



# Volunteer Support Specialist Council Updates

December 2023

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\*\*If there is any troop information that you would like updated or changed (meeting place, accepting girls, etc.), please contact your VSS or email or customer care email!

**Blue:** CHS Office

**Pink:** FLO Office

**Yellow:** Myrtle Beach

# Membership Goals

Membership  
Numbers-  
As of 11/28/2023:

Girl Goal: 74%  
Adult Goal: 83%

| Service Unit                  | Girl          | Girl         | % to goal     | still need | Adult         | Adult        | Adult         | Adult      |
|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|------------|
|                               | TOTAL 2023-24 | Goal 2023-24 |               |            | TOTAL 2023-24 | Goal 2023-24 | % to goal     | still need |
| 634-Cheraw/Chstfield/Jeff/Pg  | 57            | 50           | 114.00%       | (7)        | 35            | 30           | 116.67%       | (5)        |
| 635-Marlboro Co.              | 25            | 30           | 83.33%        | 5          | 14            | 20           | 70.00%        | 6          |
| 642-Dillon                    | 14            | 50           | 28.00%        | 36         | 8             | 15           | 53.33%        | 7          |
| 645-Marion                    | 5             | 25           | 20.00%        | 20         | 5             | 15           | 33.33%        | 10         |
| 646-Florence/Timmonsville     | 155           | 245          | 63.27%        | 90         | 81            | 90           | 90.00%        | 9          |
| 651-Hartsville/Lee            | 105           | 125          | 84.00%        | 20         | 83            | 95           | 87.37%        | 12         |
| 652-Darlington/Lamar          | 59            | 75           | 78.67%        | 16         | 18            | 40           | 45.00%        | 22         |
| <b>Total Region 1</b>         | <b>420</b>    | <b>600</b>   | <b>70.00%</b> | <b>180</b> | <b>244</b>    | <b>305</b>   | <b>80.00%</b> | <b>61</b>  |
| 638-Western Horry Co.         | 167           | 220          | 75.91%        | 53         | 100           | 100          | 100.00%       | 0          |
| 639-South Strand              | 176           | 200          | 88.00%        | 24         | 137           | 150          | 91.33%        | 13         |
| 640-Myrtle Beach              | 50            | 50           | 100.00%       | 0          | 30            | 40           | 75.00%        | 10         |
| 641-Northern Horry Co.        | 71            | 120          | 59.17%        | 49         | 36            | 45           | 80.00%        | 9          |
| 644-Clarendon County          | 26            | 70           | 37.14%        | 44         | 9             | 25           | 36.00%        | 16         |
| 649-Georgetown                | 37            | 60           | 61.67%        | 23         | 41            | 50           | 82.00%        | 9          |
| 655-Kingstree/Lake City       | 71            | 100          | 71.00%        | 29         | 38            | 45           | 84.44%        | 7          |
| <b>Total Region 2</b>         | <b>598</b>    | <b>820</b>   | <b>72.93%</b> | <b>222</b> | <b>391</b>    | <b>455</b>   | <b>85.93%</b> | <b>64</b>  |
| 650-East Cooper               | 249           | 360          | 69.17%        | 111        | 154           | 180          | 85.56%        | 26         |
| 657-Charleston Peninsula      | 217           | 260          | 83.46%        | 43         | 109           | 130          | 83.85%        | 21         |
| 658-West of Ashley            | 153           | 190          | 80.53%        | 37         | 96            | 115          | 83.48%        | 19         |
| 662-Greater Berkeley County   | 203           | 220          | 92.27%        | 17         | 130           | 140          | 92.86%        | 10         |
| <b>Total Region 3</b>         | <b>822</b>    | <b>1,030</b> | <b>79.81%</b> | <b>208</b> | <b>489</b>    | <b>565</b>   | <b>86.55%</b> | <b>76</b>  |
| 631-Southern Beaufort County  | 71            | 110          | 64.55%        | 39         | 70            | 80           | 87.50%        | 10         |
| 636-Northern Beaufort County  | 50            | 80           | 62.50%        | 30         | 33            | 50           | 66.00%        | 17         |
| 637-Greater Colleton County   | 8             | 20           | 40.00%        | 12         | 9             | 10           | 90.00%        | 1          |
| 660-Greater Dorchester County | 227           | 270          | 84.07%        | 43         | 168           | 205          | 81.95%        | 37         |
| <b>Total Region 4</b>         | <b>356</b>    | <b>480</b>   | <b>74.17%</b> | <b>124</b> | <b>280</b>    | <b>345</b>   | <b>81.16%</b> | <b>65</b>  |
| 49-Allendale/Barnwell/Bamber  | 0             | 20           | 0.00%         | 20         | 4             | 10           | 40.00%        | 6          |
| 43-Orangeburg/Calhoun County  | 108           | 150          | 72.00%        | 42         | 52            | 70           | 74.29%        | 18         |
| <b>Total Region 5</b>         | <b>108</b>    | <b>170</b>   | <b>63.53%</b> | <b>62</b>  | <b>56</b>     | <b>80</b>    | <b>70.00%</b> | <b>24</b>  |
| <b>Total All Regions</b>      | <b>2,304</b>  | <b>3,100</b> | <b>74.32%</b> | <b>796</b> | <b>1,460</b>  | <b>1,750</b> | <b>83.43%</b> | <b>290</b> |

