

The last few months have been busy at Council! We hosted seven weeks of summer camp during June and July, held our Bridging Savannah's Bridge event on June 10, attended Girl Scouts' National Convention in Orlando the week of July 17, kicked off Operation Go Get Her (OGGH), our membership recruitment, in July, and held our More Than Cookies fundraising event in Macon on August 17. I recently attended a reception for the new superintendent of the Savannah Chatham County Public School System. I was thrilled to find out Superintendent Denise Watts is a Girl Scout alum, still has her sashes and pins, and credits Girl Scouts with getting her where she is today! Every time I participate in events or activities like these, I am reminded about the amazing impact Girl Scouts has and the wonderful people who support us!

If you haven't heard already, Betsy Connell, our Senior Director of Programs, retired this August. Betsy had been a full-time staff with Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia for 17 years and did an amazing job leading our program team. I am thrilled to let you know Betsy is staying involved with Girl Scouts on a part-time basis working on special projects beginning in October. I am happy to tell you we have hired a new Senior Director of Programs, Lorena Kirschner. Lorena has over 20 years of experience having worked with Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey in both membership and program. She has developed several successful initiatives and content for Girl Scout educational programs focusing on STEAM, social justice, outdoor experiences, and leadership for a client base of 18,000 girls and 8,000 adults. Lorena has worked extensively with GSUSA Destinations and led several council-level international travel groups. Lorena will be based out of the Savannah office.

The Council is in the process of raising funds to renovate the Little House in Columbus, and we are thrilled to report the project is underway. The Council has recently been looking into relocating the local office and adding a DreamLab to Camp Tanglewood in Augusta as well as making improvements to Camp Low in Savannah. We are excited about what these improvements will mean for our Girl Scouts' camp experiences in the future. We know you will want to come to the Little House and the camps when we are done!

Become more involved and help with these projects or the many other opportunities GSHG offers! As Girl Scout alum, you know what a difference Girl Scouts makes in the lives of our members. You can reconnect by joining in alum events, by volunteering, or by participating in Council's special events; all of these are ways to help support our mission to build girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. Come be a champion of our Girl Scouts!

Yours for the girls,



Sue Else
CEO



GSHG Council Update

GSHG held its Bridging Savannah's Bridge event on Saturday, June 10, with over 300 people participating! We had Girl Scouts from all over the country join us in this special event.

Participants took trolleys from downtown Savannah over the bridge to the South Carolina side of the Savannah River. After the kickoff ceremony, which celebrated the significance of bridging in Girl Scouts, participants 10 years and older walked across the bridge into downtown Savannah, and younger participants caught a ferry to Savannah from Hutchinson Island. Participants received a special patch commemorating the event.

This summer camp had the theme "LIMITLESS," and it truly was with over 400 camp slots filled with members from across our footprint as well as the country. We successfully hosted 6 weeks of residential camp, 4 weeks of day camp, and a mini camp session the week of the 4th of July

New this year, we hosted all 6 grade levels at camp, yes from Daisies to Ambassadors. We offered our older Girl Scouts a chance to try out their primitive camping skills on travel trips to the woods of Ashville, N.C., paddle the Ocmulgee River and even took the short ferry ride to Cumberland Island where they camped out.

Back at camp, the adventure had no limit. At Tanglewood, the participants were active with several Olympic-inspired events and then enjoyed a week of magic with a Hogwarts themed week, a campers' favorite. The two weeks at Low were full of Coastal Adventure and Movie-maker magic. Camp Martha Johnston was crazy with Color War fun. We ended our summer at CMJ under the Big Top with over-the-top fun.

This year's 56th National Council Session was an epic celebration of Girl Scouts at Walt Disney World® Resort in Orlando, FL on July 18-20 and was followed by the girl-centered event Phenom on July 20-22, which focused on celebrating Girl Scout achievements during the National Bridging Ceremony and Gold Award Girl Scout Celebration.

