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Summer is time to CONNECT

It's time to re-CONNECT with the great outdoors and recharge your physical and mental batteries. Summer also is a good time to attempt new activities, conquer a personal challenge or explore different destinations.

GSSEM is pleased to offer all of that and more this year. From traditional week-long camps at Camp Hawthorn Hollow—including the return of horse camp—to taking a Great Lakes Discovery Cruise, GSSEM has dozens of events throughout the summer that will take Girl Scouts on adventures they will remember forever.

It's going to be a STEAM-y summer! GSSEM's STEAM team has been pulling together an impressive lineup of STEAM-theme activities for Girl Scouts of all levels. From learning some new dance moves with Eisenhower Dance Detroit, building a robot or soaring to new heights with iFLY Detroit, Girl Scouts can experience the fun side of STEAM-based activities all summer long.

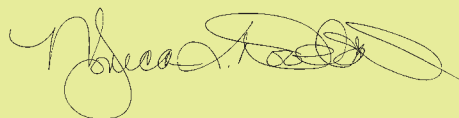
Beat the heat this summer with a stay close to Port Huron! The Daisy Sampler Days are designed to introduce younger Girl Scouts to the concept and fun of camp for a day or overnight. Older Girl Scouts can select from multiple themed weeks including wilderness exploration, astronomy gazing, and even competing in Camp Olympics!

Don't miss out on summer camp this year!
Register today at www.gssem.org/summercamp before it's too late!

Girl Scouts was founded to promote getting girls outside to enjoy and engage in caring for the planet, which helps them become young women of courage, confidence and character.

This issue of CONNECT Magazine has details on many of the summer plans GSSEM is bringing to our Girl Scouts. Sometimes new events happen after publication, so make sure to check www.gssem.org/events for additional summertime fun for Girl Scouts of all ages.

Enjoy,



Monica Woodson
CEO, GSSEM

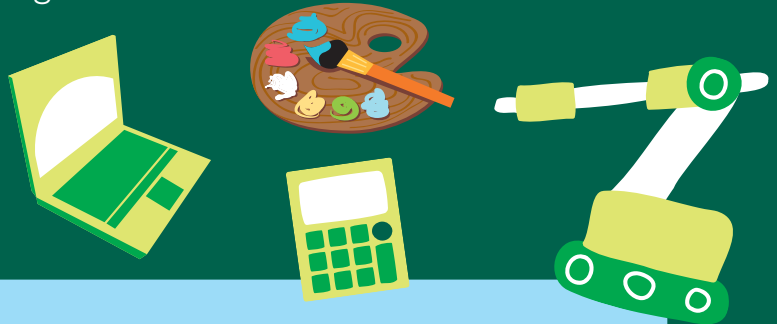


GSSEM's Mobile STEAM Lab—Rolling into the Future

GSSEM is shaping the next generation of problem-solvers and changemakers!

Our Mobile STEAM Lab is an innovative, traveling classroom designed to spark curiosity, creativity, and problem-solving to all students across southeastern Michigan. Through hands-on experiences the lab provides an engaging and accessible way for students to develop critical 21st-century skills, including:

- Coding & Digital Literacy
- Engineering & Design Thinking
- Robotics & Automation
- Scientific Exploration



GSSEM's Mobile STEAM Lab is more than just a learning space—it's a launchpad for future engineers, scientists, and innovators. By making STEAM fun, engaging, and accessible, GSSEM is shaping the next generation of problem-solvers and changemakers.

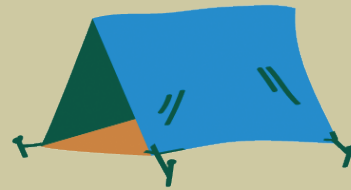
Stay tuned to www.gssem.org for latest updates!





Get Outside with GSSEM

Check out all the exciting ways you can enjoy the outdoors this summer.



Outdoor Adventures www.gssem.org/go

Check out our event list for upcoming Outdoor Education programs and Badge Workshops in your community.



Badge Workshops www.gssem.org/events

Girl Scouts will have plenty of opportunities to add to their outdoor badge collection over the summer.



Summer Camp www.gssem.org/summercamp

Overnight summer campers will embark on exciting adventures, participate in a variety of engaging activities, and earn badges along the way.



STEAM Experience www.gssem.org/steam

Have hands-on experiences in robotics, engineering, scientific exploration and more!



Troop Camping www.gssem.org/troopcamping

Troops plan an entire weekend at camp, including activities and meals at both Camp Hawthorn Hollow and Camp Playfair.



