



Volunteer Support Specialist Council Updates

March 2024

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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 03/07/2024

Girl Goal: 85%

Adult Goal: 95%

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
635-Marlboro Co.	30	30	100.00%	0	15	20	75.00%	5
642-Dillon	33	50	66.00%	17	10	15	66.67%	5
645-Marion	9	25	36.00%	16	9	15	60.00%	6
646-Florence/Timmonsville	161	245	65.71%	84	88	90	97.78%	2
651-Hartsville/Lee	118	125	94.40%	7	91	95	95.79%	4
652-Darlington/Lamar	86	75	114.67%	(11)	25	40	62.50%	15
Total Region 1	503	600	83.83%	97	275	305	90.16%	30
638-Western Horry Co.	176	220	80.00%	44	107	100	107.00%	(7)
639-South Strand	189	200	94.50%	11	161	150	107.33%	(11)
640-Myrtle Beach	56	50	112.00%	(6)	32	40	80.00%	8
641-Northern Horry Co.	87	120	72.50%	33	41	45	91.11%	4
644-Clarendon County	29	70	41.43%	41	13	25	52.00%	12
649-Georgetown	74	60	123.33%	(14)	47	50	94.00%	3
655-Kingstree/Lake City	74	100	74.00%	26	39	45	86.67%	6
Total Region 2	685	820	83.54%	135	440	455	96.70%	15
650-East Cooper	286	360	79.44%	74	177	180	98.33%	3
657-Charleston Peninsula	245	260	94.23%	15	137	130	105.38%	(7)
658-West of Ashley	154	190	81.05%	36	100	115	86.96%	15
662-Greater Berkeley County	240	220	109.09%	(20)	153	140	109.29%	(13)
Total Region 3	925	1,030	89.81%	105	567	565	100.35%	(2)
631-Southern Beaufort County	74	110	67.27%	36	77	80	96.25%	3
636-Northern Beaufort County	54	80	67.50%	26	36	50	72.00%	14
637-Greater Colleton County	20	20	100.00%	0	14	10	140.00%	(4)
660-Greater Dorchester County	256	270	94.81%	14	185	205	90.24%	20
Total Region 4	404	480	84.17%	76	312	345	90.43%	33
9-Allendale/Barnwell/Bamberg	0	20	0.00%	20	4	10	40.00%	6
43-Orangeburg/Calhoun County	126	150	84.00%	24	64	70	91.43%	6
Total Region 5	126	170	74.12%	44	68	80	85.00%	12
Total All Regions	2,643	3,100	85.26%	457	1,662	1,750	94.97%	88

Trainings

Thursday, March 7th - First Steps for New Co-Leaders : 6:00-8:00 PM

Thursday, March 14th - Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention : 6:00-9:00 PM

Saturday, March 16th - Planning Trips with Girls : 10:00 AM -12:00 PM

Tuesday, March 19th - Daisy Portfolio : 6:00-8:00 PM

Thursday, March 21st - Brownie Portfolio : 6:00-8:00 PM

Saturday, March 30th - First Steps for New Co-Leaders : 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

For more training dates, please visit our website GSESC.org and click the calendar!

**For any questions or help getting registered for training, please contact
Michaela Watts at mwatts@gseesc.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.girlscoutscsc.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!

Happy Birthday, Girl Scouts! - (March 10th-16th)

Girl Scouts' birthday, March 12, commemorates the day in 1912 when Juliette Gordon Low officially registered the organization's first 18 members in Savannah, Georgia. Girl Scout Week is celebrated each March, starting with Girl Scout Sunday and ending with Girl Scout Sabbath on a Saturday, and it always includes Girl Scouts' birthday, March 12.

In 2024, Girl Scout Week will be observed March 10-16. Join us each day as we celebrate our worldwide sisterhood. Try the games and activities listed below, or join us at an event



Save the Date - Volunteer Appreciation is coming near you!

Region 1 - Saturday, April 20th

Region 2 - Tuesday, April 23rd

Region 3 - Saturday, April 6th

Region 4 - Thursday, April 25th*

Region 5 - Thursday, April 4th*

*May be tentative, check our pages!

Annual Meeting - Saturday, April 27th

Please let us know if you would like to attend the Annual Meeting as a delegate for your area!

(Virtually or In-person)

Region	Service Unit #	Board	# Delegates for 2024 AM	# Rec'd Need	Service Unit Name	2023 Girl Membership as of 9/30/2023
5	629		2	2	Allendale/Barnwell/Bamberg	0
4	631		3	3	Southern Beaufort County	90
1	634		2	2	Chesterfield	48
1	635		2	2	Marlboro	21
3	636		3	3	Northern Beaufort County	66
4	637		2	2	Greater Colleton County	6
2	638		4	4	Western Horry County	198
2	639		4	4	South Strand	186
2	640		3	3	Myrtle Beach	71
2	641		3	3	Northern Horry County	89
1	642		2	2	Dillon	44
5	643		3	3	Orangeburg/Calhoun Counties	148
2	644		2	2	Clarendon County	60
1	645		2	2	Marion	20
1	646		4	4	Florence/Timmonsville	236
2	649		3	3	Georgetown	54
3	650		6	6	East Cooper	350
1	651		3	3	Hartsville/Lee County	128
1	652		3	3	Darlington/Lamar	76
2	655		3	3	Kingstree/Lake City	98
3	657		5	5	Charleston Peninsula	257
3	658		4	4	West of the Ashley	192
4	660		5	5	Greater Dorchester County	274
3	662		4	4	Greater Berkeley County	231
	Total		77	0	77	2,943
	Bd	0	18		Out of Council/Unknown	40
			95			2,983

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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 on 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 launch!

