsEvents!**



Girl Scout Volunteer Learning Opportunities

gsLearn

gsLearn is an online Learning Management System just for you! Home to required courses like *Troop Volunteers, Part 1*, *Troop Camp Training, part 1* and many other supplemental resources. This system is made to support you in your own Girl Scout adventure!

Troop Volunteers, Part 2: The Adventure Continues

Prerequisites: Troop Volunteers, Part 1 and at least one troop meeting.

Required for troop volunteers, this interactive session is designed for new and experienced troop volunteers to ask questions, discuss challenges, share discoveries and successes, and bolster knowledge, skills, and understanding. After at least two troop volunteers have completed this course, your troop will be eligible to take field trips!

Troop Camp Training, Part 1: Preparation

This gsLearn training, provides an overview of the camping experience and covers crucial aspects of preparation, such as collaborative planning, progression skills, what to pack, environmental practices, problem-solving, and more. Your next step will be to attend Troop Camp Training, Part 2: Overnight—then you'll be ready to camp as a troop!

To begin your troop's outdoor progression, please complete this course by March 31st for May-June dates or July 31st for September dates.

Troop Camp Training, Part 2: Overnight

Prerequisite: Troop Camp Training, Part 1: Preparation (online)

We want your troop's camping experience to be a positive one, so whether you have never camped before or you're a Maine Guide, you'll find treasures to take with you as we practice and share outdoor camping skills. *Register by early bird deadlines for just \$35. After that, the fee is \$55.*

CPR & First Aid Certification

In the American Red Cross's Blended Learning program, participants complete about 3 hours of online training at their own pace prior to attending a local skills session where they demonstrate what they've learned. *\$55 for members.*

Youth Mental Health First Aid Certification Course

Our youth, especially teen girls, have been experiencing increased mental health challenges in recent years. This certification course will help you recognize the signs and symptoms of mental health challenges and disorders so that you can help youths connect with the best support and services they need. *This course requires online pre-work to be completed before you can participate. \$55 for members*

Wilderness & Remote First Aid Certification

This 2-day course teaches advanced skills to be used in emergencies when help from professional first responders may be far away. This course aligns with OSHA's Best Practices for Workplace First Aid Training Programs.

Prerequisites: Must be at least 14 years old and hold current adult CPR/AED certification. \$200 for members



Find more information, including all upcoming training dates and registration information at www.girlscoutsofmaine.org/eventlist.

Questions or need help? Contact Customer Care at customercare@gsmaine.org or 888-922-4763.

Looking for an amazing location for a family or troop adventure?

Look no further than our GSME camp properties!

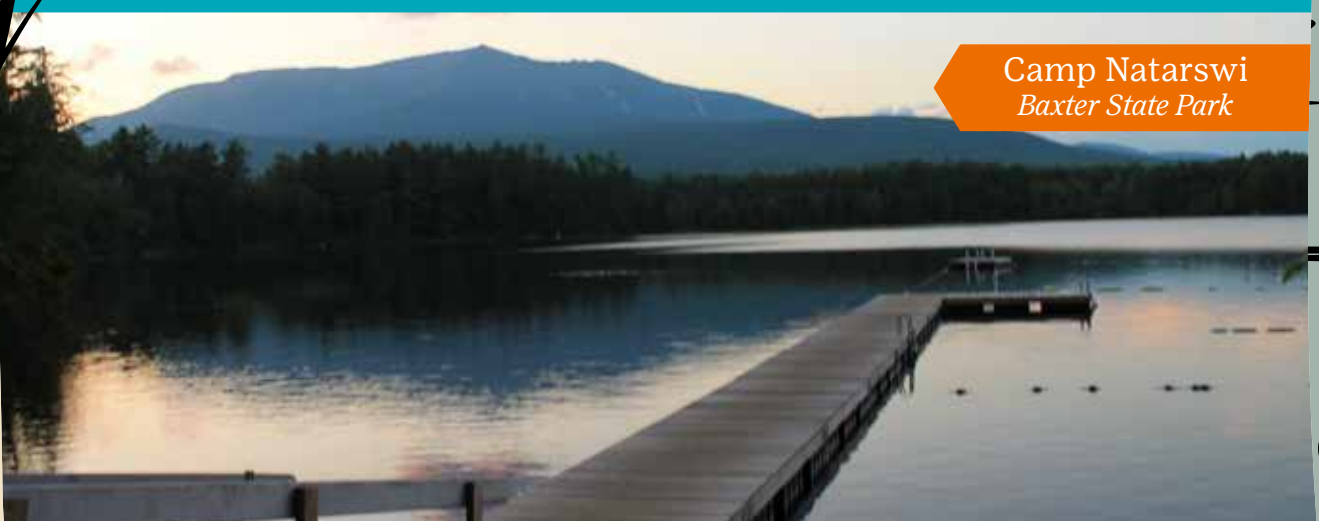
Camps Pondicherry, Natarswi, and Kirkwold have beautiful properties to rent. Unplug together, sharpen your outdoor skills, or use the properties as a home base for area adventures (resource lists are available to help you plan activities).

Explore available dates and reserve online up to six months in advance at www.girlscoutsofmaine.org/camprentals. Plan ahead—sites go fast!

PLEASE NOTE: Camp Natarswi has limited rentals for members who want to explore Baxter State Park and Mt Katahdin! Rentals are available at Natarswi the end of August-October 1st. Natarswi reservations must be made by calling Customer Care at 888-922-4763.

Rentals are for campsites and reserved facilities only. Programming is not included. Staff will not be onsite during your rental.

More details on each of our camp facilities can be found at:
www.girlscoutsofmaine.org/camprentals.



Camp Natarswi
Baxter State Park



Camp Kirkwold
Readfield



Camp Pondicherry
Bridgton



Embrace the new Girl Scout year with the perfect swag to match your unstoppable spirit.

Get ready for an exciting new Girl Scout year! Our retail shop is packed with fresh, must-have items that celebrate your Girl Scout style and accomplishments.

Discover what's new:

Trendy tees & hoodies

Perfect for meetings, adventures, or lounging at home.

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Stylish hats, adorable pins, and more to complete any outfit.

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Sustainable water bottles and bags for all your essentials.

Badges, patches, bridging kits, and more!

Commemorate your achievements and adventures.



Why Visit Our Retail Shop?

- **Personalized service:** Friendly staff ready to help you find the perfect items whether you shop in-store, online, or by phone.
- **Exclusive offers:** Special promotions and products available only from GSME.
- **Support your local council:** Every local purchase supports GSME programs.

Step into style and show the world what being a Girl Scout is all about.



Visit our shop in South Portland, order online at www.girlscoutsofmaine.org/shop, or contact us at customercare@gsmaine.org or 888-922-4763 to place an order for local pick up or shipping.



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Each kit is packed with materials for 20 and includes:

- Informational brochures
- Join postcards
- Table tent
- Interest forms
- Ask me buttons
- Branded giveaways (items vary)
- Hosting Successful Community Events tip sheet

Community Event Marketing Kits are available anytime
at our service centers or by contacting us at
customercare@gsmaine.org.

Please allow 12-14 business days lead time if kits need to be mailed.