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Get to Camp this Summer!



Get ready for an adventurous six weeks of GSSEM's camping season! Each week is packed with overnight camps tailored to each Girl Scout level, offering unique experiences and new skills.

- Mini Camps are perfect short but robust experiences
- Full weeks provide an extended opportunity to foster independence
- Themed weeks focus on a central theme, catering the activities, crafts, and dinners to fit
- Specialty Camps are a way for your Girl Scout to have a unique camp experience that caters to their interests

Summer camp registration is available for Girl Scouts entering grades 2-12 during the 2025-26 membership year (MY26). Please register your girl based on her MY26 Girl Scout level.

Overnight Summer Camp Week 1: June 22-27	Overnight Summer Mini Week 2: June 29-July 2	Overnight Summer Camp Week 3: July 6-July 11
Mini Week (BJ) Camp Fury (CSA)	Mini Camp (BJ) Total Teen Takeover (CSA) Starry Nights (JC)	Survivor (BJC) Sky High (CSA) Horse Camp (CSA) CIT: Counselor In Training (S, A)
Overnight Summer Camp Week 4: July 13-18	Overnight Summer Camp Week 5: July 20-25	Overnight Summer Camp Week 6: July 27-Aug. 1
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Daily Camp Schedule

Every day at camp is truly a new adventure. While weekly themes are used to differentiate our sessions, all campers enjoy traditional camp activities like swimming, hiking, target sports, arts and crafts, and much more! Weekly themes influence decorations, music, skits, crafts, costumes, and all-camp activities. Whatever the week holds, campers are sure to have an adventure at Camp Hawthorn Hollow.

A typical camp day:

7:00 AM	Wake up
8:00 AM	Breakfast/flag ceremony/kapers (chores)
9:30 AM	Morning activities
12:00 PM	Lunch and rest time
2:00 PM	Afternoon activities/unit time
5:00 PM	Dinner/flag ceremony
7:15 PM	All-camp activity
9:30 PM	Shower time and lights out



Important Dates

Information about all upcoming events and sessions can be found at www.gssem.org/events

- Registration is open until June 6
- April 19: Camp Open House at CHH
- May 13: Prepare your Camper for Summer Overnight Camp! *Virtual*
- June 1: CampDoc Forms and final balances are due

Register for Summer Camp

Summer camp registration is open for everyone NOW! Any Girl Scout who will be entering grades 2-12 in Fall 2025 can register for Summer Camp. Below is information on how to register your camper for summer camp.

Register NOW to save your spot! For more information and to register: www.gssem.org/summercamp

Deposit

A \$50 deposit is required for all summer camp registrations. The balance in full is due two weeks prior to the camp session.

Final Payments

Camp fees must be paid in full by June 1. If not, your camper's registration may be cancelled, and no refund will be made if registration is cancelled for non-payment. Depending on the number of campers on the waitlist, your camper's slot may be filled immediately. Payments can be made online, via check, or credit card by contacting our Customer Care team at helpdesk@gssem.org or 800-482-6734 ext 3 for assistance. Financial Assistance is also available for those in need.

- Pay online with a credit card.
- Pay with GSSEM Retail Gift Cards or Juliette Program Credits GSSEM. Contact our Customer Care team at helpdesk@gssem.org or 800-482-6734 ext 3 to use either payment methods.
- Financial Assistance - Any registered Girl Scout who wishes to attend camp but is unable to pay the entire fee may apply for financial assistance to cover a portion of the cost. The Financial Assistance Application can be found at www.gssem.org/fa.
- Refunds and Cancellations - Refunds for cancellations (minus a 25% cancellation fee) are available when requested in writing (email is acceptable) no later than 15 days in advance of the arrival date. After this, no refunds of any amount will be issued. Refunds will not be made in the case of alterations in activities due to weather, early release of a camper, or loss of time at camp for medical or behavioral reasons.





Summer Fun: Month to Month



Whether you're looking to spend a week at camp or just a day exploring new interests, there is something for everyone this summer!

Each week is filled with more opportunities to have a blast in the air, on the ground, or in the water. GSSEM has put together a wide arrange of activities to make sure this summer is one to remember.

