The Gateway Guide
PROGRAMS, EVENTS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES
FALL 2017
Welcome to The Gateway Guide

Girl Scouts of Gateway Council is proud to present The Gateway Guide, a program and activity catalog to help girls and volunteers plan and get excited for the upcoming Girl Scout year. Inside you’ll find all the programs, events and training opportunities through January 2018. Another edition will be coming your way in December with all the spring program offerings, plus summer camp information! There’s so much to look forward to as a Girl Scout.

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Dear Girl Scouts, families and volunteers,

Welcome to The Gateway Guide!

We’ve listened to your suggestions and requests for a program guide, and we hope The Gateway Guide delivers! It will be published twice a year: once for fall programs and once for spring programs and summer camp.

In Girl Scouts, you’ll discover and embrace your inner G.I.R.L. (go-getter, innovator, risk-taker, leader)™ — even you, dads! — and Gateway Council programs and events support that important discovery. You’ll have the opportunity to explore the outdoors, discover new things, build robots, expand your skills, start your own business, and so much more. The possibilities are endless!

Girls are at the center of our mission, but we also understand the importance of sharing the Girl Scout experience as a family. Throughout the year, we’ll offer several events for the whole family and opportunities for adults to work side-by-side with their Girl Scout.

Through the Girl Scout experience, we get to watch girls grow into confident, collaborative leaders who aren’t afraid to step up or raise their hand. They get so much of that growth from the quality programming we’re able to offer, and we hope they’re excited to participate, learn and grow — and of course, have a blast and make new friends!

No one knows better than you the benefits of Girl Scouting, so please share the Girl Scout message with friends and families. Every girl deserves the chance to be a Girl Scout, and adults reap many of the same benefits when they choose to volunteer. Invite them to join the Movement by visiting girlscouts-gateway.org.

Now, get ready to explore The Gateway Guide and make a plan for an amazing year, filled with fun, friendship and adventure!

With a smile,

Mary Anne Jacobs
Chief Executive Officer
Girl Scouts of Gateway Council
At Girl Scouts, your girl will unleash her inner G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)™! She’ll get to lead her own adventure (it’s her world!) and team up with other girls in an all-girl environment to choose the exciting, hands-on activities that interest her most. Along the way, she’ll gain important skills in four areas that form the foundation of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience: STEM, Outdoors, Life Skills and Entrepreneurship.

The result? A lifetime of leadership! In fact, being a Girl Scout helps girls thrive in five key ways. As a Girl Scout, she develops a strong sense of self, displays positive values, seeks challenges and learns from setbacks, forms and maintains healthy relationships and learns to identify and solve problems in her community.

How to use this guide

1. Let girls take the lead! Help them find the experiences that are just right for them. Download this guide at girlscouts-gateway.org/Calendar.

2. Share the guide with parents and guardians!

3. Make plans with the girls. Share information about the Fall Product and Cookie programs and encourage their participation. This will help girls fund their own Girl Scout experience! Along the way, they’ll learn about money management and goal setting.

4. Attend events and programs! Girls can attend events as a troop, on their own, with parents and with their whole families. You’ll see which events are open to different groups throughout the guide.

5. Register for events at girlscouts-gateway.org/Calendar. You can see more details about all the events, programs and training opportunities, then sign up!

Registration for all programs opens Tuesday, Aug. 15, at 9 a.m.!

Registration information

In here you’ll find information about programs designed for girls, families and adults. We offer opportunities in Jacksonville, Gainesville, St. Augustine and everywhere in between!

You can attend any of the awesome events listed here! Just find your GS level page with the list of programs to see what’s available, then flip through the rest of the guide for descriptions of each program — they’re listed alphabetically.

Remember: Girl Scouts is about progression! If your Junior sees a program she’d love but it’s only available to Seniors and Ambassadors, remind her that if she sticks with Girl Scouting, she’ll be able to do that program eventually — and then some!

Symbols

- Daisies, Grades K-1
- Brownies, Grades 2-3
- Juniors, Grades 4-5
- Cadettes, Grades 6-8
- Seniors, Grades 9-10
- Ambassadors, Grades 11-12
- Volunteers*
- Families
- Earn a badge
- Earn a fun patch

* The Volunteer symbol appears when adults can expect a program that will actively engage them. If a program does not have a Volunteer symbol, girls still require a chaperone, but you can expect your role to be just that — chaperone.
**Getting started**

**Important dates to remember**

**Aug. 15** — Registration opens for programs and events that run through Jan. 31

**Aug. 15** — Online reservation system opens for troop camping at GSGC properties September-January

**Sept. 7** — Women Who Make a Difference - St. Augustine

**Sept. 16** — Be Fearless in the Outdoors: Fall Product Rally

**Sept. 22-24** — Outdoor Training Extravaganza at Camp Kateri

**Sept. 29-Oct. 1** — Fall Aquatics Weekend 1

**Oct. 6-8** — Fall Aquatics Weekend 2

**Oct. 21** — Girl Scout Day with the Jacksonville Icemen

**Oct. 31** — Founder’s Day/Juliette Gordon Low birthday

**Nov. 14** — International Girls Day

**Nov. 15** — Online reservation system opens for troop camping at GSGC properties February-May

**Dec. 17** — Cookie Kickoff with the Jacksonville Jaguars

**Dec. 31** — Deadline to submit Volunteer Recognition nominations

**Feb. 22** — World Thinking Day

**March 11-17** — Girl Scout Week
  - **March 11** — Girl Scout Sunday
  - **March 12** — Girl Scouts’ 106th Birthday
  - **March 17** — Girl Scout Sabbath

**March 23-25** — Living History Weekend

**April 19** — Women of Distinction

**April 22** — Girl Scout Leader’s Day

**April 22** — Young Women of Distinction/Annual Meeting/Adult Recognition Ceremony

**April 27-29** — Spring Aquatics Weekend

**May 31** — Women Who Make a Difference - Gainesville

**June 14-22** — Smile Camp

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**Fall Product Program**

- **Aug. 20-Oct. 15** — Online sales
- **Sept. 15-Oct. 15** — In-person sales
- **Nov. 13-17** — Delivery

**Girl Scout Cookie Program**

- **Jan. 1-March 4** — Digital Cookie (online sales)
- **Jan. 26-March 4** — In-person sales
- **Feb. 7-March 4** — Cookie booths
- **Feb. 23-25** — National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend

**Community Camporees**

- **Community 3** — Nov. 10-12
- **Community 4** — Jan. 19-21
- **Community 5** — March 9-11
- **Community 6** — March 16-18
- **Community 7** — April 6-8

*All camporees at Camp Kateri unless community indicates otherwise.*
DNA of a G.I.R.L.