# Trainings

**Tuesday, December 5th** - First Steps for Co-Leaders : 6:00-8:00 PM

**Tuesday, December 12th** - Daisy Portfolio : 6:00-8:00 PM

**Thursday, December 14th** - First Steps for Co-Leaders : 6:00-8:00 PM

**Saturday, December 16th** - Brownie Portfolio : 10:00-12:00 PM

**For more training dates, please visit our website [GSESC.org](http://GSESC.org) and click the calendar!**

**For any questions or help getting registered for training, please contact  
Michaela Watts at [mwatts@gse.org](mailto:mwatts@gse.org)**

## Trip/Activity Approvals

Please remember to turn in a Trip/Activity approval form for overnights and activities requiring council approval – if you have any questions what may need approval, please visit our Safety Activity Checkpoints that can be found on our website!

<https://www.girlscoutseasc.org/en/members/for-volunteers/Safety-Activity-Checkpoints.html>

You can submit your approval form to our Jot Form here: <https://form.jotform.com/81646708423157>

Also, please send those in **AT LEAST 2-3 weeks** prior to the event so that we can process the approval and help you make any changes!

## Keep us updated!

Please let your VSS or anyone in Membership know of any meeting location, day or time changes so that we can keep information up to date.

Also, we would **love** to know if your troop is accepting girls. This will help our Placement Specialist find troops for potential new members!

You can fill out our Jot Form at any point with updated information: <https://form.jotform.com/222906392544156>

# Holiday Parades

## Reminder about upcoming parade from Safety Activity Checkpoints:

*Parades and Other Large Gatherings*

**Council Approval: Not Required**

**Activity Permitted for: D, B, J, C, S, A**

- Make appropriate plans for parade floats. Floats drawn by trucks and automobiles must be covered by automobile insurance in the name of the vehicle owners. Float construction is safe, using non-toxic or flame-retardant materials, and secured to the body of the float and the vehicle. Floats are equipped with portable ABC fire extinguishers.
  - Adults and girls pick a place to meet in case of separation from the supervising adult or the group.
- No leaning over the edges and legs and arms do not hang outside of the float. When sitting on a moving float, girls are to remain securely seated with no legs dangling over the side.

Riders on floats have secure seating, or a secure handhold or safety harness is used if standing. Floats are not overcrowded.

  - Participants do not walk close to moving floats. An adult accompanies girls on any moving float.
  - Any coupling of a trailer to a vehicle is appropriate to the load and has a safety chain.

Nothing is distributed to onlookers from a moving vehicle or a float.

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# New From Camp!



## WATER EDITION

### Troop Adventure Camp

Pick your date & activity  
Available April, May, September & October

#### Pee Dee River Trip - \$75 per participant

Join us for a day trip down The Great Pee Dee River. Troops can canoe up to 18 people down the river. River Trip takes about 6 hours with breaks and lunch. Includes: Trip Staff, Lodging at Sandy Ridge (Fri-Sun) & 3 meals on Saturday and Sunday Breakfast. Canoe experience is required.

#### Canoeing 101 - \$75 per participant

Join at Sandy Ridge for Canoeing 101. Troop will spend time on the Sandy Ridge Lake learning how to Paddle and Steer a canoe. Rescue an overturned canoe and Water Safety. Includes: Staff, Lodging at Sandy Ridge (Fri-Sun) & 3 meals on Saturday and Sunday Breakfast.

