

Shore Shout Out

Summer Edition

May 2023



Your Year of

Friendship

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Adult Recognition Ceremony

The 2023 Annual Meeting & Adult Recognition Ceremony was a huge success and one of the highest-attended ceremonies GSMISTS in years! It was a special day spent reflecting on the past year and recognizing and honoring the incredible volunteers and board members of the Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore. The growth we are seeing is thanks to everyone choosing to strive for excellence and we hope you feel as proud to be a part of this council, as we are to have you.



Girl Recognition Ceremony

On Sunday, May 7 we gathered together for the Girl Recognition Ceremony and the energy in the room was electric, it truly felt like a big family reunion. We spent the afternoon honoring graduating Girl Scouts, those who have been dedicated Girl Scouts for 10 and 13 consecutive years, and celebrating our Bronze, Silver, and five exceptional Gold Award Girl Scouts. Congratulations to all our Girl Scouts on their hard work to be leaders within their communities, making the world a better place!



Top Cookie Sellers



**Arianna,
Troop 8264**

3077 Boxes Sold



Saige, Troop 8125
3047 Boxes Sold



Makayla, Troop 30025
2652 Boxes Sold



Sofie, Troop 4786
2537 Boxes Sold



Gentry, Troop 8264
2523 Boxes Sold

**Great job,
Girl Scouts!**

Fall Program

The 2023 Fall Program is already being planned with a start date of September 29 and end date of October 23.

Two new items are being offered.

This year's mascot is the Ocelot and the theme is "Own your Magic"!



Important Information

Rewards and Bonuses

Rewards have been ordered and are scheduled to arrive to the SUPPM's by Mid-May.

Higher Level Rewards have been ordered and will arrive via Amazon delivery. Tent bundles will come through Walmart.

Cookie Dough

Online Cookie Dough has been sent to all parents with codes to spend. Enter the code at checkout in the Gift Certificate field, not the promo code field.



Your Year of Friendship



Don't miss out on another exciting year with Girl Scouts!

The memories you've made in Girl Scouts are meaningful and special. You've helped your neighbors, embraced the outdoors, learned new things, and made forever friends, but that's only the beginning! There's so much more to explore with your Girl Scout crew. Sign up for another year today and keep the discovery going.

Let's get excited for ON TIME renewal!

Renew your membership by October 1, 2023 and qualify to purchase the MY24 exclusive on time Girl Scout T-shirt and/or Bucket Hat.

We're hiring!

**Membership Recruitment
Manager | Traverse City**

**Membership Recruitment
Manager | Muskegon**

**New Troop Start-Up Specialist
| Grand Rapids**

[View positions >>](#)

Volunteer With Us

Small Craft Safety Training | Greenville

Learn and practice small craft safety! This training permits GS volunteers to facilitate canoeing and kayaking with their Girl Scouts.

Please note, this is a HYBRID training. Completion of this course involves:

1. Completing gsLearn video modules (Approximately 30 min in length)
2. Passing online exam prior to in-person training (80% or higher) (approximately 30 minutes total test time)
3. Successfully completing the in-person training and skills assessment with GSMISTS

Participants must demonstrate: Swimming ability, shore-based rescues, on-water rescues, self-rescues, and supported rescues for other boaters. This training is valid for 2 years after completion.

Jun 3

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

\$60

[Register](#)

Registration closes May 29 or when maximum event capacity has been reached.

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:

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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 Aug 6 or when maximum event capacity has been reached.

gsLearn Training available for Resilient. Ready. Strong. Patch Program

The Girl Scouts: Resilient. Ready. Strong. patch will build girls' inner strength, so they are ready for anything! This 15-minute course for troop leaders and adult volunteers will review activities that work for all grade levels, as well as provide reflective questions for discussion with girls, and links to additional resources. Access gsLearn through your MY GS account.