She’s a **go-getter, innovator, risk-taker, leader!**

- **Sets goals and sticks to them**
- **Works hard to bring positive change to the world**
- **Sees new solutions to old problems**
- **Speaks up for herself and others**
- **Takes pride in her abilities and successes**
- **Builds team spirit and brings people together**
- **Runs for leadership positions**
- **Has an imagination that knows no limits**
- **Seeks new adventures and experiences**
- **Listens to opinions and feelings different from her own**
- **Takes action on issues dear to her heart**
- **Handles conflict with compassion and clear communication**
- **Falls down and gets back up**
- **Speaks up for others**

POWERED BY GIRL SCOUTS
On vacation, you typically want to:
A) See all the really famous sights in the tour book, even if you're tired!
B) Research what interests you and plan your own itinerary.
C) Forget planning—let every day be its own adventure!
D) Show friends or family around places you love but they haven't seen before.

At school or work, you've struggled with:
A) Turning in assignments when time's up. You want everything to be perfect!
B) Daydreaming. Sometimes you just get caught up in your own thoughts.
C) Remembering to read the directions. You usually want to just dive right in!
D) Talking too much, even if it's about the assignment you're working on!

Your favorite video games:
A) Challenge you! You want to work for that high score.
B) Feature cool new technology you can test out and play with.
C) Let you switch up scenes and characters as much as you want.
D) Are the ones you can play with other people as a team.

As far as books go, you love:
A) Nonfiction. Who needs fiction when there's so much in real life to learn about?
B) Sci-fi or fantasy. Books that aren't like everyday life help you see things differently.
C) Mysteries and thrillers. It's exciting to never know what's going to happen next.
D) Stories about relationships. Families and friendships are the best things in life!

When there's a karaoke machine at a party, you:
A) Sing the same song every time. You've practiced it, so you can hit every note!
B) Tend to perform as a "backup dancer." So many ways to bring the fun!
C) Play "dare-oke" and have your friends pick songs for you that you're scared to sing.
D) Pick a song that you know another, more reserved girl might want to sing with you.

If you worked for NASA, you'd want to:
A) Start a program to get even more girls and women involved in space exploration.
B) Invent new, faster methods of space travel and ways to gather data.
C) Go out in space! How cool would it be to see Earth from the moon?
D) Run the Mission Control Center, which handles any problems a space mission might encounter.

For Halloween, you:
A) Spend weeks thinking of and shopping for a perfect costume. Your look will be on point!
B) Make your own costume. It'll be just how you want it and you'll save money to boot.
C) Dress as your favorite, but not that famous, character. Who cares if anyone else "gets it"?
D) Coordinate a group costume with your friends so that everyone's in on the fun.

Your room is decorated with:
A) Posters of your idols—all the athletes, artists, and others who've achieved your dreams.
B) Lots of artsy stuff. Collages, paintings, and even images of space are inspiring to you.
C) Different stuff all the time! You'll put things up, only to get into new things and redecorate.
D) Pics of you and your girl squad. You and your friends are inseparable.

When it comes to exercise, you:
A) Stick to the same sport—you're just about to perfect that jump shot!
B) Make up a twist on whatever sport you're playing. New rules keep things fun!
C) Are always trying something new. Switching things up keeps it interesting.
D) Love cheering on your friends when they beat their own best time or high score.

If You Answered...

Mostly A's: You're a go-getter! You've got a vision of how you want your life to look and you keep going for it, even when the going gets tough. Your can-do mentality and ambition will take you far!

Mostly B's: You're an innovator! You're an original, independent thinker. With your love of learning and natural curiosity, you're a wonder at solving problems in creative new ways.

Mostly C's: You're a risk-taker! You've got an open mind and love the thrill of trying new things. Your embrace of adventure will open doors for others who might not be as bold.

Mostly D's: You're a leader! You're an advocate for all and are always cheering on the group. Through empathy, team building, and humility, you empower those around you to be their best.
Starter Kits

Everything a girl needs to begin her Girl Scout Year

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WITH KIT PURCHASE

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Designers, if you show these separately, I guess you have to add the brown outline around the center one two. But if you show them assembled, and as it will actually appear when award patch is put together, the central patch has a blue border that matches the background. I've thinned the border a bit from what will appear on the patch—due to their sewing constraints.
Unleash the HERO Inside!

Fall Product Program 2017

KEY DATES
Aug. 20-Oct. 15
Online sales

Sept. 15-Oct. 15
In-person sales

Nov. 13-17
Delivery

Be Fearless in the Outdoors:
Fall Product Rally
Sept. 16
North Fork

girlscouts-gateway.org/FallProduct
What Daisies Do

**Daisies • Grades K-1**

Don’t we all wish we could look at the world through a Girl Scout Daisy’s eyes? Everything they do — from planting a garden to putting on a skit to proudly adding the first petal to their vest — sparkles with that “first time ever” newness! Along the way, they’ll use their Daisy exuberance to help others — and they’ll never forget how that feels. Every Daisy meeting is an adventure filled with giggles, energy and excitement.

“A Christmas Carol”

Be Fearless in the Outdoors: Fall Product Rally

Campus Scavenger Hunt and Clean-up with Kappa Delta

“Christmas Wonderland”

“Cirque Dreams Holidaze”

Cookie Kickoff with Jacksonville Jaguars

Daisy Fun Day

Fall Product - 59 Minute Quick Start

Girl Scout Day with the Florida Gators

Girl Scout Day with the Jacksonville Icemen

“The Lion King”

Make New Friends

“Mutts Gone Nuts”

Service Center Tour

She’s a Park Explorer - Ichetucknee Springs State Park

She’s a Park Explorer - Pumpkin Hill Preserve

She’s a Park Explorer - Stephen Foster State Park

“The Sound of Music”

Surfing with Saltwater Cowgirls
What Brownies Do

**Brownies • Grades 2-3**

Girl Scout Brownies are ready to take on the world! They want to learn new things and show off what they know. They want to explore the world and meet new people. They get to do all these things and more in Girl Scouts: take that first hike in the great outdoors, visit a science museum, band together as a mighty Brownie team to sell cookies — and use some of money to help others. Life is good when you’re a Brownie!

“A Christmas Carol”

Aquatics Weekend - Citizen Science & Fishing

Bank of America Workshop - Meet My Customers

Bank of America Workshop - Money Manager

Bank of America Workshop - Philanthropist

Be Fearless in the Outdoors: Fall Product Rally

Brownie Play Day

Campus Scavenger Hunt and Clean-up with Kappa Delta

“Christmas Wonderland”

“Cirque Dreams Holidaze”

Cookie Kickoff with the Jacksonville Jaguars

Fall Product - 59 Minute Quick Start

Girl Scout Day with the Florida Gators

Girl Scout Day with the Jacksonville Icemen

“The Lion King”

Make New Friends

“Mutts Gone Nuts”

Service Center Tour

She’s a Park Explorer - Ichetucknee Springs

She’s a Park Explorer - Pumpkin Hill Preserve

She’s a Park Explorer - Stephen Foster State Park

“The Sound of Music”

Surfing with Saltwater Cowgirls

Trad’s Garden Center Workshop - Bugs

Register at girlscouts-gateway.org/Calendar
What Juniors Do

Juniors • Grades 4-5
Want to meet a real-life superhero? Just talk to a Girl Scout Junior who wakes up every day ready to play a new role. They are explorers when they go camping for the first time. They’re CEOs when they market and sell cookies. They’re scientists when they do energy audits and go on nature walks. And they’re product designers and writers when they earn their Innovation and Storytelling badges. Not to mention change-makers, big-idea thinkers and future leaders. Superhero, indeed!