Stay tuned for updates on all the fantastic activities that are planned by visiting www.gssem.org/go. Which Outdoor Adventure are YOU excited to try?

www.gssem.org/go



April/May

Outdoor Adventure: Earth Day Celebration **Saturday, April 26, 2025 | 10 AM – Noon** **All Levels**

Visit several stations for hands-on learning with an "Earth Day" focus including how to raise sustainable chickens, a beehive, a "recycled materials" craft station, and a tree sapling station where you can earn a Girl Scout Tree Promise Patch.

Badge Workshop: Know Your Car **Saturday, May 10, 2025 | 9 AM – 3 PM** **Seniors**

Volunteers from the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) Greater Detroit Chapter and Oakland University ASSP Student Section will guide Seniors in earning their Car Safety badge. Girl Scouts will engage in activities that demonstrate basic car maintenance, safe driving practices, emergency role play, and exploring an electric vehicle.

Camp Adventure: Teddy Bear Tea Party **Saturday, May 10, 2025 | 1:30 PM – 4 PM** **Daisies, Brownies, Juniors**

It's time for tea! Bring your teddy bears (or other stuffed companions!) to Camp Hawthorn Hollow for a tea party! Make yourself a hat the Queen would be jealous of and spend an afternoon with your camp team trying the different kinds of teas, enjoying snacks, and learning some proper tea party etiquette.

Badge Workshop: Real-World Reality Fair **Saturday, May 10, 2025 - Brownstown** **Saturday, May 31, 2025 - Monroe** **11 AM – 1 PM**

Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors

Master the art of money in the real world, moving through different stations making tough choices, each station is a mini challenge where you call the shots on your money moves.

Special Event

Virtual Book Club: *Rising Troublemaker* **Thursday, May 15, 2025 | 7 PM – 8 PM** **Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors**

This national virtual book club event discussing Luvvie Ajayi Jones' empowering book, *Rising Troublemaker*, is your opportunity to embrace who you are, take up space, and live boldly! The lively discussion will encourage you to use your voice and actions to create positive change in the world.

Outdoor Adventure: Discover Detroit Day **Sunday, May 18, 2025 | 1 PM – 4 PM** **All Levels**

Join us for an immersive walking tour through downtown Detroit, stopping at eight fascinating locations, including historic sites, unique businesses, and other points of interest. Expert Detroit Food & City Tours guides will share captivating stories and insights, bringing each stop to life.





June

Camp Adventure: Biking Basics & Biking Mini Patch Day

Sunday, June 1, 2025 | 1 PM – 3 PM
All Levels

Learn how to perform seasonal bike maintenance, change a tire, clean and grease a chain, the importance of helmets and safety, and more! Once the bikes are ready to go, it's time for a trail ride around Camp Hawthorn Hollow.

Outdoor Adventure: Walking Stick Nature Journal & Eco Hike

Sunday, June 7, 2025 | 2 PM – 3:30 PM
All Levels

Discover and learn about the different ecosystems, plants and animals found on Belle Isle during an "Eco Hike." After the hike, Girl Scouts will make "walking stick nature journals" with air dry clay charms, representative of what was experienced along the hike!

STEAM Experience: Dancing with Girl Scouts **Saturday, June 28, 2025**

11 AM – 1 PM | Seniors and Ambassadors

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble welcomes girls with no prior experience to a fun and supportive environment to learn and grow. The session includes ballet basics, jazz warm-ups and combos, and a Swan Lake pantomime, followed by a review and performance for parents!

Badge Workshop: Jewelry Making

Sunday, June 15, 2025 | 10 AM – 1 PM | Novi
Sunday, June 22, 2025 | 6 PM – 8 PM
Clinton Twp.

Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors

Step into the world of fashion and business with Kendra Scott! Learn how a jewelry brand operates, design your own one-of-a-kind piece, and pitch your creation to your fellow Girl Scouts. Walk away with badges, a custom piece of jewelry, and some serious business know-how!



Find ALL there is to do this summer
at www.gssem.org/events.





July

Badge Workshop: Create Your Own Haircare Product

Thursday, July 17, 2025

11 AM – 1 PM | Juniors

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM | Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors

Join Hair Scientist Ms. Cohen at our DSC offices for a hands-on experience where you'll learn to make shampoos, conditioners, and hair oils. Discover the science behind haircare and even pitch your own product! Walk away with a custom creation, new skills, and a business mindset!

Outdoor Adventure: Moo! National Ice Cream Day - Cook Farm Dairy Style

Saturday, July 19, 2025

11 AM – Noon | 1 PM – 2 PM | All Levels

Enjoy a cool, one-hour tour of an active dairy farm on National Ice Cream Day! Interact with baby cows, adult cows, and pigs while learning how milk is collected and processed into a delicious treat! After a sample, every Girl Scout will go home with two fun patches, a custom GSSEM ice cream scoop, "ice cream in a bag" instructions and a recipe booklet!

