

In the Know

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Your Year of

Friendship

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Letter from the CEO

Check
it out!

Share Your Girl Scout Story

Whether it's a Girl Scout story, a Troop experience, a feel good story, highlighting a volunteer who has gone above and beyond, pictures surrounding Cookie Season, a Girl Scout event, participating in one of our many incredible programs, or any Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award projects!

[Share Your Girl Scout Story](#)

We look forward to reading all of your stories and showcasing more of your hard work as a Girl Scout!

Summer is here!

While kids often look forward to a more relaxed summer schedule, caregivers can experience additional stress trying to find meaningful activities to fill the days. The good news is that the Girl Scout Leadership Experience doesn't take a vacation.

You'll see here, in the June issue of In The Know, that there are many opportunities for Girl Scouts to continue to learn and grow with their troops, or on their own. These activities range from outdoor exploration to engineering workshops.

There are many benefits to Girl Scouting, and the most notable are the five key outcomes of participation.

They are:

- Strong sense of self
- Positive values
- Challenge seeking
- Healthy relationships
- Community problem solving

All our programs are designed with these outcomes in mind because we know the benefits will have a long-term impact, for years beyond graduation from Girl Scouts.

We at Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore are committed to creating and sustaining meaningful community partnerships that make it possible for us to offer a broad cross section of dynamic programs throughout the year, including during the summer months.

As you work toward patches and badges, and enjoy the beauty of Michigan summer, please share your photos and videos with us so that we can celebrate all that our Girl Scouts do to make the world a better place.

In gratitude,

Vivian TerMaat
CEO at GSMISTS



Month of June

Hello June!

Summertime adventures are just around the corner! This newsletter is packed with exciting Girl Scout activities that will make this summer unforgettable. From stargazing and camping to learning all about electrical engineering, get ready for a summer of fun, friendships, and making lifelong memories with your troop!

Patches to Earn in June



Love the Outdoors Challenge
[Learn more](#)



D.I.V.E.R.S.I.T.Y. Patch
[Learn more](#)



Programs On Demand
[Learn more](#)

To Do List

- Turn in Troop Finance Report
- Register for Fall Kickoff (see page 3)
- Share a troop or Girl Scout story with GSMISTS! (see page 1)
- Renew your troop by June 30 to receive a free patch!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Finance Reports Due (See pg 4)	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Last Chance For Whitecaps Tickets (See pg 8)
11	12	13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Juneteenth		Summer Begins			
25	26	27	28 July ITK Sent	29	30 Early Renewal Ends (See pg 4)	

Register for Fall Kickoff today!



We are excited to invite troop leaders and Service Unit team members to our Fall Kickoff event! As the backbone of our Girl Scout community, your dedication and leadership make a significant impact on the lives of our future leaders.

This event is designed to equip you with the tools and resources needed for a successful year of Girl Scouting. Hear from a special guest speaker, connect with fellow leaders, and gain valuable insights from your GSMISTS staff. Lunch will be provided.

Session One

1 workshop
per round

- Service Unit Director & Scorecard
- Celebrating Volunteers
- Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion
- Troop Finances & Fund Development

Session Two

1 workshop
per round

- Older Girl & High Awards
- Supporting New Leaders
- Council Delegates
- The Power of Programs

Session Three

1 workshop
per round

- Empowering Girl Scouts through Marketing
- Product Program Management
- Badge Possibilities & Volunteer Toolkit

Session Four

1 workshop
per round

- Finance Reports Q&A
- Growing Your Troop and Service Unit
- Looker Basics

Event Details

Date

August 19, 2023

Time

Check-in: 9:30 am - 10:00 am
Programming, Lunch, and
Sessions: 10:00 am - 2:25 pm

Location

The Frauenthal Center
425 W Western Ste 200
Muskegon, Mi 49440

Registration Deadline

Registration closes August 10
or when maximum event
capacity has been reached.

REGISTER



Spring Renewal is here!