“A Christmas Carol”
Aquatics Weekend - Archery
Aquatics Weekend - Basic Sailing
Aquatics Weekend - Beginning Kayak
Aquatics Weekend - Canoe Level 1
Aquatics Weekend - Intermediate Kayak
Aquatics Weekend - Wilderness Hiking
Bank of America Workshop - Business Owner
Bank of America Workshop - Customer Insights
Be Fearless in the Outdoors: Fall Product Rally
Campus Scavenger Hunt and Clean-up with Kappa Delta
“Christmas Wonderland”
“Cirque Dreams Holidaze”
Cookie Kickoff with the Jacksonville Jaguars
Dairy Science Tour with Alliance Dairies
Fall Product - 59 Minute Quick Start

Girl Scout Day with the Florida Gators
Girl Scout Day with the Jacksonville Icemen
Highest Awards Q&A - All Awards
Highest Awards Q&A - Bronze
“The Lion King”
Make New Friends
“Mutts Gone Nuts”
Service Center Tour
She’s a Park Explorer - Ichetucknee Springs
She’s a Park Explorer - Pumpkin Hill Preserve
She’s a Park Explorer - Stephen Foster State Park
“The Sound of Music”
Surfing with Saltwater Cowgirls
Trad’s Garden Center Workshop - Flowers
Trad’s Garden Center Workshop - Gardener
Visual Astronomy - Moon Girls
Visual Astronomy - Planet Girls
Visual Astronomy - Star Girls
What Cadettes Do

Cadettes • Grades 6-8
Making true blue friends, saving the planet, standing up against stereotypes, using their team power for the greater good — that’s what being a Girl Scout Cadette is all about. They blaze new trails in the wilderness, write and direct their own movies, take the stage for public speaking, make delicious meals from around the world, and pick up tools to do some workdworking. Their curiosity and imagination lead the way as they try all kinds of new experiences.

“A Christmas Carol”  Girl Scout Day with the Jacksonville Icemen
Aquatics Weekend - Archery  Highest Awards Q&A - All Awards
Aquatics Weekend - Basic Sailing  Highest Awards Q&A - Silver
Aquatics Weekend - Beginning Kayak  “The Lion King”
Aquatics Weekend - Canoe Level 1  “Mutts Gone Nuts”
Aquatics Weekend - Intermediate Kayak  Program Aide Kickoff
Aquatics Weekend - Program Aide  Program Aide Training Weekend
Aquatics Weekend - Wilderness Hiking  Service Center Tour
Be Fearless in the Outdoors: Fall Product Rally  She’s a Park Explorer - Ichetucknee Springs State Park
Campus Scavenger Hunt and Clean-up with Kappa Delta  She’s a Park Explorer - Pumpkin Hill Preserve
“Christmas Wonderland”  She’s a Park Explorer - Stephen Foster State Park
“Cirque Dreams Holidaze”  “She Started It” with Kappa Delta
Cookie Kickoff with the Jacksonville Jaguars  “The Sound of Music”
Cookie Kickoff Program Aide  Surfing with Saltwater Cowgirls
Dairy Science Tour with Alliance Dairies  Trad’s Garden Center Workshop - Trees
Entrepreneur Connoisseur  Visual Astronomy - Moon Girls
Fall Product - 59 Minute Quick Start  Visual Astronomy - Planet Girls
Girl Scout Day with the Florida Gators  Visual Astronomy - Star Girls
What Seniors Do

**Seniors • Grades 9-10**

Girl Scout Seniors are ready to take the world by storm — and Girl Scouts will give them millions of ways to do it. Whether it’s enhancing school-based activities or helping girls make the most of community involvement, the opportunities open to Girl Scout Seniors are virtually unlimited! They are eager to spread their wings — and Girl Scouts helps them take flight.

“A Christmas Carol”
Aquatics Weekend - Aquatics Leader Aide
Aquatics Weekend - Archery
Aquatics Weekend - Basic Sailing
Aquatics Weekend - Beginning Kayak
Aquatics Weekend - Canoe Level 1
Aquatics Weekend - Intermediate Kayak
Aquatics Weekend - Program Aide
Aquatics Weekend - Wilderness Hiking
Be Fearless in the Outdoors: Fall Product Rally
Campus Scavenger Hunt and Clean-up with Kappa Delta
“Christmas Wonderland”
“Cirque Dreams Holidaze”
Community First Aid/CPR/AED
Cookie Kickoff with the Jacksonville Jaguars
Cookie Kickoff Program Aide
Dairy Science Tour with Alliance Dairies
Educate & Inspire Gold Award Presentations
Entrepreneur Connoisseur
Fall Product - 59 Minute Quick Start
Girl Scout Day with the Florida Gators
Girl Scout Day with the Jacksonville Icemen
Highest Awards Q&A - All Awards
Highest Awards Q&A - Gold Awards
Lifeguard Certification
“The Lion King”
“Mutts Gone Nuts”
OTEX - ACA Archery Certification
OTEX - Gateway Canoe Certification
OTEX - Gateway Kayak Certification
OTEX - Kitchen Aide Training
Program Aide Kickoff
Service Center Tour
She’s a Park Explorer - Ichetucknee Springs
She’s a Park Explorer - Pumpkin Hill Preserve
She’s a Park Explorer - Stephen Foster State Park
“She Started It” with Kappa Delta
“The Sound of Music”
Surfing with Saltwater Cowgirls
Visual Astronomy - Moon Girls
Visual Astronomy - Planet Girls
Visual Astronomy - Star Girls
Wilderness First Aid
What Ambassadors Do

**Ambassadors • Grades 11-12**

With a wider world comes even more opportunities — and Girl Scout Ambassadors make the most of every chance they get to improve themselves and their world. But whatever path they choose, they take action to make a lasting positive impact on their school, their community, their world — and themselves. Their future is bright — and Girl Scout Ambassadors are ready to shine!

