# E SCOUTS OF KANSAS HEARTLAND

### January 2025 Agenda

Upcoming Events

Summer Camp News

Fundraising

Winter/Spring Recruitment

**Council Shop** 



# Girl Program

#### **Upcoming Events!**

### Girl Scout Traditions: A Digital Guide

# Sign up to receive the digital guide by January 31st!

Complete the activities and games in this digital activity guide to learn about Girl Scout Traditions. World Thinking Day is celebrated on February 22. The 2025 theme is "Our Story: Reflecting the Symbolism and Values of Our Movement." The Girl Scout birthday is celebrated during the week surrounding March 12, with a daily challenge to complete and share with your Girl Scout sisters. Earn steps toward Girl Scout Way badge (not provided).

Cost: Free

#### An

Enchanted Spring Break

Sign up by February 17th for an amazing Spring Break Adventure!

Get ready for magical days of art, sisterhood and fun as we explore the worlds of four enchanted princesses. You can join us for all four days or pick and choose the days that work around your Spring Break plans. Weave fairytale fabric art like Aurora, practice outdoor skills like Raya, create a leather-bound book like Belle and plant a charming fairy pot garden like Thumbelina.

Individual days for \$40 per day or the full four-day session for \$150. Earn Craft and Tinker badge (provided).

### Cadettes Take Flight

#### Sign up by February 17th to learn more about all the fun you can have as a Cadette!

Look, up in the sky...it's a bird! It's a plane! It's a Girl Scout Cadette! As a Cadette, the opportunities you have to soar with Girl Scouts are immense. You get to take on bigger leadership roles with your troop, younger Girl Scouts and your community. During Cadettes Take Flight, you will explore the science of flight and how the anatomy of a bird influenced the design of airplanes. Be inspired to spread your wings with Girl Scouts. This event is open to fifth grade Juniors as well as current Cadettes. Fun patch provided.



### **Transition Timeline**

**March 3:** Summer camp registration opens in Campwise for \$25 deposit; Program Credits are not available; CampDoc is retired

March, April, May: School Year events continue to register in Ultracamp; if council-hosted, medical forms are completed in Campwise (rather than CampDoc)

**April 1:** Program Credits in Ultracamp freeze for the transition to Campwise

**April 15:** Both existing and new Program Credits are available for use in Campwise

June: Ultracamp is retired

**Combined Systems** 

Campwise replaces both Ultracamp and CampDoc.



#### **Mobile Friendly**

Easier to navigate from cell or tablet.



#### **Program Credits**

Tracked at individual level, caregiver determines if/when to share between siblings.



#### **Program Credits**

Caregiver chooses if/when to use; easier to bypass if you're saving for a big events or trip.



#### **Camp Store Balances**

Increased visibility to current balance and type of purchases made.



#### Communication

Improved options, including auto-send of confirmation emails and one-way text for urgent updates.



#### **Camp Management**

Many features to improve camp staff processes.



#### **Customer Support**

Campwise will provide direct support for technical questions.



World Thinking Day is February 22 each year.

#### The theme for this year is **Our Story: Reflecting the** symbolism and values of our Movement

"World Thinking Day is a time for [Girl Scouts and Girl] Guides all around the world to stop and think about our sisters; especially those living in poverty, forced to fight in war, or suffering from the impact of a natural disaster."— Rachel, Barbados

There are FREE activity guides available for download and you'll also find activities in the Volunteer Toolkit. The activity guides can be found at girlscouts.org - just search World Thinking Day - -

https://www.girlscouts.org/en/members.html

There's also a fun patch available to purchase from our council shop.



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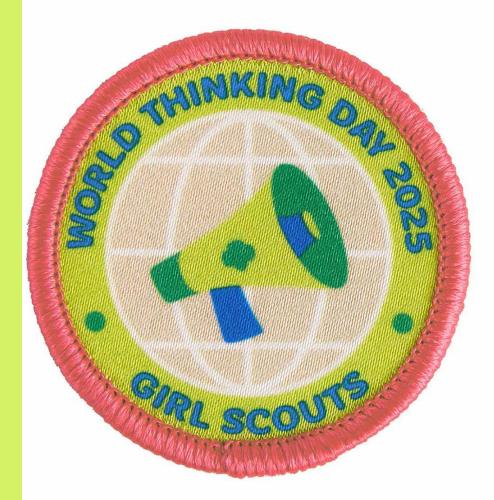
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2025 World Thinking Day Patch now available -\$3.50/each -Available in-store or online at girlscoutshop.com





# Fund Development

### Lift to Fundraising Ban

GSUSA will no longer be lifting the fundraising ban in times of national or international emergency. Troops may continue to support these causes through a Take Action or service project.

### Solicitation of Funds or In-Kind Donations

GSUSA has provided clarifying language regarding solicitation of funds by troops or service units. Due to these clarifications, GSKH will no longer be allowing troops or Service Units to solicit businesses for funds or in-kind donations, unless it is for the purpose of an approved Highest Awards project.



# Product Program



# Everything you need to know about what's happening this week in cookies is in the weekly Cookie Corner.

If you are not receiving this virtual newsletter contact us at info@gskh.org



# Recruitment



CONGRATULATIONS to the following thirteen troops who earned the TROOP GROWTH INCENTIVE

by adding NEW GIRLS to their TROOPS by the December 15 deadline!!

Troops 10035, 10224, 20109, 20428, 20934, 30022, 30079, 42434, 42444, 50008, 50020, 60069 and 70177 all earned digital gift certificates to purchase troop badges/supplies from our council shop equaling \$5 per girl!

These three troops won the Weekend Stay at Starwoods Girl Scout Center – Troops 20109, 50008, 50020



Troop Engagement Specialists are working to add more girls to our organization! If your troop has openings, you will receive an email with details. Please reach out to welcome new girls and give them and their caregivers the details regarding your troop meetings!

Check your troop rosters on your MYGS Volunteer Toolkit to make sure that all the girls in your troop are indeed registered Girl Scout members. If you have a girl attending that is not listed, please reach out to your Troop Engagement Specialist so we can get them registered.

If you know of community events, school happenings, ideas for recruitment opportunities, we want to know about them! Together, we can provide girl and other adults with adventures that all our members get to enjoy!







### February is Black History Month -

The Girl Scout Black History Month Celebration Fun Patch is designed for Girl Scouts of all levels and their leaders to celebrate the cultural richness of Black Americans and those whose ancestors originated in the African diaspora, and to acknowledge the many contributions that the Black community has made and continues to make across our nation.

https://www.girlscoutshop.com/gs-blackhistory-month-sew-on-patch 2025 Cookie Merchandise – Still Available (but going fast!) https://form.jotform.com/222897217859170





# Volunteer Training



### Troop Checking Account Reminders

\*Checking accounts must have at least 2, but not more than 3, unrelated signers that are registered, background checked and willing and able to complete the required trainings

\*Choose a bank that offers free checking with no minimum balance requirement

\*Avoid credit unions – these institutions may have additional requirements to qualify as a member and could impact credit reports for the volunteers and council signer

\*If online banking is important to you, be sure to ask the bank or your council representative which banks offer this service to non-profits

\*Council staff (a.k.a. Ronda) is happy to provide suggestions for banks in your area that are Girl Scout friendly :)



## Other



# Have a nice evening! The next edition of The Scoop is February 24 at 8 p.m.