🚁 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 5ft 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(2), Throwing Tomahawks(C) and Target Paintball(2). Letter at end of activity indicates lowest GS Level.

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

Crafts, Painting, Braclot 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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📍 To Register: bit.ly/24SR2AC

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SANDY RIDGE

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Memories to last a lifetime!

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Ever Changing. Simply Amazing.
BROOKGREEN
Gardens

scout Days

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

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

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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

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@gsec.org



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GHOSH 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



Medieval Times

DINNER & TOURNAMENT

Girl Scout Days

Saturday October 28th 5:00pm	Saturday January 27th 5:00pm	Saturday April 20th 4:30pm
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Adults \$62 Girl Scouts & Children \$42

To purchase tickets:
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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BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION



Celebrate Black History Month with GSESC while earning the Girl Scout Black History Month Celebration Fun Patch!

Every Girl Scout age level will have the opportunity to earn the patch.

In Person:

When: Sunday, March 24th

Time: 3-5pm

Where: Orangeburg, SC location TBD

Price: \$20, includes patch and all supplies for event.

Registration

Deadline: Friday, March 15th

Register at: <https://bit.ly/gseSCBHMCelebration24>

For questions email Danielle at dsykes@gseSC.org



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World Thinking Day 2024

Join GSESC in our council wide World Thinking Day event as we focus on what lies in "Our World, Our Thriving Future: The Environment and Global Poverty". Girl Scouts will dive into how these issues are even more challenging for girls and women in their communities and around the world.

When: Saturday, March 23rd, 2024, 12-2pm

Where: North Charleston area, specific location TBD

Who: All Girl Scout Ages

Cost: Girl Scouts, \$15 (patch included) Adult chaperones, free

To register: bit.ly/GSESCSWTD2024

Registration Deadline: March 15th

For questions please email Danielle at dsykes@gseSC.org

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All are welcome to join our...

Girl Recognition Celebration

JUNE 1, 2024
2-4PM

TRIDENT TECHNICAL COLLEGE
7000 RIVERS AVE, BLDG 920, STE 107
NORTH CHARLESTON, SC 29406

Honorees:

- Bronze Award
- Silver Award
- Gold Award
- Scholarships
- Graduating Seniors
- 10 Year Membership
- My Promise My Faith
- Top Fall Product Sellers
- Top Cookie Sellers

Register: bit.ly/2024GRC

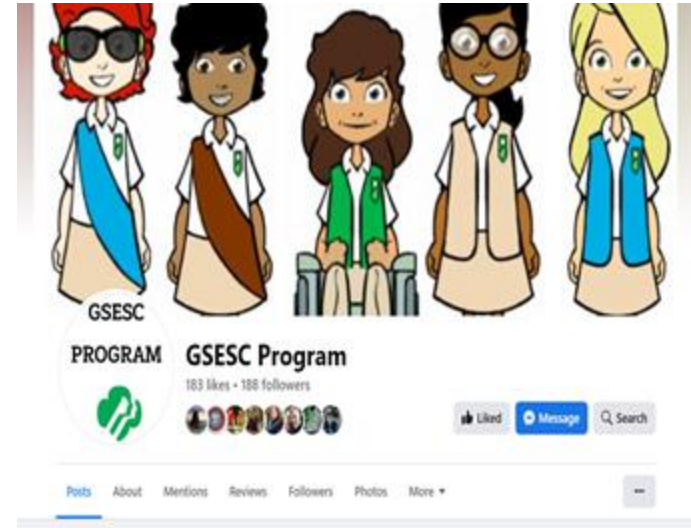
Deadline to register: May 15, 2024

FOR QUESTIONS
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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!**



On-Going Program Partners

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

Important Cookie Dates for March!

- ~~● February 9th - First ACH*~~
- ~~● February 23rd-25th - Bling my Booth Weekend~~
- **March 8th** - Second ACH*
- **March 17th** - Cookie Sale Ends
- **March 24th** - Money due to troop by girl
- **March 27th** - Girl Rewards Due, Transfers due
- **March 29th** - SU locked out

Council Shop

SHOP NOW OPEN

Charleston

Hours:

- Tuesdays 10am - 5 pm
- Thursdays 10am - 6 pm

Florence

Hours:

- Thursdays 10am- 4 pm
- We have a new shop manager - **Courtney Hall**
- Please email at chall@gseasc.org or call at 843-552-9910 ext. 2000

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2024 Cookie Shop Items

To order, email chall@gseasc.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



Axolotl Cross Stich Craft Set \$15



RollaBanner \$5



11's Cookie Time Oven Mitt \$15



Own Your Magic Belt Bag \$15



Reflective Vest \$10



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!