“A Christmas Carol”
Aquatics Weekend - Archery
Aquatics Weekend - Aquatics Leader Aide
Aquatics Weekend - Basic Sailing
Aquatics Weekend - Beginning Kayak
Aquatics Weekend - Canoe Level 1
Aquatics Weekend - Intermediate Kayak
Aquatics Weekend - Program Aide
Aquatics Weekend - Wilderness Hiking
Be Fearless in the Outdoors: Fall Product Rally
Campus Scavenger Hunt and Clean-up with Kappa Delta
“Christmas Wonderland”
“Cirque Dreams Holidaze”
Community First Aid/CPR/AED
Cookie Kickoff with the Jacksonville Jaguars
Cookie Kickoff Program Aide
Dairy Science Tour with Alliance Dairies
Educate & Inspire Gold Award Presentations
Entrepreneur Connoisseur
Fall Product - 59 Minute Quick Start
Girl Scout Day with the Florida Gators
Girl Scout Day with the Jacksonville Icemen
Highest Awards Q&A - All Awards
Highest Awards Q&A - Gold Award
Lifeguard Certification
“The Lion King”
“The Merry Minutes”
“Mutts Gone Nuts”
OTEX - ACA Archery Certification
OTEX - Gateway Canoe Certification
OTEX - Gateway Kayak Certification
OTEX - Kitchen Aide Training
Program Aide Kickoff
She’s a Park Explorer - Ichetucknee Springs
She’s a Park Explorer - Pumpkin Hill Preserve
She’s a Park Explorer - Stephen Foster State Park
“She Started It” with Kappa Delta
“The Sound of Music”
Surfing with Saltwater Cowgirls
Visual Astronomy - Moon Girls
Visual Astronomy - Planet Girls
Visual Astronomy - Star Girls
Wilderness First Aid
“A Christmas Carol”
Dec. 21
Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts, Jacksonville

The Charles Dickens’ most beloved holiday story, “A Christmas Carol,” as you’ve never seen it before. This celebrated Charles Jones adaptation is rich with thrilling ensemble music, alive with color and movement, and is created to tell this great and enduring tale in a manner that audiences of all ages will enjoy.
Cost: $26/girl, $26/tagalong, $26/adult

Aquatics Weekend - Aquatics Leader Aide
Sept. 29-Oct. 1; Oct. 6-8
Camp Kateri

Older girls gain confidence in their aquatic and leadership skills as they share their knowledge with younger girls. An assessment of skill level and proficiency each weekend allows Girl Scouts to progress into an assistant instructor role. Girls progress through this leadership experience at their own pace, with the guidance and support of adult Aquatics instructors.
Cost: $25/girl, $25/adult

Aquatics Weekend - Archery
Sept. 29-Oct. 1; Oct. 6-8
Camp Kateri

Spend the weekend aiming for the target! Use a bow and arrow as you learn proper technique, play games and try tricks of the trade. On Sunday morning, test your skills by participating in a tournament to earn the Archery training strip.
Cost: $40/girl, $25/adult

Aquatics Weekend - Basic Sailing
Sept. 29-Oct. 1; Oct. 6-8
Camp Kateri

Set sail on McCarthy Lake as you learn the basics of sailing. Find out how to read the wind, tack and jibe, and, most importantly, have fun! Run a course in our Optimus Prams and feel the wind in your sails. Participants will receive the Basic Sailing training strip.
Cost: $40/girl, $25/adult

Aquatics Weekend - Beginning Kayak
Sept. 29-Oct. 1; Oct. 6-8
Camp Kateri

Learn basic kayaking strokes and safety: how to steady a kayak, how to get in and out of a kayak, and how to roll a kayak. Join in the fun as you take a tour of McCarthy Lake and find out what Dead Fish Polo is all about! Participants earn the Beginning Kayaking training strip.

Aquatics Weekend - Canoe Level 1
Sept. 29-Oct. 1; Oct. 6-8
Camp Kateri

Have fun learning basic canoe strokes and concepts of canoe safety: not only how to get in and out safely, but also how to handle a capsized canoe. Enjoy beautiful Hankley Lake while learning basic canoe skills and playing canoe tag! This course earns the Introduction to Canoeing training strip.
Cost: $40/girl, $25/adult

Aquatics Weekend - Citizen Science & Fishing
Sept. 30; Oct. 7
Camp Kateri

Learn the basics of fishing, including baits and lures and proper technique. Girls will learn catch-and-release, and other ways to help the environment. In Citizen Science, girls will learn to identify wildlife, measure air quality and more!
Cost: $20/girl, $8/adult

Aquatics Weekend - Intermediate Kayak
Sept. 29-Oct. 1 and Oct. 6-8
Camp Kateri

Take your kayak skills to the next level during this two-weekend course. Refine your skills during Aquatics Weekend 1, then take a day trip to a river during the second weekend. The river is chosen by Aquatics instructors. By completing both weekends, girls will receive the Intermediate Kayaking training strip.
Cost: $70/girl, $45/adult

Aquatics Weekend - Program Aide
Sept. 29-Oct. 1; Oct. 6-8

Looking for events in your community?

They’re being added all the time! Visit girlscouts-gateway.org/communities to see what’s happening in your community and around the council. You’ll also find important contact information for key community leadership. Have an event or program in mind but don’t see it listed? Volunteers and troops can host events — contact your community events manager to learn more!
Girl Program Descriptions

Camp Kateri
Camp Kateri
Assist with Brownie Citizen Science & Fishing on Saturday, or help out for the weekend. Girls must have previously completed Program Aide training.
Cost: Weekend, $25/girl; Saturday only, $0/girl

Aquatics Weekend - Wilderness Hiking
Sept. 29-Oct. 1; Oct. 6-8
Camp Kateri
Come explore the trails of Camp Kateri! This session will provide a strong foundation for outdoor exploration. Participants will be familiarized with equipment and skills to be comfortable in the outdoors, and enthusiasm to explore further. Each girl participant will receive a basic hiking kit to begin their adventure and their Basic Hiking training strip.
Cost: $50/girl, $25/adult

Bank of America Workshop - Business Owner
Oct. 10
Gateway Service Center, Jacksonville
Do you have a passion for fashion? Are you kooky about cooking? Or maybe you're wild about animals? In this workshop, Girl Scouts will learn from the experts at Bank of America how to turn something they love into a successful business! Business Owner badge included for girls who complete the program.
Cost: $5/girl, $1/adult

Bank of America Workshop - Customer Insights
Dec. 12
Gateway Service Center, Jacksonville
Thanks to the experts at Bank of America, girls will have a better understanding of their cookie customers, and a better understanding leads to a better-run cookie business! Customer Insights badge included for girls who complete the program.
Cost: $5/girl, $1/adult

Bank of America Workshop - Meet My Customers
Jan. 9
Gateway Service Center, Jacksonville
Girls will learn from the experts at Bank of America how to manage their money. They will pretend to be customers and learn how to find their customers and be comfortable selling to them. Meet My Customers badge included for Girl Scouts who complete the program.
Cost: $5/girl, $1/adult