Early Renewal - There is still time to renew for Membership Year 2024. Don't miss out on this adorable Early Renewal patch.

Renew by June 30 and receive the patch for free.

Renew today at www.gsmists.org/renew

Finance Reports due June 1

Need information on how to complete your troop's Finance Report?

[Check out the training!](#)

Passcode: #.4zyu!%



Girl Scouts Love State Parks 2023 | September 9 - 10

Girl Scouts Love State Parks is back for another exciting weekend this September. With your troop or as a family, celebrate Michigan State Parks with activities at your favorite local state parks.

If you are interested in hosting an activity at a State Park in your area contact your Community Membership Manager for details on how you can get involved.



Cookie Program

Thanks to everyone who participated in the 2023 Cookie Season and congratulations on your adaptability, dedication, and enthusiasm throughout this season.

All rewards have been delivered including all the Higher-Level rewards ordered through Amazon.



MY23 Super Sellers

The Super Seller Day Experience was a success. We enjoyed a delicious meal at the Melting Pot followed by an active exploration of the Fredrick Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park.

Congratulations to our ten 2023 Goal Getter winners for their exceptional work and dedication to going above and beyond. Winners were sent their Gift Cards for a Pizza Party to celebrate. The winners are listed below.

Clara, Troop 4484 Olivia, Troop 8307

Olivia, Troop 4534 Ellis, Troop 8377

Olivia, Troop 4763 Liliah, Troop 8582

Neela, Troop 4876 Bria, Troop 8712

Elaina, Troop 8263

Madalyn, Troop 8264

**Great
job Girl
Scouts!**

Goal Getter forms need to be filled out completely and with accurate customer orders to be eligible for entry. Incomplete and blank forms could not be included.

Fall Product Program



The 2023 Fall Program Mascot is the Ocelot Cat and the theme is “Own your Magic”!

Ocelots are on the brink of extinction due mostly to habitat destruction.

Ocelot Fun Facts

- Ocelots are members of the cat family.
- Female ocelots weigh 14.5 to 25 pounds while the males weigh 15 to 34 pounds.
- They are nocturnal and typically hunt at night for small rodents.
- Ocelots can be found from southern Texas to northern Argentina.
- Ocelots prefer to live in areas with dense forest cover and water sources. This can include tropical forests, mangrove swamps, and savannas.

Important Information

- Two new items are Cheddar Caramel Crunch and Thai Chili Mix.
- We will also have an updated “New” Girl Scout tin filled with Mint Treasures.
- Training is set for September 5 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm but will be recorded and sent out to all Troop Volunteers and available on our website for anytime viewing.
- The Fall Program season will start September 29 and run until October 23.



Volunteer Information

Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED Blended Learning | Grand Rapids

This course will prepare you to recognize and care for a variety of first aid, breathing, and cardiac emergencies involving adults, children, and infants. This is a blended learning course including an online portion and an instructor-led classroom skill session. Upon successful completion of course Volunteers will receive a digital certificate for Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED valid for two years.

Aug 6

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Red Cross Certification

\$45

[Register](#)

Registration closes July 30 or when maximum event capacity has been reached.

Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED Blended Learning brought to you by:

FERRIS STATE
UNIVERSITY



MILLER
JOHNSON
Attorneys



Youth Mental Health First Aider Training | Virtual

GSMISTS is excited to partner with the National Council for Behavioral Mental Health to offer our volunteers Youth Mental Health First Aid. This training includes information on how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among children and adolescents ages 12-18. This training involves pre-work which must be completed prior to the event date. The times listed are for the virtual, live instructor led portion of the training.

Aug 20

1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Free

[Register](#)

Registration closes August 6 or when maximum event capacity has been reached.

gsLearn Course: Delivering Inclusive Program gsLearn Course

Being inclusive really matters. Practice using inclusive and equitable language to support girls. Volunteers, take this 20-minute training by logging into gsLearn through your MY GS account.