Our council, together with thousands of Girl Scouts from across the country and around the world, sparked new friendships and connected with old friends. They gathered to conduct important business of our Movement, using our democratic process. Our girls and delegates got to try things they'd never done before, and, of course, have tons of fun. The NCS business session hosted about 10,000 Girl Scout members and discussed topics like:

- allowing the possibility of virtual attendance for National Council Sessions and for Special Sessions of the National Council,
- amending the Girl Scout Promise and Law to use more potent, actionable language,
- DEIRJ Language Proposal,
- Girl Scouts Gold Award Scholarship Fund,
- and electing new board members.

Our delegates did a wonderful job representing our council and we couldn't be prouder of the work of all of our volunteers, alumni, girls and staff. To see more information about the Girl Scout National Convention follow this [link](#). ♣



Save the Date

GAgives on GivingTuesday – November 28, 2023, and Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia will need YOUR support! GAgives on GivingTuesday is Georgia's biggest generosity movement, designed to connect Georgians to its nonprofits. On November 28, people all over the world will come together and harness the power of human connection to change our world. Will you join us? An investment in Girl Scouts is an investment in making our community better, stronger, and brighter!

Gainesville Woman of Distinction –

Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia is proud to announce that Marty Owens has been selected as the 2024 Gainesville Woman of Distinction.



The Girl Scouts Woman of Distinction award honors a woman who reflects the values in the Girl Scout Promise and Law and who serves as an excellent role model for girls. Owens is the founder of Randy and Friends, a faith-based nonprofit that provides adults with special needs opportunities to become independent and contributing members of society. She is also a founder of several other nonprofits, including Our Neighbor, Inc., The Next Chapter Book Store, Heritage Academy, and My Sister's Place.

Owens will be honored during the Gainesville Woman of Distinction luncheon on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at the Chattahoochee Country Club. Individual tickets are \$100 and sponsorship opportunities are available. Questions about this annual event may be directed to LaDon Shaw, Chief Advancement Officer of Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia, at 888-689-1912.

Legacy of Leadership Breakfast – Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 8:30 a.m. at the Hyatt Regency Savannah, Regency Ballroom, Savannah, GA. For more information, contact Elizabeth Brown at ebrown@gshg.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

Camp Low A.C.T. Workdays (Savannah, GA)

Come help the Adopt-A-Camp Team work on various projects at Camp Low. Projects range from cabin clean up, to painting, brush pick up, building projects, etc. The workday is typically from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., but you don't have to stay the whole time. Upcoming workdays: November 4-5, January 13-14, 2024, March 9-10, 2024, May 11, 2024, and September 14, 2024. For more information, please contact Diana McDaniel at dmcdan@georgiasouthern.edu.

Camp Martha Johnson A.C.T. Workdays (Macon, GA)

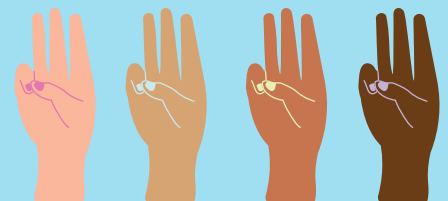
Come help the Adopt-A-Camp Team work on a few projects at Camp Martha Johnston. The next workday is Saturday January 13, 2024. For more information, please contact the Adopt-A-Camp Team at cmjadoptacamp@gmail.com.

Program Volunteers

Please look through the [2023-2024 Program Guide](#) to see what activities are happening around the Council. If you are interested in volunteering for any of the activities in the Program Guide, please let us know by filling out [this form](#). We are always happy to have volunteer assistance for most events.

[Join the On My Honor Society! Your donation of \\$1,000 or more provides GSHG with much-needed funds to support girls at GSHG.](#)

Interested in making a donation for GSHG? Contact LaDon at lshaw@gshg.org



More Than Cookies



S'morevivor



Promises to Keep



Into the Woods



[Join The 1912 Society!](#)
[Your recurring donation of \\$19.12 per month provides GSHG with much-needed funds to support girls at GSHG.](#)



Past Events

More Than Cookies Summer Social, Macon

More Than Cookies Summer Social was held on Thursday, August 17, 2023, in Macon, GA. This was our 2nd annual event; it was held at Fall Line Brewing Co. This fun-filled end-of-summer event featured beer flight tasting, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and live music. There was a raffle for exciting prizes donated from some of our cherished community partners and businesses.