Save the Date November 10-12: OWLS Adult Resource Weekend | Betsy Cutler House, Muskegon

Spend the weekend with Girl Scout Leaders and Volunteers sharing, learning, and laughing. Keep your eyes on [GSMISTS Event Calendar](#) for more information. Registration opens on October 1.



Stay up to date!

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

Outdoors

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 Jun 16 - Jun 18 \$20 [Register](#)

Daisies - Ambassadors Jul 14 - Jul 16 \$20 [Register](#)

Daisies - Ambassadors Aug 11 - Aug 13 \$20 [Register](#)

Cadettes - Ambassadors Sep 15 - Sep 17 \$17 [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



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.

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.



Get ready for a summer of outdoor fun and adventure! The 4th annual Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge begins at the end of May and ends with Girl Scouts Love State Parks weekend on September 10. Summer is the perfect time to celebrate our love of the outdoors. Choose from a variety of activities to earn a FREE patch! Share your summer fun by tagging #GSMISTSoutdoors and have the chance to be featured on GSMISTS social media!

[Learn More](#)

Save the Date!

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.



Michigan DNR Conservation Stewardship Award

D B J C S A

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](#)

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

D B J C S A

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. [Check out our Tree Promise Landing Page.](#)

Michigan Big Tree Hunt

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Citizen Science with SciStarter

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



Life Skills



First Aid & Safety Pin Workshops | Multiple

D B J

Hosted by Michigan Born & Raised, 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.

Super Sitter! Babysitter Training | Multiple

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

Traverse City

[Register](#)

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D B J

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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](#)

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Machine Sewing Workshops | Grand Rapids

B J C

Introduce your Girl Scouts to the lifelong skill of sewing! The Common Thread Studio offers Girl Scouts the opportunity to acquire an independent skill while learning together in community. Girl Scouts will learn machine sewing while also creating homemade pins and/or pom poms to decorate their newly made tote bags.

Brownies - Cadettes

Jun 10

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

\$45

[Register](#)

Registration closes May 28 or when maximum event capacity has been reached.

Getting Into Character-Playing the Past Badge Workshop | Virtual

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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.



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

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.

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](#)

or

1:00 pm -3:30 pm

[Register](#)

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

Stargazer's Camp: Into the Night | Alpena

C S A

Come explore the night sky during this overnight event! Travel to the Rockport Dark Sky Preserve to watch the Perseids Meteor Shower and complete steps towards your Space Science badge.

Cadettes - Ambassadors

Aug 12 - 13

\$25

[Register](#)

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

Girl Scout Adventures in Aviation | Multiple Locations

J C S A

GSMISTS has partnered with the Michigan chapters of EAA Young Eagles and the Ninety-Nines to offer one-of-a-kind workshops. 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 30 or when maximum event capacity has been reached.

Rising 4th graders - Ambassadors

Sep 9

8:30 am -11:30 am

Traverse City

\$12

[Register](#)

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

Schedule your own Science Sails in Northern Michigan | Suttons Bay

Inland Seas Education Association provides authentic science inquiry experiences for all ages. Programs can be easily adapted to meet badge requirements of troops, and affordable dorm spaces are available with a shared lounge and kitchenette for overnight experiences. Enjoy a bonfire by the Bay, share a movie night, or invite ISEA to facilitate an evening program. [Learn More](#)



Entrepreneurship

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.

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 Fun and Service Opportunities

Girl Scout Night with the West Michigan Whitecaps | Grand Rapids

D B J C S A

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!

All Girl Scouts, Family, and Friends

Jun 10

Game starts at 7:05 pm

\$15 - \$20

[Purchase Tickets](#)

Girl Scout Night with the Pit Spitters | Traverse City

DBJCSA

Join your fellow GSMISTS members for an evening at Turtle Creek Stadium. This year's Girl Scout night includes special ticket combos for GSMISTS members, family, and friends, PLUS the opportunity for Girl Scouts to camp overnight on the field!