STEAM Experience: Women in Robotics

Saturday, July 19, 2025

11 AM – 2:30 PM

Brownies & Juniors

Explore the field of robotics with Women in Robotics (WIR)! Panelists will explain their path to robotics and the day-to-day tasks in their respective professions. Followed by a robot building activity guided by WIR volunteers.

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August

Outdoor Adventure: Overnight at Sloan Museum of Discovery Friday, August 8 – Saturday, August 9, 2025 Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors

Join your Outdoor Education Team and the amazing Education Staff at Sloan Museum of Discovery in Flint for an overnight adventure! Hang out with sister Girl Scouts during an evening filled with hands-on learning, experiments, and some serious fun.

Camp Adventure: Summer Overnight Daisy Sampler August 23- Sunday, August 24, 2025 Daisies

During this only overnight Daisy Sampler, Daisies will earn an Outdoor Art Maker Badge, a Buddy Camper Badge, and a Hiking Mini Patch! Activities include SWAPS, hammock village, slingshots, campfire, and an art project, perfect for giving Daisies an idea of what it's like camping at Camp Hawthorn Hollow.



Celebrate National S'mores Day Sunday, August, 10, 2025

Girl Scouts love s'mores. This year, GSSEM has two ways to celebrate this camping treat: A good ol' fashioned s'mores taste test (and learn essential campfire building skills, of course), or experiment with some non-traditional s'mores combinations, and compete for the tallest marshmallow tower!

Check them both out at: www.gssem.org/smares.

S'Mores Galore 1 PM – 6 PM in White Lake
S'Mores Competition 2 PM – 4 PM at CHH





September

Outdoor Adventure: Belle Isle Patch Day Sunday, September 14, 2025

12:30 PM – 3:30 PM | All Levels

During *Girl Scouts LOVE State Parks Weekend*, walk through the oldest aquarium in the USA, see plants from all over the world, learn about Great Lakes shipping and experience wildlife in the city—all on Belle Isle?

Camp Adventure: Fall Fest

Saturday, September 20, 2025 | 1 PM – 5 PM
All Levels

Come out to CHH for a day filled with fall activities! Enjoy a straw bale maze, tractor rides, fall themed SWAPS, corn hole, face painting and pumpkin bowling! Certain camp program areas will also be open for Fall Fest!

Outdoor Adventure: Cadette LIA & Brownie Wonders of Water Journey Weekend

Friday, September 26 -
Sunday, September 28, 2025
Brownies & Cadettes

Join your Outdoor Education Team for a weekend at Camp Playfair! Brownies will be earning the complete Wonders of Water Journey and Cadettes will earn a Leader in Action Award.

Special Event: Fallin' into Girl Scouts at Blake's Orchard

Saturday, September 20, 2025
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
All Levels

Kick off the 2025-26 membership year with a full evening of excitement! Indulge in delicious cider & donuts, enjoy unlimited hayrides, gather around a cozy bonfire, and explore Blake's 6-acre Barnyard Funland!

Find ALL there is to do this summer
at www.gssem.org/events.





Camp Fury Returns!

This summer, Girl Scouts entering grades 9-12 will join the ranks of those who ensure public safety in our communities. During this six-day, five-night experience, you'll train alongside firefighters, EMS workers, and law enforcement personnel to learn first aid and CPR, defense tactics, arrest techniques, physical fitness drills, and traffic stop procedures.

You'll meet women who are breaking down barriers and stereotypes in these male-dominated career fields. The hands-on activities promote the development of leadership skills, teamwork, respect, and self-confidence.

June 22 – 27, 2025

Camp Hawthorn Hollow

For more information, please email camp@gssem.org.



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U.S. Customs and
Border Protection

www.gssem.org/campfury



STEAM Experience: Physics at iFLY

Join us in a thrillingly immersive night at iFLY while earning your STEM Career Exploration badge! Experience an interactive STEM presentation, delivered by an iFLY STEM Educator, a physics demonstration in the wind tunnel, a classroom experiment that compares predicted and measured wind tunnel speeds, flight instructions & safety training, and one-on-one flight time.