#### Lake Day - \$75 per participant

Join us Sandy Ridge for a Lake Day. Canoeing, Paddle Boarding & Kayaking are all available. Then head over to the beach side to swim, waterslide and zip-line into the water or just relax and soak up the sun. Includes: Trip Staff, Lodging at Sandy Ridge (Fri-Sun) & 3 meals Saturday and Sunday Breakfast.



## STEM EDITION

### Troop Adventure Camp

Pick your date & activity  
Available January, February, March, April, May, September, October & November

#### Blast Off - \$75 per participant

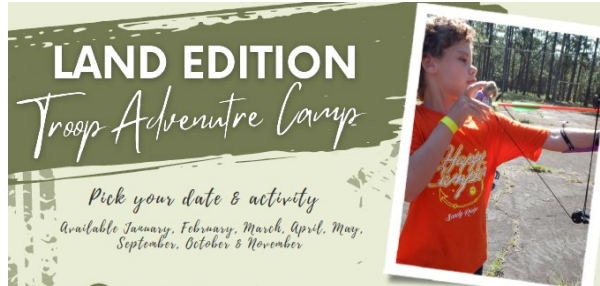
3...2...1...Liftoff! This weekend is all about Rockets. Troops will build a Large rocket as a team and also a smaller rocket individually. Once complete they will launch and recover. All Systems are Go for fun!

#### Drone Pilot- \$75 per participant

Come join us for this drone flying adventure. Learn to fly and flip and drone in mid-air. Design an obstacle course and race the drone through it. Who will be the best pilot.

#### Robot Rodeo- \$75 per participant

Can you build a robot? Sure you can. Make a weekend of building a robot from a kit. Then put your minds to work to build a sit-bridge to get your robot from one table to another using only the supplied items. Build and design your way into Sandy Ridge history!



## LAND EDITION

### Troop Adventure Camp

Pick your date & activity

Available January, February, March, April, May, September, October & November

#### Sandy Ridge Sampler- \$75 per participant

If this is your first visit to Sandy Ridge then this program is the one for your troop. See everything Sandy Ridge has to offer. Shooting Sports, Crafts, Lake and S'mores

#### Sharp Shooters- \$75 per participant

Spend the weekend improving your aim in this Shooting Sports Extravaganza. Archery (B), Slingshots(J), Throwing Tomahawks(C) and Target Paintball(J). Letter at end of activity indicates lowest GS Level.

#### Crafts & S'mores- \$75 per participant

Crafts, Painting, Bracelet Making are just a few of the project you work on while hanging at the Sandy Ridge Craft Hut. Relax and enjoy your weekend of Crafting.



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Bennettsville SC 29512  
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To Register: [bit.ly/24SR2AC](http://bit.ly/24SR2AC)

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# Program Updates



## Cookie Rally

Join the party with other Girl Scouts as we kick off our cookie season with fun games, crafts, and activities at Ripley's Aquarium of Myrtle Beach!

**When:** Saturday January 6th

**Time:** 12pm-2pm

**Where:** Ripley's Aquarium of Myrtle Beach  
1110 Celebrity Cir  
Myrtle Beach SC 29577

**Cost:** Girl Scouts, Adults and Tag-a-longs \$20

- Entrance to aquarium starting at 12pm and for the rest of the day.
- Girl Scouts will receive the cookie rally fun patch.

**To register:** [bit.ly/cookierallygsesc2024](https://bit.ly/cookierallygsesc2024)

**Registration ends:** 12/20/23

For questions email [dsykes@gsec.org](mailto:dsykes@gsec.org)

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## scout Days

Calling all scouts or young nature enthusiasts! Get ready for an unforgettable experience at our themed Scout Days!

|  |   |   |   |
|--|---|---|---|
|  |  |  |  |
| Under the Stars<br>Nov. 18, 2023<br>4:00-7:00 p.m.                                 | Art in the Garden<br>March 23, 2024<br>10:00-2:00 p.m.                              | Earth Day Festival<br>April 20, 2024<br>10:00-2:00 p.m.                             | Animal Adventures<br>May 18, 2024<br>10:00-2:00 p.m.                                |

Bring one child or the entire troop for a day of hands-on learning, guided tours, crafts, and more. Preregistration is required. Each program will meet most badge requirements.