S'morevivor, Augusta

S'morevivor was held on Saturday, September 9, 2023. This was GSHG's 4th S'morevivor 5k Trail Run and Team Challenge. The event took place at beautiful Camp Tanglewood, in Augusta GA. The day started with 25 trail runners completing the 5k run in amazing time. The Geico Gecko helped start the race and cheered the runners on as each one finished. All runners finished and had a wonderful time. After the 5K, our S'morevivor Team Challenge started; 28 teams competed. There were 20 challenge stations positioned throughout the camp. This is a timed event and teams had to quickly navigate each station and make their way back to the start/finish line. Stations ranged from archery, to canoeing, to STEM challenges, to disc golf, to axe throwing and much more.

Promises to Keep, Athens

The 2023 Promises to Keep Breakfast was held on Thursday, September 14th. This was our 25th Promises to Keep Breakfast. It's amazing to think about how this breakfast has helped pave the way to make a difference in girls' lives for a quarter of a century. Our Athens Regional Advisory Board, led this year by Evan Elder, made this one of our most successful efforts.

This year's speaker, Hannah Walters, joined us virtually. Hannah was born and raised in Watkinsville, Georgia. A Girl Scout all her life, she started as a Daisy Scout and continued to love and grow through Girl Scouts, completing her Silver Award. The work ethic, kindness, and feminism she learned from her upbringing in Girl Scouts paved the way for a career in women's health. Hannah has a passion for caring for people who can get pregnant and working to reduce disparities in healthcare. She lives in Clarkston with her dog Rose, and enjoys spending time doing yoga, reading, and working on her garden. Check out what she had to say at <https://www.gshg.org/en/support-us/signature-events/athens-area.html>.

Into the Woods Trail Run & Fun Run, Macon

Into the Woods Trail Run & Fun Run was held on Saturday, September 23, 2023. Camp Martha Johnston's (CMJ) Adopt-A-Camp Team invited the community out to the camp for this first-time fundraiser. Runners came out to race through miles of rustic scenery, enjoy fireside smores and music, and support GSHG's CMJ's Adopt-A-Camp Team's efforts to help keep our camp property functional and beautiful.

From First Headquarters to You

“Silver and Gold”

As Girl Scouts, “Silver and Gold” comes up in our conversations regularly, whether we’re talking about High Awards or new and old friends. But this summer at First Headquarters, our discussions of silver and gold have been of a more collectable and decorative nature; we’re talking about Girl Scout jewelry! Beginning with literal sterling silver and 10 karat gold options in 1921, the first jewelry available to Girl Scouts was a simple ring featuring the traditional trefoil. However, starting the next decade, jewelry for Girl Scouts—both girls and adults—was soon available in a variety of forms and styles. From bracelets and brooches to necklaces and watches; from precious metals and pearls to Bakelite and plastic, we’ve had the opportunity to “bling out” our casual or formal Girl Scout looks for decades.

While the museum at First Headquarters has exhibited a small collection of vintage Girl Scout jewelry for years, this summer our collection grew significantly through the generosity of one donor and long-time friend of the museum. Mrs. Dellay, a troop leader, and private Girl Scout memorabilia collector who had previously donated some of the aforementioned jewelry to First Headquarters, brought her current troop to visit Savannah from North Carolina. Following their June tour, Mrs. Dellay made a special presentation of new additions to the jewelry exhibit and her girls got to examine the items as they were placed on display. One of the most “charming” pieces found in this recent donation was a bracelet full of vintage charms, available from approximately the 1950s-70s, depicting various Girl Scout icons and pursuits. Beyond fun accessories or collectables, charm bracelets also briefly played a part in our actual Girl Scout program. From 2002-2011, the “Studio 2B” opportunity was designed to attract and retain older girls in the Girl Scout program. Rather than earning traditional badges, girls in Studio 2B earned charms – often available in the girl’s choice of (you guessed it) silver or gold tones - that were worn on a bracelet or slide. Just like our contemporary program, topics of these earned charms ranged from leadership, financial literacy, mental and emotional health, and travel. Today, GSUSA is still embracing our love of this most charming of all fashion accessories by creating and offering current retail items such as a gold tone “Legacy” charm bracelet (depicting the history & evolution of the Girl Scout trefoil for Alums and adults) and super fun and colorful Girl Scout “Charm Its” which helps today’s girls tell and share their Girl Scout stories.