Wednesday, June 11, 2025 | 4:30 PM – 7:45 PM
Daisies & Brownies

Wednesday, July 2, 2025 | 4:30 PM – 7:45 PM
Juniors & Cadettes

Wednesday, August 6, 2025 | 4:30 PM – 7:45 PM
Seniors & Ambassadors



Outdoor Adventure: Bees in the D Active Hive Visits

Find out what all the buzz is about with beekeeping with Brian Peterson from Bees in the D. He will share his journey into the world of beekeeping, explaining common misconceptions, as well as the fascinating life of the all-important pollinator—the honeybee. Learn the basics of beekeeping while visiting active hives!

May 2025 - August 2025 | Various locations
10 AM – Noon | 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
All Levels



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Take in a Game!

Girl Scout Night at Jimmy John's Field

Saturday, July 12-Sunday, July 13, 2025 | 5:30 PM – 8:30 AM

All Levels

Take in a USPBL double header game and camp out overnight right on the Jimmy John's ballpark field.

Girl Scout Night with DCFC

July 26, 2025 | 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM | All Levels

Come on out to Keyworth Stadium to cheer Detroit City FC as they take on the Westchester Soccer Club for an exciting game of soccer! Walk the field with other Girl Scouts during this family-friendly event!

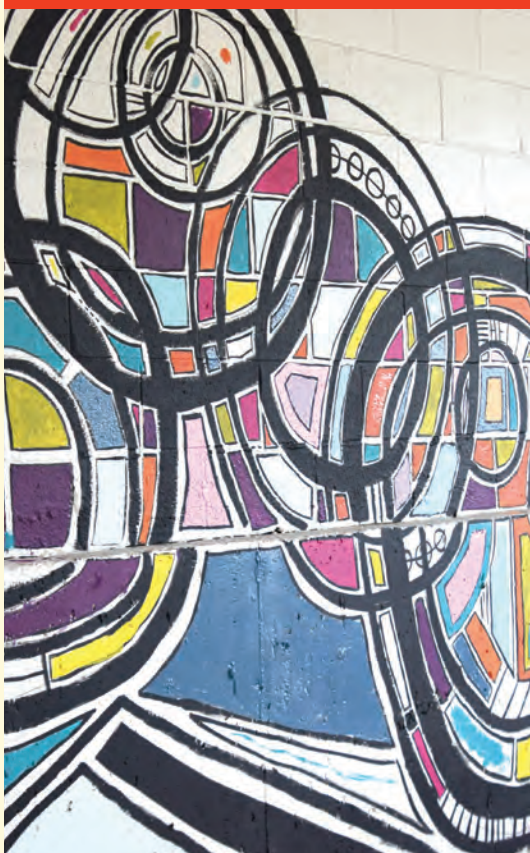
Girl Scout Day at Comerica Park

August 10, 2025 | 1:40 PM – 4:00 PM | All Levels

Take your troop out to the ball game! Join the Detroit Tigers for a thrilling afternoon downtown as they take on the Los Angeles Angels.



Set your Creative Compass to Inspiration!



The GSSEM Creative Compass Patch Program, created by local artist and curator Amanda Koss, connects Girl Scouts with working artists and unique, innovative opportunities.

Each of these fun, unique art programs will highlight unconventional ways young women can positively impact their communities while discovering their own unique creative paths.

Try one, or all projects, and earn a Creative Compass patch!



Amanda Koss, artist and curator



www.gssem.org/compass

Be heard!

Join the Girl Scout Advisory Board (GAB) and become a voice for more than 10,000 Girl Scouts throughout Southeastern Michigan.

As a member on the GAB, expect to:

- Develop innovative programs.
- Acquire valuable leadership skills.
- Proudly represent GSSEM at council events.
- Share creative ideas.
- Pursue your passion for Girl Scouts!



Applications being
accepted August 1 –
September 30, 2025.



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2025 Interfaith Event for CSA: Reuniting the Children of Abraham at the DIA

Saturday, May 17, 2025

Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors are invited to sharpen their creativity and grow their understanding of others while exploring the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA).

Costs: \$12.00 per girl, \$12.00 per adult

Register at www.gssem.org/interfaith25

Registration deadline: May 5
(or until event reaches capacity)

For program questions, please email
the Religious Relationships Committee
at Interfaith@gssem.org.



www.gssem.org/interfaith25



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Your Year of Friendship

- ✓ Cheer on your squad's successes.
- ✓ Bond during a troop sleepover.
- ✓ Find new ways to spread joy.

Celebrate the big moments and look ahead to even more extraordinary ones with your crew. Join us for another exciting year in Girl Scouts!