For more information  
[www.brookgreen.org/scout-days](http://www.brookgreen.org/scout-days)

# Program Updates



## Day Sessions

Gold Award Girl Scouts are rock stars, role models, and real-life heroes and it all starts with a Gold Award Day Session.

**Who:** Any Girl Scout in 8th-11th grade who are interested in learning more about the Girl Scout Gold Award.

**When:** 10/7/23 - Florence, GSESC Office Building  
181 E. Evans Street, Bay 13, Florence 29506  
12/2/23 - North Charleston, GSESC Service Center  
7257 Cross County Road, N. Charleston, 29418  
2/10/24 - Myrtle Beach  
Clear Pond Amenity Center (tentatively)  
3/9/24 - Beaufort, Carteret Street UMC  
408 Carteret Street, Beaufort, 29902  
4/6/24 - Orangeburg, Orangeburg Art Center  
649 Riverside Drive, Orangeburg, 29115

**Time:** 10-11am Parent and Girl Scouts info session  
11am-3pm Girl Scouts only session

**Cost:** \$15 per girl (leaders and parents are highly encouraged to attend the informational session and do not need to pay). Cost will include lunch and a snack on Saturday afternoon, and all activities throughout the day of the sessions. This is only for the girls.

**To Register:** [bit.ly/gogold2324](https://bit.ly/gogold2324)

Deadline to register for each event is 2 days prior to each session.

After the information session, girls do not need to have a set project in mind as they will have the opportunity to brainstorm project ideas.

Please bring a laptop/ipad/tablet as girls will begin their GoGold Journey.

For questions email [dsykes@gsecc.org](mailto:dsykes@gsecc.org)



Want to learn more about the the Bronze and Silver Awards?  
Join us on one of our...

## How to Webinars

### Bronze Award Webinars

October 24, 2023  
6 - 7pm

[bit.ly/BronzeOctoberGSESC](https://bit.ly/BronzeOctoberGSESC)

February 20, 2024  
6 - 7m

[bit.ly/BronzeFebruaryGSESC](https://bit.ly/BronzeFebruaryGSESC)

### Silver Award Webinars

October 26, 2023  
6 - 7pm

[bit.ly/SilverOctoberGSESC](https://bit.ly/SilverOctoberGSESC)

February 22, 2024  
6 - 7pm

[bit.ly/SilverFebruaryGSESC](https://bit.ly/SilverFebruaryGSESC)

For questions email Danielle at [dsykes@gsecc.org](mailto:dsykes@gsecc.org)



# Program Updates



Get American Red Cross Certified in First Aid & CPR/AED

10 spaces for Girl Scouts (8th grade and up)

5 spaces for Adults

Register today!

REGISTER: [BIT.LY/OGFACPR2324](https://bit.ly/OGFACPR2324)

#### Dates:

Charleston - December 3, 2023  
Florence - December 10, 2023  
Myrtle Beach - January 7, 2024  
Beaufort - March 10, 2024  
Orangeburg - April 7, 2024

**Time:** 9:30am-4:00pm

**Price:** \$55.00 per participant

Lunch and snacks included

#### Training includes:

- Learn how to deal with Emergency Situations
- CPR & First Aid
- Epi auto-injector
- Asthma Inhaler

FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL [DSYKES@GSESC.ORG](mailto:DSYKES@GSESC.ORG)

## South Carolina Honorary Legislative Page Program

March 4-7, 2024

Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors  
(Grades 9-12)

Applications due 12-15-2023 + \$7 application fee



Twelve Girl Scouts from across South Carolina will be selected to participate in the Page Program. They will spend three days working as a page for the House of Representatives and Senate at the South Carolina State House.



Link for more details and application:

[bit.ly/2024SCHLPP](https://bit.ly/2024SCHLPP)

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Date: Fri Dec 27 2024

Category: International Travel, Outdoors, Culture

Level: Senior -9th Grade, Senior -10th Grade, Ambassador -11th Grade, Ambassador -12th Grade

APPLY NOW

## Winter Wonderland at Our Chalet: December 27, 2024-January 4, 2025

From sledding the Swiss Alps to campfires with new Girl Scouts friends, experience the magic of a winter wonderland at Our Chalet WAGGGS World Center in Switzerland.

#### About the Trip

Looking for a winter holiday adventure? During this Destination, you'll spend your days taking in the stunning views and fresh air of the snow-covered Alps, and your evenings connecting over the campfire at the Our Chalet, one of the five WAGGGS World Centers.