Bank of America Workshop - Money Manager
Sept. 12
Gateway Service Center, Jacksonville
Girls will learn from the experts at Bank of America how to find the best deals when shopping, how to stick to a budget, and how to save for wants. Money Manager badge included for Girl Scouts who complete the program.
Cost: $5/girl, $1/adult

Bank of America Workshop - Philanthropist
Nov. 14
Location TBD
Girl Scouts will explore basic human needs and how to be a philanthropist — a person who give to people who need help. Girls will learn from the experts at Bank of America and a special guest on how to help people in need. Philanthropist badge included for Girl Scouts who complete the program.
Cost: $5/girl, $1/adult

Be Fearless in the Outdoors: Fall Product Rally
Sept. 16
North Fork
Learn how to unleash the hero inside! Join us at North Fork for a fun morning exploring the outdoors and testing your Fall Product knowledge. Girls will complete challenges spread out over camp to learn about what camp has to offer and to earn stamps on their Fall Product Super Passports. Haven't gotten started with your Fall Product sales yet? Never fear! We will have volunteers available to help set you up and go through a mini-training session. Participants can bring a bag lunch to enjoy on camp property. Participants are encouraged to bring a reusable water bottle. Have a friend who's interested in joining Girl Scouts? Bring her along and get her registered at the event!
Cost: $3/girl, $2/adult

Brownie Play Day
Dec. 3
North Fork Leadership Center
Girls will participate in activities organized by Cadette Girl Scouts who just completed Program Aide Training! Brownies will make a craft, play an outdoor game, sing songs around the campfire, take a hike and do a science experiment.
Cost: $7/girl, $1/adult

Register at girlscouts-gateway.org/Calendar
Campus Scavenger Hunt and Clean-up with Kappa Delta
Sept. 30
The Green at UNF, Jacksonville
Do you like a challenge? Join the newest members of Kappa Delta for a campus-wide scavenger hunt! While exploring the wonderful University of North Florida campus with the Kappa Delta sisters, Girl Scouts learn to help make the world a more beautiful place by helping with a campus clean-up. At the end, enjoy some yummy snacks with your new friends at Kappa Delta.
Cost: $5/girl, $1/adult

“Christmas Wonderland”
Dec. 19
Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts, Jacksonville
“Christmas Wonderland” is quite simply one of the most delightful and enchanting Christmas shows ever, featuring glittering costumes, a dazzling cast and the highest kicking chorus girls this side of the North Pole. Start Christmas in style as Santa and his merry helpers take you on an unforgettable nostalgic journey. “Christmas Wonderland” is pure holiday magic — with enough fun and festive cheer to power all the Christmas lights in town!
Cost: $34/girl, $34/tagalong, $34/adult

“Cirque Dreams Holidaze”
Nov. 19
Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts, Jacksonville
“Cirque Dreams” lights up the 2017 holiday season with its critically acclaimed holiday stage extravaganza. “Cirque Dreams Holidaze” is a cirque show, a Broadway musical and a family Christmas spectacular all in one! Be amazed by this holiday spectacle with more than 300 costumes, 20 acts and 30 artists from around the world. Many of these acts have been featured on “America’s Got Talent” and similar TV shows in other countries making “Cirque Dreams Holidaze” the greatest variety show on the planet!
Cost: $23.50-$32.50/girl, $23.50-$32.50/tagalong, $23.50-$32.50/adult

Community First Aid/CPR/AED - Blended
Aug. 17; Aug. 19; Aug. 26; Aug. 30; Sept. 8; Sept. 14; Sept. 27; Sept. 29; Oct. 12; Oct. 25; Oct. 26; Jan. 19; Jan. 31; Feb. 15; Feb. 28; March 15; March 28; April 20; April 25; May 23; May 24
Locations vary
This course will prepare you to recognize and care for a variety of first aid, breathing, and cardiac emergencies involving adults, children and infants and meets OSHA/workplace requirements. The online portion of this blended course features award-winning simulation learning — an interactive experience where you will respond to real-world emergencies in a virtual setting — that will prepare you for the instructor-led classroom skill session.
Cost: $50

Cookie Kickoff with the Jacksonville Jaguars
Dec. 17
Metropolitan Park, downtown Jacksonville
Get ready to kick off the 2017 season of the Girl Scout Cookie Program with your Girl Scout sisters, family and the Jacksonville Jaguars! Join us at Metropolitan Park for a day of #cookiebiz programs, family fun, entertainment and a picnic lunch, before heading over to Everbank Field to watch the Jacksonville Jaguars take on the Houston Texans. Before the day is over, Girl Scouts will be equipped with all the information they need to be the best #cookieboss they can be! Girls will participate in #cookiebiz activities that reinforce the 5 Skills, and they will acquire cookie sale safety tips and marketing pointers, while learning from our very own resident cookie experts. Whether a Girl Scout considers herself a seasoned cookie seller or this is her very first sale, she is sure to pick up some new skills to make this season a success. Cookie Kickoff is Gateway Council’s signature family event, so we’ll have plenty of fun and activities for non-Girl Scouts too! A family fun zone with outdoor games, entertainment, food and the Girl Scout Shop on the Road will keep the whole crew busy.
Cost: Aug. 15-Oct. 1 — $30/Girl Scout, $30/adult, $30/non-GS youth; Oct. 2-Nov. 20 — $35/Girl Scout, $35/adult, $35/non-GS youth

Cookie Kickoff Program Aide/Adult Volunteer
Dec. 17
Metropolitan Park, downtown Jacksonville
Help your fellow Girl Scouts become the best #cookieboss she can by guiding her in #cookiebiz activities that reinforce the 5 Skills. Also, help her with cookie sale safety tips and marketing pointers. Families can attend with PA Girl Scouts or with adult volunteers by signing up through the general registration option online. There’s plenty of fun to go around!
Cost:
With game ticket: Aug. 15-Oct. 1 — $30/PA Girl Scout, $30/Adult volunteer; Oct. 2-Nov. 20 — $35/PA Girl Scout, $35/Adult volunteer
No game ticket: $15/PA Girl Scout, $15/PA adult chaperone, $15/Adult volunteer

Dairy Science Tour with Alliance Dairies
Nov. 4
Alliance Dairies, Trenton, Fla.
Nothing pairs better with Girl Scout Cookies than milk — find out how milk makes everything more delicious with Alliance Dairies, the 2016 Agricultural Environmental Leadership Award Winner, located in Trenton, Fla. You’ll learn about the process of getting milk from cows to your cup, how keeping cows cool and comfortable produces better quality milk, and how feeding cows isn’t as easy.