Troops that renew by June 15th can earn an additional 10 cents on Initial Order cookies if they renew 85% of Girls Scouts and 2 adults!

Earn an additional 5 cents on Initial Order cookies if they renew 75% of Girl Scouts and two adults!



Renew Today

Note: Incentives are not cumulative. Troops can earn on earn one or the other incentive. The initial order includes girls' orders submitted to eBudde before the deadline and does NOT include donated cookies or orders shipped by Digital Cookie. Members who receive financial assistance will not count in the renewal percentage.

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Tough Enough Breakfast 2025

Thursday, September 25

Elevate at One Campus Martius, Detroit



Join GSSEM as we honor the 2025 Tough Enough champions for their impressive leadership and community service. For tickets, sponsorship opportunities or more information visit www.gssem.org/toughenough.



The Honorable Megan Cavanagh,
Michigan Supreme Court Justice



Khali Sweeney,
Founder and CEO,
Downtown Boxing Gym



Telva McGruder,
Executive Director of Global Body
Manufacturing Engineering, General Motors



JoAnn Chávez,
Senior Vice President &
Chief Legal Officer, DTE

TEB Girl Scout Opportunity!

We need Girl Scouts age 15+ tough enough to assist guests with check-in and navigation. Girls will enjoy a complimentary breakfast and a seat during the program. GSSEM will verify volunteer hours.

Contact Anna Dietrich, Director of Individual & Corporate Giving, at adietrich@gssem.org for details.

Girl Scout Gear is Here!

From badges to hats, sweatshirts to signs—GSSEM has everything to make the Girl Scout Journey special!

Shop Online



Shop from anywhere and pick up at one of our convenient office locations!
www.gssem.org/pickup

Shop In-Person



Shop in person at our Council Shop in Clinton Township or the NEW boutique in Southgate!
www.gssem.org/shopinfo





Give Your Troop the Gift of Great Manners!

Daisy Brownie Junior Cadette Senior Ambassador

This is the perfect opportunity for your troop to meet the requirements for their petals, try-it badges or badges while having fun! For more specific class details please visit the website at **www.TheEtiquetteGuru.com** and review the '**Scouts**' section under the **Work With Us** tab for the class content best suited for your troop. Classes will take place wherever/whenever is most convenient for you and please know that we are happy to customize classes to meet your needs. **We are currently booking classes now through the 2026 school year!**

Girl Scout Daisies: 'Traditional Manners' with an emphasis on 'Respect of Self and Others'.

Girl Scout Brownies: The focus of this class is 'Making a Good First Impression', 'Proper Handshakes', 'Friendships' and 'Telephone Manners'.

Girl Scout Juniors: The many and varied aspects of becoming a 'Social Butterfly' are explored...like 'Party Protocol and Poise'.

Girl Scout Cadettes: We discuss 'Verbal/Non-verbal Communication', 'Electronic Etiquette' and 'Social Media Awareness'.

Girl Scout Seniors: 'Business Etiquette' where we discuss 'Interviewing Techniques' and 'Dating Protocol'.

Girl Scout Ambassadors: 'The Dinner Party' with instruction on 'American/Continental Dining Styles' and 'Basic/Formal Dining Situations'.

Please note that the ever-popular 'Dining Etiquette' course is available to any troop regardless of age. This skill is the most publicly obvious and one that will put your child ahead in life when handled properly.

Call The Etiquette Guru, LLC **TODAY**
to schedule your appointment at 1-586-255-9124!

Great Manners Make All the Difference!



313 PRESENTS GIRL SCOUT NIGHTS!



Bring your troop and experience a memorable night out with special discounted tickets just for Girl Scouts and their families. Whether it's bonding with friends or celebrating achievements, Girl Scout Nights with 313 Presents offer an unforgettable way to enjoy top-notch entertainment while creating lasting memories.

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity—secure your troop's spot today!

Visit www.313promos.com/GSSEM to see a list of upcoming shows or call 313.471.3099



DISNEY ON ICE PRESENTS FROZEN & ENCANTO SCOUT NIGHTS

THURSDAY, SEP. 18 | 7:00PM

FRIDAY, SEP. 19 | 7:00PM

SATURDAY, SEP. 20 | 7:00PM



Little Caesars
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Highest Award Take Action Project Elements

Take Action projects require up to five elements. The Girl Scout Gold Award requires all five; the Girl Scout Silver Award requires three; and the Girl Scout Bronze Award requires two. This way, Girl Scouts learn something new and have opportunities to be challenged in different ways as they earn the Bronze, Silver, and then Gold Awards.