Programming



DBJCSA

Girl Scout Night with the West Michigan Whitecaps | Grand Rapids

Come to LMCU Ballpark and enjoy a special night as the Whitecaps recognize Girl Scouts, family, and friends. All Girl Scouts and their families will have the opportunity to participate in an on-field parade lap. Stick around for post-game fireworks to wrap up the evening!

Girl Scouts, Family, and Friends

Jun 10

Game starts at 7:05 pm

\$15 - \$20

[Purchase Tickets](#)



Save the Date!

2023 Girl Scout Leadership Conference

Saturday, October 21 at the Frederik Meijer Garden & Sculpture Park

Save the Date–Oct 21! Girl Scout Leadership Conference | Grand Rapids

Join us at GSMISTS Girl Scout Leadership Conference. Girl Scouts in 5th-12th grades will engage in small group mentoring, make new friends, and earn a patch all while learning how to launch their future.

New for 2023!

- New women mentors representing a variety of fields and industries.
- New location - stay after the conference and enjoy Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park.
- New programming for attending Girl Scout Volunteers. Learn more about the opportunities available for Girl Scout Cadettes-Ambassadors, enjoy roundtable discussions with other Girl Scout volunteers and GSMISTS staff, and amplify your own leadership abilities.

[More Information](#)

STEM Careers Badge - Think Like an Engineer | Virtual

J C

Have you ever wondered why your lights flicker during a storm? Have you noticed an electrical substation near your neighborhood? Learn how electricity impacts your daily life during this live Zoom workshop. Girl Scouts will work with a professional electrical engineer and a female member of the VicTreeFi team (who also was a former electrician's apprentice) to learn about how electricity impacts their lives. Girl Scouts will act as members of an electrical engineering team to solve common electrical problems during this workshop. This workshop is open to Junior and Cadette Girl Scouts from across the country. Girl Scouts will earn the STEM Career Exploration badge, mailed to participants upon completion.

Juniors & Cadettes

Jun 11

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

\$20

[Register](#)

Registration closes June 6 or when maximum event capacity has been reached.

Community Camp Weekends | Greenville

D B J C S A

Community Camp Weekends are opportunities for Girl Scout troops and Juliettes to come together and share a weekend of sisterhood, camp activities, and relaxation in the outdoors with fellow GSMISTS members. No two community camp weekends will be the same – activities vary by what troops bring to share! Participating troops and cabins will be tasked with planning an activity to share with fellow campers to enjoy during the weekend.

Daisies - Ambassadors

Jul 14 - Jul 16

\$20

[Register](#)

Daisies - Ambassadors

Aug 11 - Aug 13

\$20

[Register](#)

Cadettes - Ambassadors

Sep 15 - Sep 17

\$20

[Register](#)

Registration closes 1st of the month for each respective program or when capacity has been reached.

Plan Your Own Campout!

Plan your own summer adventure with your troop and experience camping in cabins, yurts, or even pop-up tents!

[LEARN MORE](#)



First Aid & Safety Pin Workshops | Traverse City

D B J

Each program focuses on the unique safety and first aid requirements by Girl Scout level. Discover safety measures you can take to protect yourselves and your family from harm, then put your knowledge to use through hands activities and exercises. Cost includes earned awards.

Daisies & Brownies

Jun 24

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

\$50

[Register](#)

Registration closes June 11 or when maximum event capacity has been reached.

Juniors

Jun 24

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

\$50

[Register](#)

Registration closes June 11 or when maximum event capacity has been reached.

Super Sitter! Babysitter Training | Traverse City

C S A

Through interactive demonstrations and hands-on skills stations, Girl Scouts will learn everything they need to know to keep little ones from infancy through school age safe and happy while their primary caregivers are away. Cost includes American Red Cross completion certificate, Super Sitter! Kit, and earned Babysitter badge for Cadettes.

Cadettes - Ambassadors Jun 25 10:00 am - 5:00 pm \$95 [Register](#)

Registration closes June 11 or when maximum event capacity has been reached.