All Girl Scouts, Family, and Friends

Aug 4

Game starts at 7:05 pm

\$17 - \$23.50

[Purchase Tickets by August 1](#)

[Activity & Trip Applications](#) for camping after the game must be submitted to GSMISTS by July 4.

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

May is used as a time by those of Asian and Pacific Islander heritage to amplify their voices and concerns, as well as to share their cultural pride. A rather broad term, Asian and Pacific Islander traditionally refers to those who have origins in the East, Southeast, and/or the Indian subcontinent of Asia, as well as the Pacific islands of Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia.

[Learn more](#)

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

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

[Resilient. Ready. Strong. Activity Guide \(All grade levels\)](#)

May is National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month

The Food Allergy Research and Education (FARE) is the world's leading food allergy advocacy organization and the largest private funder of food allergy research. The Food Allergy Awareness Patch Program requirements give Girl Scouts the opportunity to learn about life with food allergies, with an emphasis on raising awareness of the public health issue.

[FARE Food Allergy Awareness Patch Program](#)



Highest Awards

Gold Award Trainings | Virtual

SA

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.

Meet Our Gold Award Girl Scouts

The Gold Award recognizes the extraordinary and outstanding accomplishments of girls making a difference in their community and looking at the impact their project has on a local, national, or even global scale. The process to become a Gold Award Girl Scout starts with a girl either earning the Girl Scout Silver Award and completing one Girl Scout Senior or Ambassador journey or completing two Senior or Ambassador journeys. Next, the girl identifies a need or concern she is passionate about. Then she develops a Take Action Project that addresses the underlying cause of the need or concern.



Caydence Pawloski | Musical Sensory Garden

Noticing very few school playgrounds provide children with disabilities places to go that stimulate their senses or offer a relaxing place to be, Caydence wanted her Gold Award Project to address this gap in resources for her local community. Sensory and musical sensory gardens add to the development and senses of children so she set out to research, plan, and implement a sensory garden for the over 300 students with special education needs at Lowell Public Schools. Caydence worked to educate school staff, parents, and community members on this great addition to the school and identify the positive impact these gardens can provide students.



Molly Potts | Load 'Em Up With Ease

In handling animals at the Berlin Fair, Molly noticed the setup left room for improvement concerning the safety of the handlers and the animals. Molly identified that a chute would allow for a more effective way to move large numbers of animals. With a chute available, the animals are less stressed during transport making it safer for the animals and the handlers as well. She worked to raise the funds to purchase a loading chute – a piece of farming equipment that costs over \$6,000.00. She provided education and demonstrations to Berlin Fair Board Members, volunteers, and spectators.



Makayla Socall | Shedding a Light on Healthy Eating Through Gardening

Identifying the increasing rate of adverse health impact, Makayla worked to incorporate more education and activities around nutrition. She provided an educational component in her education series and got second grade students at her elementary school involved in understanding healthy eating habits as well as planting and growing vegetables. Second graders at the school grew their own lettuce as an exercise to put their knowledge to use.



Jocelyn Tolliver | Addressing (dis) ABILITY

Observing the importance of inclusion of everyone in her community, Jocelyn noticed there were opportunities for her to make a positive impact to improve education about adults and children who are disabled in the Grand Haven area. She coordinated a community event at a local playground, the Imagination Station, to provide education about adults and children that have a disability and how community members can better support them. Jocelyn worked to get the Imagination Station added to the barrier free park list to help notify community members and tourists of this great recreation area for all to enjoy.



Emma Wahlberg | Wetland Fringe Enhancement Project

Rain gardens are one way that Emma saw to improve water pollution; a cause she champions to ensure this natural resource in our Michigan communities is protected. She worked hard to identify a leading cause of the water pollution, research resolutions, empower others through education and communication. Emma demonstrated what it takes to create the rain garden, the benefits of the gardens, as well as a how-to guide others to build their own.



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the world.

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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](#)

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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.

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Sale ends June 30, 2023**





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.

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