	Leadership	Root Cause	Sustainable	Measurable	National and/or Global Link
Bronze Juniors	◆	◆	●		
Silver Cadettes	◆	◆	◆	●	●
Gold Seniors/Ambassadors	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆

◆ Required element ● Introduction of new concept

Learn more at
www.gssem.org/highestawards



Girls in grades 6-12 **join** as a member and get started on a Girl Scout Journey: www.gssem.org/join.

Questions about joining: Contact Customer Care at customercare@gssem.org.

Questions about Highest Awards: Contact Kaylyn Borucki at kborucki@gssem.org.

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Gold Award Girls Scouts change the world!



2024 Young Woman of Distinction
Elizabeth (Lizzie) Cook
Create4Focus

Lizzie's project helps teens with ADHD improve focus and reduce stress through creative activities. She developed new skills in website development, video editing, and social media marketing. Additionally, she learned to effectively manage a team of adults and students to make a difference for teens with ADHD.



Eva Bousho Hammocks
for Happiness

Eva's Gold Award Take Action project involved installing sustainable hammock stands to provide long-term health benefits for her community for years to come. Through this project, she learned to ask for help and build a team to achieve her goals.



Sage Johnson
Encouraging Medical Minds of the Future

Sage collaborated with volunteers and medical professionals to create four team-building projects for young students, introducing them to the medical industry. Her Gold Award journey taught Sage that with creativity and community support, ideas can become meaningful change.

Celebrating Women of Courage, Confidence and Character



www.gssem.org/gold

Congratulations to GSSEM's 2025 Gold Award Girl Scouts

Using everything they've learned as a Girl Scout to solve a problem in their community or make a lasting change in their world, these young women have achieved Gold Award ranking, the highest award a Girl Scout can earn.

GSSEM is proud to recognize and honor these young women who making the world a better place:

Abigail Taylor – Seeing the Invisible

Alessa Atallah – Saving Student Athletes

Ava Bunao – On the Spot: Community First-Aid Awareness for Outdoor Recreation

Daphne Palmer – Creating a Public Library Seed Library

Emma Beach – Pumping Paws: Increasing Canine Blood Donations

Hailee Milmine – Bringing Music to the Community

Jessica Leicht – Robotics Outreach for Girls

Kayli Nieset – Sensory Path of Autism Programs

Madalynne Honeycutt – Stand Up, Speak Up, Report

Malana Mentier – Home Improvement- Foster Care

Sonja Dunlap – Literacy: Libraries, Access and the Community

Uma Ludwig – Basket for Beaches



The Real Deal – Volunteers!

Volunteers are what make Girl Scouts such an amazing organization. We could not do all the wonderful things we do without the skills, talents and hard work of our volunteers and partners. Their generosity is essential to our mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character.

GSSEM celebrated volunteers in two ways during Volunteer Appreciation Month. Volunteers enjoyed self care activities at the annual volunteer appreciation mixers, including massages and make-your-own natural balms and tinctures. GSSEM annually honors volunteers nominated for Volunteer National Awards, along with community and business partners who receive the Friend of Girl Scouting Award.

Do you know a volunteer who goes above and beyond for Girl Scouts? Nominate them for a Volunteer National award at www.gssem.org/nominate or submit their name for a Volunteer Spotlight in our GIRLTalk Blog at www.gssem.org/spotlight.



Ready to volunteer? We'd love to have you. Find out how sharing yourself can make a positive impact on so many people in your community. www.gssem.org/volunteer



Rally On!

Rallyhood is your one-stop shop for all things Girl Scouts! Use Rallyhood to:

- Get information from GSSEM on meetings, activity plans, important documents, program dates, and more.
- View upcoming troop dates and ask questions on the troop's message wall.
- Organize highest awards projects and mobilize the community.



No matter how you're involved in the Girl Scout movement, you can join Rallyhood to get connected! Find more information on Rallyhood, including a catalog of all GSSEM Hubs and Rallies at www.gssem.org/rallyhood.



Need help accessing Rallyhood? Contact the GSSEM Volunteer Experience team at volunteerexp@gssem.org.

New this summer: Rallyhood is coming to camp! Caregivers can use Rallyhood to keep up with their Girl Scout at summer camp! Caregivers of campers will have access to updates and photos of camp activities in Rallies specific to each camp session.