Getting Into Character-Playing the Past Badge Workshop | Virtual

J

Earn the Junior Playing in the Past badge in a live online workshop. Girl Scouts will put their acting and creative skills to work to become a historical figure. Research a famous person who made an impact in the past, get creative to create a costume to represent that person, and practice writing and acting like the figure! The workshop will be held over Zoom and is open to Junior Girl Scouts from across the country. By completing this workshop, Junior Girl Scouts will earn the Playing the Past badge, mailed home to participants upon completion.

Juniors Jun 25 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm \$20 [Register](#)

Registration closes June 18 or when maximum event capacity has been reached.

Girl Scouts Learn to Play Tennis! | Gaylord

B J C S A

Take to the courts and try your hand at the fast-paced, fun filled sport of tennis. This exclusive Girl Scout workshop is facilitated by a team of tennis instructors from the Otsego County Sportsplex. All equipment and supplies provided - and Girl Scouts will receive a tennis patch to take home! Rain date of Sunday, July 9 from 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm if weather influences the program.

Brownies - Ambassadors Jul 8 10:00 am - 11:30 am \$10 [Register](#)

Registration closes June 25 or when maximum event capacity has been reached.

Planning a Fundraiser & Entrepreneurship Badges | Virtual

J C

In this 2-part virtual workshop, Girl Scouts will learn how to fundraise for good and earn entrepreneurship badges in the process. During the first meeting, Girl Scouts will determine which charitable cause they would like to support. Then, Girl Scouts will create a budget and a fundraising plan, take their plan into their communities, and put it into action to support a local charitable organization. Junior Girl Scouts will earn the My Money Plan badge and Cadette Girl Scouts will earn the My Money Habits badge. Earned badges mailed to participants upon completion.

Juniors & Cadettes Jul 9 and Jul 16 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm \$40 [Register](#)

Registration closes July 4 or when maximum event capacity has been reached.

Stay up to date!

Stay up to date on all GSMISTS trainings by visiting our online [Event Calendar](#)

Flower Badge Workshops with Lavender Hill Farm | Boyne City

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Discover Lavender Hill Farm, one of the prettiest places in northern Michigan. Girl Scouts will make a small bouquet, try lavender lemonade fizz, and eat lavender cookies while learning all about flowers! Complete the steps of the Junior Flower Badge!

Juniors

Jul 14

10:00 am - 11:30 am

\$25

[Register](#)

Juniors

Jul 21

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

\$25

[Register](#)

Registration closes one week prior to the event or when maximum event capacity has been reached.

Gold Award Trainings | Virtual

S A

The GSMISTS Gold Award training is required before girls begin working on their Gold Award. This training will walk the girls through the process of working in Go Gold On-line, requirements and expectations for the Gold Award project and time to answer questions girls may have.

Seniors & Ambassadors

Jul 16

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Free

[Register](#)

Registration closes July 9 or when maximum event capacity has been reached.

Moneyville Summer Camp - Multi-Badge Live Zoom Day Camp | Virtual

J C S

Join VicTreeFi's Moneyville Team for the Moneyville Summer Camp for Girl Scouts! During this five-day camp, Girl Scouts from across the country will meet daily on Zoom to earn a new badge! On the final day, Girl Scouts will create their own patch to commemorate their time at Moneyville Summer Camp! Cost includes all earned badges and program supplies.

- Monday: Acting Famous
- Tuesday: Coding 4-1-1
- Wednesday: Create a Comic Book
- Thursday: Oyster Art
- Friday: Create Your Own Patch

Juniors - Seniors

Jul 17 - 21

11:30 am - 12:30 pm

\$150

[Register](#)

Registration closes July 9 or when maximum event capacity has been reached.

Girl Scout Adventures in Aviation | Grand Rapids

J C S A

GSMISTS has partnered with the Michigan chapters of EAA Young Eagles to offer a one-of-a-kind workshop. Alongside pilots and aviation experts, Girl Scouts will explore aviation careers, Aerotech science, and more. Join us for a workshop and take home a patch that shows the sky is the limit!