Register at girlscouts-gateway.org/Calendar
Girl Program Descriptions

Daisy Fun Day
Oct. 22; Jan. 21
North Fork Leadership Center

Girls will participate in activities organized by Cadette Girl Scouts who just completed Program Aide Training! Daisies will make a craft, play an outdoor game, sing songs around the campfire, take a hike and do a science experiment.
Cost: $7/girl, $1/adult

Educate & Inspire Gold Award Presentation
Aug. 26; Feb. 24; April 28; June 23; Aug. 25
Jacksonville Service Center

As Girl Scouts complete their Gold Award projects, the Educate & Inspire Presentations give girls a vehicle to share their success and enthusiasm. Girls should sign up to present as soon as final paperwork is submitted.

Entrepreneur Connoisseur
Oct. 14
WellCare, Jacksonville

When it comes to innovation, fantastic ideas and creative inventions are only half of the game. The other half involves figuring out if people would buy your invention or use your idea. In this hands-on workshop with Mygani, girls will find out what it takes to turn a great idea into a great business. Girls will brainstorm business ideas, improve an idea, get into the financial side of things, imagine creating a business, and practice sharing business ideas. Girls will also be able to create a mini-commercial and pitch their ideas.
Cost: $12/girl, $1/adult

Fall Product - 59 Minute Quick Start
Sept. 16
Gateway Service Center, Jacksonville

The 59 Minute Quick Start is a fast and easy way to kick-start your troop’s year with funds earned from the Fall Product program! Girls call family and friends to ask them to purchase magazines, nuts and candy; if customers say yes, girls send a text with a link to their Fall Product website. This high energy program allows girls to connect with friends and family while learning valuable communication, business, marketing, and goal setting skills.
Cost: Free

Girl Scout Day with the Florida Gators
Sept. 30
University of Florida, Gainesville

All Girl Scouts and their families and friends are invited to watch the Florida Gators football team take on the Vanderbilt Commodores! Everyone will have the opportunity to attend an exclusive pre-game event about college athletics, then continue the excitement in Alligator Alley with interactive and educational activities. Girls will receive a brand new Gator Football patch to commemorate this exciting new event!
Cost: $38/girl, $38/tagalong, $38/adult

Girl Scout Day with the Jacksonville Icemen
Oct. 21
Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena

GSGC and the Jacksonville Icemen are teaming up to bring you a once in a lifetime experience you won’t want to miss! From meeting the team and enjoying a behind the scenes tour, to being the first to receive an official Icemen patch for your uniform and hockey puck to remember the fun you had, you are sure to have a blast with your fellow Girl Scouts, friends and family. Girls will also have the opportunity to sell game tickets to earn exciting prizes, like a visit from the Icemen mascot at one of your cookie booths! You won’t want to miss this brand new event!
Cost: $18/girl, $18/tagalong, $18/adult

Highest Awards Q&A
Sept. 10; Jan. 7
Teleconference

Join a conference call for Girl Scouts and leaders who have questions pertaining to the Girl Scout Highest Awards. Ask your questions and learn more about budgets, timelines, sustainability, evaluations and everything in between.

Highest Awards Q&A - Bronze
Oct. 1; April 15
Teleconference

Join a conference call for Girl Scouts and leaders who have questions pertaining to the Girl Scout Bronze Award. Ask your questions and learn more about budgets, timelines, sustainability, evaluations and everything in between.

Highest Awards Q&A - Gold
Dec. 3; Feb. 4; May 6; June 3
Teleconference

Join a conference call for Girl Scouts and leaders who have questions pertaining to the Girl Scout Gold Award. Ask your questions and learn more about budgets, timelines, sustainability, evaluations and everything in between.

Register at girlscouts-gateway.org/Calendar
## Girl Program Descriptions

### Highest Awards Q&A - Silver
**Nov. 5**

*Teleconference*

Join a conference call for Girl Scouts and leaders who have questions pertaining to the Girl Scout Silver Award. Ask your questions and learn more about budgets, timelines, sustainability, evaluations and everything in between.

### Lifeguard Certification
**Sept. 8-10 and 15-17; May 11-13 and 18-20**

*North Fork Leadership Center*

Participants who complete this training will earn American Red Cross Lifeguard certification. Participants will be required to swim 550 yards continuously; tread water for 2 minutes without use of arms; surface dive, retrieve a 10-pound weight and swim back with weight; and swim underwater. Two weekends are required to complete the certification. Participants must be at least 15 years old.

Cost: $85/Girl Scout, $150/non-Girl Scout youth, $85/Girl Scout adult, $150/non-Girl Scout adult

### “The Lion King”
**Feb. 7**

*Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts, Jacksonville*

More than 90 million people around the world have experienced the phenomenon of Disney’s “The Lion King,” and now you can, too, when Jacksonville’s best-loved musical returns to the Times-Union Center. “The Lion King” features some of Broadway’s most recognizable music, crafted by Tony Award-winning artists Elton John and Tim Rice.

Cost: $40-$48/girl, $40-$48/tagalong, $40-$48/adult

### Make New Friends
**Nov. 18**

*WellCare, Jacksonville*

Friends are another kind of family. They’re the people you have fun with and who help you when you need it. In this hands-on workshop with Mygani, girls will learn how to be the best friends they can be. Girls will participate in role-playing scenarios including: holding a conversation, saying thank you, practicing being at ease, showing friends you care, and sharing your favorite activities with friends.

Cost: $12/girl, $1/adult

### “Mutts Gone Nuts”
**Jan. 21**

*Wilson Center for the Arts, Jacksonville*

Disorderly duo Scott and Joan Houghton and their hilarious pack of pooches have created a comedy dog thrill show like no other. Expect the unexpected in this top-notch presentation that includes incredible high-flying Frisbee dogs, tight-wire dogs, dancing dogs, magic dogs and of course, the one and only Sammie the Talking Dog!

Cost: $20.50/girl, $20.50/tagalong, $20.50/adult

### Outdoor Training Extravaganza - ACA Archery Certification
**Sept. 22-24**

*Camp Kateri*

Archery participants will receive a Level 1 USA Archery certification, enabling them to facilitate archery with their Girl Scouts. These participants are also requested/encouraged to assist at Aquatics Weekend to ensure the instructor-to-girl ratios are met, as required by the Safety Activity Checkpoints. It’s also a great opportunity to practice and reinforce your newfound instructor skills. Participants must be at least 16 years old. Those 18 and older will achieve the first step toward becoming a Gateway instructor.

Cost: $70

### Outdoor Training Extravaganza - Gateway Canoe Certification
**Sept. 22-24**

*Camp Kateri*

Learn the basics of recreational canoe paddling including strokes, games, group safety and rescue skills. Successful completion of this class enables participants to facilitate canoe activities on Gateway Council properties only. Participants must be at least 16 years old. Those 18 and older will achieve the first step toward becoming an Gateway instructor.