Wrapping Up the Year

Finish the Girl Scout year strong with these reminders and tips!

- ☐ Register today for the 2026 membership year!
- ☐ Find some summer fun at www.gssem.org/calendar.
- ☐ Explore leadership opportunities by joining GSSEM's Girl Advisory Board or Mackinac Island Scout Service Program—or by becoming a council delegate.
- ☐ Celebrate your troop's accomplishments with a court of awards ceremony. You could combine it with a bridging ceremony!
- ☐ Learn about the next grade level with Grade Level Essentials training on gsLearn. Visit www.gssem.org/learning to access these courses.
- ☐ Prepare for fall with ideas from a Short & Snappy training.
- ☐ Complete the annual troop finance report by June 21 and share the final report with caregivers.
- ☐ Plan a mid-summer meet up with your troop for a day of fun and friendship. Check out www.gssem.org/events for ideas.
- ☐ Update your troop's Rally on Rallyhood. Don't have a troop Rally? Email volunteerexp@gssem.org to request one.
- ☐ Register for the 2026 Membership Year Kickoff at www.gssem.org/kickoff.



Important Volunteer Resources

Visit www.gssem.org/newleaders for a complete at-a-glance web page for new and returning troop leaders.

Volunteer Essentials: This valuable guide includes information about engaging girls, safety requirements, managing finances and policies. Check it out at www.gssem.org/veguide.

Safety Activity Checkpoints: Everything you need to know to keep girls safe while having fun is available at www.gssem.org/safety.

Case Management System: Anytime you submit a form via www.gssem.org/contact, a case is created. It will then be viewed by multiple staff members to ensure your inquiry is resolved quickly resolved.

Short & Snappy: Short & Snappies are interactive, online trainings to help you boost your Girl Scout knowledge with a run time of 15 minutes or less available on gsLearn. For instructions on how to access gsLearn and to view a list of all GSSEM training offerings, visit www.gssem.org/learning.

Rallyhood User Guide: Rallyhood has user guides available to help you use Rallyhood to its fullest potential. Download the guides on the GSSEM Rallyhood Success Center in Rallyhood. Visit www.rallyhood.com to get started!

Have a question and need to contact us? Visit www.gssem.org/staff.

What Volunteers Need to Know about Troop Finances

Bank Account: All troops need to establish a bank account with two unrelated, background checked adult signers for collection of payments for troop supplies and activities. Check out the Troop Banking Information at www.gssem.org/bankaccount.

Financial Assistance: Financial assistance is provided to make sure ALL girls and adults can participate in Girl Scouting. Any member needing financial assistance for membership can request it during the online registration process. Other financial assistance exists for books, badges, uniforms, and programs. The Financial Assistance application can be found at www.gssem.org/fa.

Money-Earning Activities: The Cookie Program is the primary money-earning activity for a troop. You can also request a limited number of additional fundraising activities. The Money-Earning Project Request form can be found at www.gssem.org/moneyearning.

Reporting and Receipts: Every troop should report out the troop finances to parents at least three times a year. Volunteers also submit a financial report to GSSEM every year by June 21.



Properly managing troop finances is essential for Troop Leaders and Troop Treasurers! The Managing Troop Finances training can be found on gsLearn, and the Finance Report Short & Snappy at www.gssem.org/financetraining will help you be a good steward of troop funds.

Girl Scouts: Share your story!

Girls and parents are invited to submit their stories for a chance to be featured on GSSEM's social media and blog!

Girl Scouts are busy doing amazing things as a troop, individually, and in their communities. Many activities involve earning a Highest Award, while others focus on helping others.

Doing what LEADERS do best

Our i-weekly e-newsletter gives troop leaders essential information on troop management and a schedule of various helpful training courses. Keep up to date on important events and activities, delivered to your inbox twice a month. If you don't already get the Leaders newsletter in your inbox, let us know at customer care@gssem.org.



Share your Story!

www.gssem.org/shareyourstory



Stay CONNECTED

Have you seen the Girl Talk blog yet?
www.gssem.org/girltalk
Or "Liked" GSSEM on Facebook?

We're always being social, so make sure to check us out! @GSSEM



GSSEM Locations

GSSEM is the provider of premier leadership experiences for girls all over southeast Michigan. We serve more than 21,000 girls and adults in Oakland, Macomb, Genesee, Lapeer, St. Clair, Sanilac, and parts of Wayne, Monroe, and Livingston Counties. For the most up-to-date information about what's happening at GSSEM, visit www.gssem.org.

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