To see some of these precious and stylish offerings of Girl Scout jewelry through the years, please stop by GSHG’s own First Headquarters Museum if the opportunity presents itself. If not, take some time to digitally explore <https://www.vintagegirlscout.com/girl-scout-jewelry> to see some vintage Girl Scout “bling” including a few of the items we have on display. To contact the Girl Scout First Headquarters Museum and/or shop, please call us at 888-689-1912, or e-mail us at FHQarchives@gshg.org or FHQshop@gshg.org.



Troop 2012

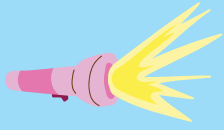
Savannah Alumni

Troop 2012 took the summer off but will be making plans for future activities again soon. If you would like to receive information about joining Troop 2012-Savannah, please contact Alumni@gshg.org and we will let the troop know of your interest.

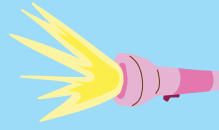
Gainesville Alumni

The next Gainesville Troop 2012 meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2023. Be on the lookout for information about a possible adult trip to Nuestra Cabana in beautiful Cuernavaca, Mexico next year. Nuestra Cabana is one of the 5 WAGGGS world centers, and hosts programs for international Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. We will be participating in the butterfly session - details will follow as soon as we know them. For more information, you may contact Sue Goldsmith at granmacookie1@gmail.com.



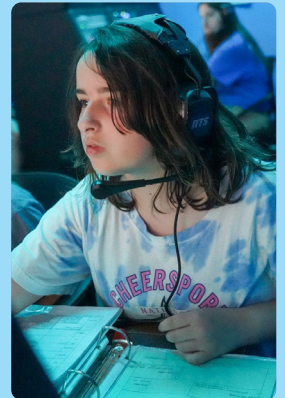


Girl Scout Spotlight: My Space Camp Experience by Analesa Hageman



Space camp was amazing. Thank you, guys, for helping me go. I enjoyed everything, but my favorites were the simulations, especially the MAT, 1/6 chair, and the G Force ride. We learned about all the different missions, such as Orion, Mercury, Artemis, and others. Our day trainer, Sammy, told us that in Indiana there is the Gus Grissom Museum, and that they have Gus Grissom's half-eaten corned beef sandwich in resin. Gus Grissom was an astronaut that flew in project Gemini, Mercury, and Apollo.

We also got to see a space rock that came from the moon, and a space capsule that was in space. I met a whole ton of people and exchanged numbers with them. I met Anja from SC, Cassandra from Hawaii, and other people like Lene, and Lucy. We also did 2 missions, the Lunar and Mars Missions. The first one we did was the Mars mission, and I was the Commander for the people in the tents on Mars. I did O2 and then told my PCS, Lucy, and she would type in the code for that oxygen tank. Then we got in the Orion capsule, but we couldn't hear Mission Control, so by the time we got to the Altair Capsule, we had to skip to splashdown, but we succeeded in our first mission. For the Lunar Mission, I was in Mission Control. I was the Flight Director, so I was basically everybody's boss. If the mission failed, it got pointed at me. Luckily, we succeeded in our mission. We had to say some lines, and basically, I had to keep everything in line, make sure people were doing their jobs, and help fix anomalies. It was fun because I got to yell down the aisle to tell people to fix the problem with me. At the awards ceremony, we were all surprised when they called our team for the Commanders Cup Award, which meant that out of about 12 teams there, we had the highest combined average for our missions. I loved my trainers. For our day trainer we had Sammy, and our night trainer was Laila. Laila would come and take us after lunch. In the mornings at 6 am, when we woke up, Sammy was one of the people who would knock on the door and tell us to get up. One day, Sammy came in and sang the Bubble Guppies theme song to wake us up. Sammy was always funny and reminded us to drink water. Laila was funny and chill. Other girls should go for the opportunity to meet new people. It was very fun, and I recommend it.



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