Cost: $70

### Outdoor Training Extravaganza - Gateway Kayak Certification
**Sept. 22-24**

*Camp Kateri*

Explore McCarthy Lake by kayak — no experience required! Learn the basics of recreational flat water kayak paddling including strokes, games, group safety and rescue skills. Successful completion of this class enables participants to facilitate kayak activities at Camp Kateri. Participants must be at least 16 years old. Those 18 and older will achieve the first step toward becoming an Gateway instructor.

Cost: $70

### Outdoor Training Extravaganza - Kitchen Aide Training
**Sept. 22-24**

*Camp Kateri*

Do you enjoy being in the kitchen? Here’s your chance to get hands-on experience with kitchen equipment, meal preparation, and health and safety guidelines. Help prepare meals for everyone at camp! Participants must be at least 14 years old.

Register at girlscouts-gateway.org/Calendar
Girl Program Descriptions

Program Aide Kickoff
Aug. 26
North Fork Leadership Center
Calling all Program Aides — you're invited to a PA Kickoff! This training is open to all Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors who have previously completed Program Aide training. Connect with other PAs from around our council, share your experiences and gather new ideas for events and programs. Pick up some tips on how to handle difficult situations, add some STEM activities to your “Ring-O-Ideas” and check out upcoming opportunities to put your leadership skills to use.
Cost: $10/PA, $5/adult

Program Aide Training Weekend
Oct. 20-22; Dec. 1-3; Jan. 19-21
North Fork Leadership Center
Program Aides plan and lead activities for younger Girl Scouts. This training weekend enables them to explore their leadership through participation in hands-on activities, skill building, and reflection. Girls must attend the entire weekend to earn the PA certification. Adult volunteers help facilitate the training weekend.
Cost: $40/girl, $25/adult

Service Center Tour
Oct. 16
Gateway Service Center, Jacksonville
Visit the Gateway Council museum and brush up on your local Girl Scout history! Take a tour of the museum and participate in the History Hunt to earn a special patch. While you're here, meet the staff who work hard every day to support your Girl Scout experience and learn about the business behind Girl Scouts. Troops can also contact Brittany McCallister at bmcallister@girlscouts-gateway.org or (904) 389-3071 to set up a tour outside of the scheduled dates.
Cost: $5/girl, $1/adult

She’s a Park Explorer - Ichetucknee Springs
Dec. 2
Ichetucknee Springs State Park, Fort White
Join park rangers to learn first-hand about the diversity of wildlife that call Ichetucknee Springs State Park home. Explore the Education Center and meet a gopher tortoise, box turtle, yellow-belly slider, river cooter, gray rat snake and yellow rat snake. Learn how to track wildlife by looking for the signs they leave behind, including their tracks. Enjoy a short hike to try out your new skills — let’s see what we can discover!
Cost: $8/girl, $6/adult

She’s a Park Explorer - Pumpkin Hill Preserve
Jan. 20
Pumpkin Hill Preserve Creek State Park, Jacksonville
Discover the importance of this upland area as a wetland buffer preserve for Jacksonville’s water. More than 4,000 acres of forest, swamps and marsh are protected as a filter for our fresh water. Rangers protect and work to restore and maintain these habitats. Learn about the different methods rangers use including wetland monitoring and prescribed fire. Hands-on activities will include animal tracking, water sampling and a fire engine demonstration.
Cost: $8/girl, $6/adult

Register at girlscouts-gateway.org/Calendar
Girl Program Descriptions

**She’s a Park Explorer - Pumpkin Hill Preserve**  
**Jan. 20**  
**Pumpkin Hill Preserve Creek State Park, Jacksonville**

Many different plants and animals live together in healthy ecosystems. At Pumpkin Hill Creek Preserve State Park, rangers are working to restore the health of longleaf pine forest ecosystems within the preserve. Learn techniques to transform a planted pine plantation back into a native sandhill or pine flatwood community including vegetation surveys, tree thinning, prescribed fire and seedling planting. Hands-on activities will include plant identification along a guided nature hike, wetland faunal sampling and a fire engine demonstration.

Cost: $8/girl, $6/adult

**“The Sound of Music”**  
**Nov. 2**  
**Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts, Jacksonville**

A brand new production of “The Sound of Music” is coming to the Times-Union Center. The spirited, romantic and beloved musical story of Maria and the von Trapp family will once again thrill audiences with favorite songs and stories.

Cost: $32.50-$40/girl; $32.50-$40/adult

**Surfing with Saltwater Cowgirls**  
**Sept. 2; Sept. 9; Oct. 7; Oct. 14; Nov. 4; Nov. 11; Dec. 2; Dec. 9; Jan. 6; Jan. 13**  
**Jacksonville Beach**

Hit the beach for surf lessons! Whether you’ve never touched a surfboard or you’ve caught a few waves, you’ll have a blast learning the fundamentals of surfing, like how to properly carry your board, control your board and navigate the waves before catching your own wave at Jacksonville Beach! Saltwater Cowgirls are experienced women surfers and coaches who make safety their highest priority. Lengthy instruction takes place on the beach before students enter the water; instructors are in the water at every moment to offer assistance and ensure student safety throughout the lesson.

Cost: $43/girl, $1/adult

**“She Started It” with Kappa Delta**  
**Nov. 19**  
**UNF Student Union, Jacksonville**

Women still account for less than 10 percent of founders for high growth firms, less than 4 percent of CEOs of Fortune 500 firms and get less than 10 percent of venture capital funding. “She Started It” gives a new face to the image of the entrepreneur: a female face. Join the Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc.’s Women’s Leadership Initiative, Jacksonville Women’s Leadership Forum, Healthcare Business Women’s Association and the Girl Scouts of America for a film screening of “She Started It,” a new documentary that follows five trailblazing young female entrepreneurs through their journeys of entrepreneurship. The screening event includes a panel discussion featuring two influential women in business and a networking session. The program fee covers snacks, a 50-minute film screening, 40-minute panel discussion and parking.

Cost: $10/girl, $10/adult
Girl Program Descriptions

Trad’s Garden Center Workshop - Bugs
Oct. 22
Trad’s Garden Center, Jacksonville

Explore the world of bugs with the experts at Trad’s Garden Center and learn more about these little creatures that do so much. Brownies will read a bug book, create a paper butterfly, find an ant trail, draw a cocoon, and go on a bug walk! Bugs badge included for girls who complete the program.

Cost: $5/girl, $1/adult

Trad’s Garden Center Workshop - Flowers
Oct. 15
Trad’s Garden Center, Jacksonville

Flowers are so beautiful, we bring them from the outside into our homes to add cheer to a room. But there’s more to flowers than just good looks. Without them, plants could not make seeds, and scientists think the world would be much drier (and a lot less pretty). Juniors will have a chance to talk with a botanist, dye a flower, learn how flowers are calming, create dried flower art, and make a bouquet! Flowers badge included for girls who complete the program.