If adventure is your thing, this Destination is for you. We'll be sledding and cross-country skiing the Alps (no experience necessary!) We will also dive deep into Swiss culture - both at Our Chalet, and the Swiss village of Adelboden, where you can choose to visit a traditional wood carving shop or sample some delicious winter treats. We'll learn the Swiss sport *eisstock* (similar to curling) and take a night hike to wonder at the winter sky.

This unique, week-long experience at Our Chalet offers excitement-filled days and cozy evenings at the lodge to connect with your Girl Scout and Girl Guide sisters. Winter is a special time of year to visit this historic WAGGGS World Center.

#### Who Should Apply?

- Age: Girl Scouts enrolled in grades 9-12 at the time of the trip

# Program Updates



**GHOST PIRATES** | 

## GIRL SCOUT NIGHT

WITH THE SAVANNAH GHOST PIRATES

SATURDAY MARCH 9, 2024



**\$20 PACKAGE**

- ONE GHOST PIRATES TICKET
- GROUP PHOTO ON THE ICE
- GHOST PIRATES GIFT
- EXCLUSIVE GIRL SCOUT NIGHT PATCH

Kasey Woodruff | Kasey@GhostPiratesHockey.com | (253) 459-9884



# NUTCRACKER!

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& PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

DECEMBER 26 | 3:00 PM & 7:00 PM

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BOBBIE@NUTCRACKER.COM OR NUTCRACKER.COM/GIRL-SCOUTS



## Medieval Times

DINNER & TOURNAMENT

### Girl Scout Days

| Saturday     | Saturday     | Saturday   |
|--------------|--------------|------------|
| October 28th | January 27th | April 20th |
| 5:00pm       | 5:00pm       | 4:30pm     |

Adults \$62 | Girl Scouts & Children \$42

To purchase tickets:  
[bit.ly/MedievalTimesGSDays2324](https://bit.ly/MedievalTimesGSDays2324)

2904 Fantasy Way  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29579, US

Deadline to register is two weeks prior to shows.  
Doors open 1 hour prior to shows.  
Price includes taxes, fees, and gratuity.  
Medieval Times participation patch is included.



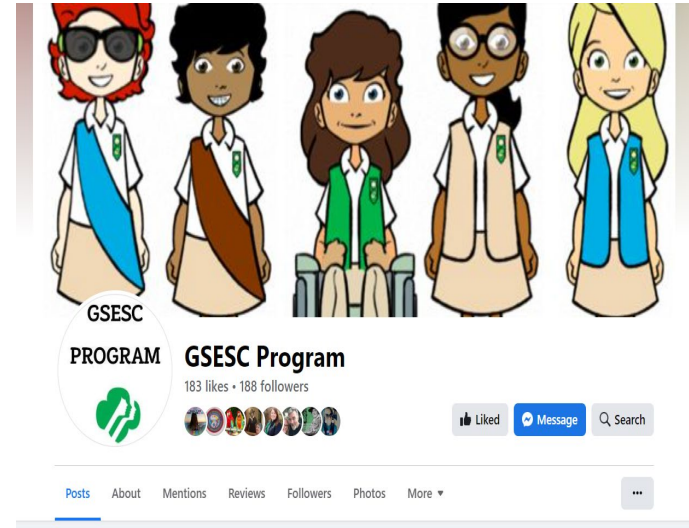
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# SO MANY THINGS COMING UP!

Please make sure you are keeping up with all upcoming Program/Program Partner events on our **GSESC Program Page!**

## *Other things to come:*

- Pirates Voyage (Myrtle Beach) – **December 9, 2023 (see flyer)**
- Nutcracker (Charleston) – **December 26, 2023 (see flyer)**
- Ghost Pirates (Savannah) – **March 9, 2024 (see flyer)**