Rising 4th graders - Ambassadors

Aug 5

8:00 am - 11:30 am

Grand Rapids

\$12

[Register](#)

Registration closes July 23 or when maximum event capacity has been reached.

Journey Through a Life in Space Day Camp | Grand Rapids

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Girl Scout Juniors are invited to join Van Andel Institute for Education for a week of fun that's out of this world! Earn the Space Science Investigator badge as you discover how the human body works differently in space, gain an understanding of the dangers associated with space travel, learn about what robots can do for humans in space, and much more!

Camp activities include:

- Build a scale model of our solar system.
- Build foam rockets and launch them into your solar system.
- Exercise like an astronaut.
- Discover the effect of microgravity on your body.
- Design part of an astronaut suit to stay safe in space.
- See the effect of meteors and micrometeoroids on spacecrafts.
- Talk with an expert from NASA about their work.
- Design a prototype of a robotic arm to pick objects up in space.

Juniors

Jul 31 - Aug 3

\$80

9:00 am -11:30 am

[Register](#)

Juniors

Jul 31 - Aug 3

\$80

1:00 pm -3:30 pm

[Register](#)

Registration closes July 27 or when maximum event capacity has been reached.

General Program Information

Girl Scout Tree Promise – Plant, Protect, and Honor Trees

In 2021, GSUSA launched a bold tree planting and conservation initiative for Girl Scouts to take 5 million actions to address climate change by planting, protecting, and honoring trees to support wildlife conservation and ease the negative effects of climate change. From Girl Scout Daisies to Ambassadors, to adult members and partners, every member and friend of Girl Scouts is being asked to join in this five-year initiative. [Learn more](#)

Michigan Big Tree Hunt

Join ReLeaf Michigan and participate in the Michigan Big Tree Hunt. Founded in 1993 to celebrate our state's beauty, this activity is a creative and fun way to gather information about Michigan's biggest trees. All age groups are encouraged to get out and join the hunt! [Learn more](#)

Citizen Science with SciStarter

From forest diversity to invasive species, support a citizen science project with your Girl Scout Tree Promise. [Learn more](#)

Michigan DNR Conservation Stewardship Award

The Conservation Stewardship Award was created to honor Girl Scouts who make a commitment to participating with the DNR in stewardship of Michigan's natural resources. By completing activities and other Girl Scouts achievements and providing conservation stewardship service hours, Brownies and Juniors can earn a stewardship patch and Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors are eligible to earn a stewardship medal. [Learn more](#)

Shop

Service Centers

Curbside pickup is available upon request.

Grand Rapids

Monday: 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Tuesday: 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Wednesday: 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Thursday: 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Friday: Shop Closed
(closed 12:30 pm-1:30 pm)

Muskegon

Wednesday 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
(closed 12:30 pm-1:30 pm)

Traverse City

Tuesday 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
(closed 12:30 pm-1:30 pm)

[Online shop is always available](#)

Muskegon and Traverse City Shop Sale!

We want you to meet the newest members of our team! Stop in to the Muskegon shop and meet Janet or the Traverse City shop to meet Jennifer.

Say “Hi” and receive 15% off your entire order.

*Excludes custom orders and cookies
Sale ends June 30, 2023

CHARM IT!

Empower Girl Scouts to express themselves with the CHARM IT! collections!

**Buy 10 CHARM IT!
GET 1 FREE**



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Our three Service Centers are not only shops, but also places to connect with GSMISTS staff members, hold meetings, and participate in events. Call one of our Customer Care Specialists with any questions.

Grand Rapids

3275 Walker Avenue NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49544
Telephone: 616.784.3341

Muskegon

1201 E. River Road
Muskegon, MI 49445
Telephone: 231.744.4774

Traverse City

1820 Oak Hollow Drive
Traverse City, MI 49686
Telephone: 231.947.7354