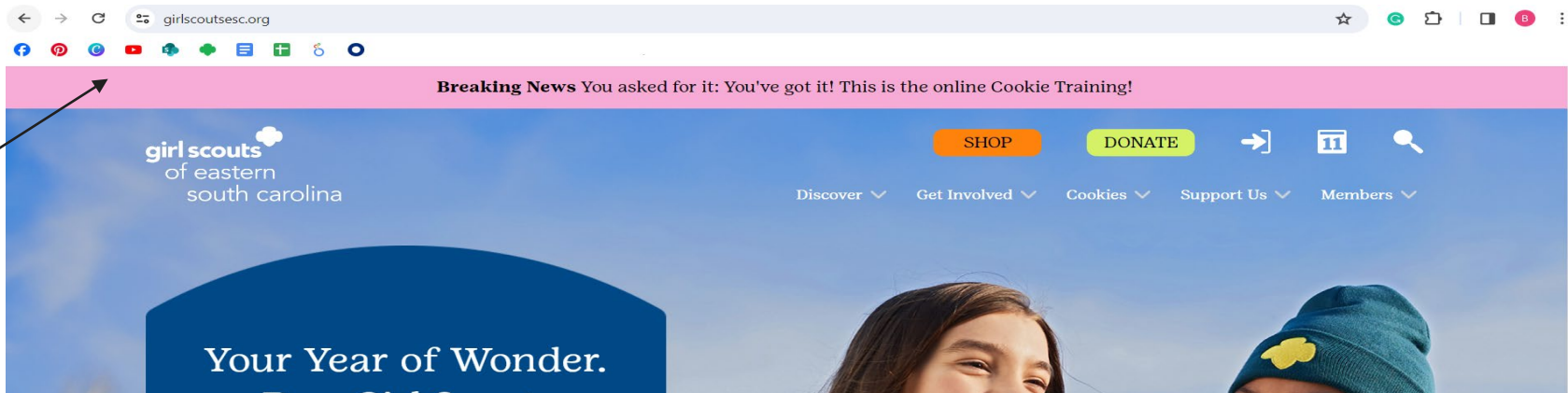


## **On-Going Program Partners**

- Babysitting by Safe Sitter
- Build-A-Bear
- Charleston County 9-1-1
- Mermaids of Hilton Head
- Middleton Place
- Nailed It
- Summerville Studio
- Riverbank Zoo
- Wild Blue Ropes

# Cookies are Coming!!!

- Please visit the cookie tab on our website!
- If you haven't yet, check in with the Product Program staff. (Especially new troops!)
- **MAKE SURE YOUR GIRLS, PARENTS, LEADERS ARE REGISTERED!**



# Important cookie dates for December!

- Parent Digital Cookie webinar, sign up on our Google Calander.
- **December 7th** - Volunteers and Parents have access to Digital Cookie.
- **December 8th** - Online Sales begin.
- **December 10th** - Troop Initial Order
- **December 11th** - SU Initial Order



# Important Cookie Dates for January!

- **January 6th** - Cookie Rally in Myrtle Beach
- **January 13th** - In person cookie sales start.
- **January 12th-14th** - Cookie Booth Selection Round 1
- **January 15th** - Cookie Booth Selection Round 2
- **January 18th** - Cookie Booth Selection Round 3
- **January 19th** - Cookie Booths start!
  
- **February 9th** - First ACH

# Holiday Closures

***OUR OFFICES/SHOP WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE  
FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS:***

**Christmas/New Year:**

Thursday, December 21 through Monday,  
January 1

# Council Shop

## SHOP NOW OPEN

### Charleston

#### Hours:

- Tuesdays 10am - 5 pm
- Thursdays 10am - 6 pm
- **\*Closed December 14th\***

### Florence

#### Hours:

- Thursdays 10am- 4 pm
- We have a new shop manager - **Courtney Hall**
- Please email at [chall@gsec.org](mailto:chall@gsec.org) or call at 843-552-9910 ext. 2000

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## 2024 Cookie Shop Items

To order, email [chall@gsec.org](mailto:chall@gsec.org) this order form or visit our North Charleston shop.



My 1st Cookie Sale Patch \$2.00



Booth Sale Patch \$2.00



Walk About Patch \$2.00



3 Cookie Appliques \$2.00



Coin Purse \$5



Mood Cup \$2



Axolotl Backpack Clip \$8



Own Your Magic Tumbler \$20



Waist Apron \$10



RollaBanner \$5



Axolotl Cross Stich Craft Set \$15



Reflective Vest \$10



1 It's Cookie Time Oven Mitt \$15



Own Your Magic Belt Bag \$15



Travel Box Bag \$20



Own Your Magic T-Shirt \$15  
Available in YM-4XL



Own Your Magic Hoodie \$32  
Available in YM-4XL

ANY QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU FOR WATCHING!