Cost: $5/girl, $1/adult

Trad’s Garden Center Workshop - Gardener
Sept. 23
Trad’s Garden Center, Jacksonville

Creating a bright bouquet of fresh flowers, making a dish with garden-fresh herbs, growing a little green cheer inside with houseplants – these are all things a gardener gets to do. In this workshop, with the help of the experts at Trad’s Garden Center, Juniors will dig into the earth and spend time with soil, water, and sunlight to find out how to help life grow from a tiny seed. Juniors will visit an outdoor garden at Trad’s Garden Center, plan their dream gardens, find six plants that grow in different ways, experiment with water, and plant an indoor garden! Gardener badge included for girls who complete the program.

Cost: $5/girl, $1/adult

Trad’s Garden Center Workshop - Trees
Sept. 9
Trad’s Garden Center, Jacksonville

Grab your naturalist hat and get ready to know trees – from the shade to the science, the fruit to the forest, and the legends to the lumber. To know trees is to love them! Girls will design a tree house, sketch and label parts of a tree, and get tree crafty. After a healthy debate of logging, clear cutting, and deforestation, Cadettes will also get a chance to plant a tree! Trees badge included for girls who complete the program.

Cost: $5/girl, $1/adult

Visual Astronomy - Moon Girls
Oct. 27
North Fork Leadership Center

Our most popular visual astronomy program is back! Girl Scouts will learn why our view of the moon changes from day to day and why there are dark spots on the moon. We will demonstrate how lunar craters form and how the changing light on the moon affects our view of those craters. We have a collection of rocks from Earth that are similar to moon rocks that we can touch and examine with hand lenses and microscopes. Girls will learn to use a telescope and can have the experience of “flying” over the moon’s surface like an astronaut. Astronomy-trained Program Aides are needed to facilitate the event.

Cost: $7/girl, $7/adult

Visual Astronomy - Planet Girls
Nov. 17
North Fork Leadership Center

Planet Girl Scouts make the atmosphere a better place by being girls of courage, confidence, and character! Girls will learn about Mars, Venus and Uranus, as well as the other “classic planets” and how our solar system formed around our star, as well as the relative size of the planets and solar system – Pluto included! Astronomy-trained Program Aides are needed to facilitate the event.

Cost: $7/girl, $7/adult

Visual Astronomy - Star Girls
Dec. 15
North Fork Leadership Center

Ever wonder how the sky moves through the night and the seasons? What is out in the dark sky to view with a telescope? How about how to predict what will be overhead when you are out camping or other outings? You’ll learn all this and more! Astronomy-trained Program Aides are needed to facilitate the event.

Cost: $7/girl, $7/adult

Wilderness First Aid
Sept. 9-10; Oct. 14-15; Jan. 6-7; March 10-11; April 14-15
Camp Kateri

Wilderness First Aid is designed to allow volunteers to provide a safe outdoor adventure to include camping, hiking and other activities that are in secluded or out-of-the way areas. The overnight training will show the steps to render aid to children and adults in a wilderness or any area where aid is more than 30 minutes away, as well as educate volunteers on important safety procedures and council policies involved in making the trip a (safe!) success. Participants must have current first aid/CPR certification and must be at least 16 years old.

Cost: $65

Register at girlscouts-gateway.org/Calendar
Cookie Kickoff

2017

With the Jacksonville Jaguars

Sunday, Dec. 17

Metropolitan Park • Downtown Jacksonville

girlscouts-gateway.org/CookieKickoff
Volunteer Training

Volunteers

Girl Scouts wouldn’t be what it is without dedicated, capable volunteers at the helm! Volunteers introduce girls to new experiences that show them they’re capable of more than they ever imagined. They’ll each find their inner G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-Taker, Leader)™ after all! You’re their cheerleader, guide, and mentor, helping them develop essential life skills and confidence that will last a lifetime. These training opportunities allow you to expand your girls’ experiences — and your own skill set!

Basic Troop Camp Certification - Level 1 - Test Out
Available through Sunday, Dec. 31
Online

The Troop Camp Experience Exam will be given to registered adult Girl Scouts who have previous experience in camping and the outdoors.

• Completion of the training or successful exam certifies a volunteer in Troop Camp Basics Level 1, enabling them to guide girls on day, overnight, or multi-night outdoor experiences on council camp property.
• Volunteers must recertify their outdoor skills every three years.

The Troop Camp Experience Exam Level 1 serves as a recertification test for volunteers whose Girl Scout Outdoor Training was completed more than three years ago or for new volunteers that have previous camping experience.

Basic Troop Camp Certification - Level 1
Sept. 9-10; Oct. 14-15; Nov. 11-12; Dec. 2-3; Jan. 6-7; Feb. 3-4; March 10-11; April 14-15; May 5-6
Camp Kateri, Hawthorne, FL

Girl Scouts of Gateway Council’s Basic Troop Camp Certification enables you to provide an amazing outdoor adventure for your girls. You will be introduced to the basics of camping, from preparing your girls for the outdoor experience, to planning and budgeting for the overnight trip. You will learn about important safety procedures and council policies involved with making your trip a success. This training certifies you to camp on Girl Scouts of Gateway properties only.

Cost: $30

Basic Troop Camp Certification - Level 2 - Test Out
Aug. 17; Sept. 26; Nov. 9; Dec. 21; March 14; May 10; June 15
Locations vary

This Troop Camp Experience Exam will be given to registered adult Girl Scouts who have successfully completed the Troop Camp Experience Level 1 (either in person or by test out). Completion of the training or successful exam certifies a volunteer in Troop Camp Basics Level 2, enabling them to guide girls on day, overnight, or multi-night outdoor experiences beyond the council properties, such as at state parks, established campgrounds, or back country camping. Test Out for Level 2 is an in-person discussion and written exam.

Cost: $5

Cookie Program Training - Apprentice
Nov. 17; Nov. 19; Nov. 30; Jan. 6
Locations vary

If you have been the Cookie Program Troop Product Sales Manager for fewer than three years, this is the training for you. Your Community Product Sales Manager will highlight the updates to the Girl Scout Cookie Program and share important tips and tricks, strategies and policies to help you prepare your troop for a great cookie season.

Cookie Program Training - Expert
Nov. 17; Nov. 18; Nov. 30
Locations vary

If you have been the Cookie Program Troop Product
Volunteer Training

Sales Manager for more than three years, this is the training for you. Your Community Product Sales Manager will highlight the updates to the Girl Scout Cookie Program and share important tips and tricks, strategies and policies to help you prepare your troop for a great cookie season.

**Fall Product Training**
**Aug. 17; Aug. 19; Aug. 20; Aug. 22; Aug. 23; Aug. 25; Aug. 26; Aug. 29; Aug. 30; Sept. 2; Sept. 6; Sept. 12; Sept. 16**
**Locations vary**
This fun and fast-paced workshop will introduce you to our Fall Product Program and jump start your Girl Scout year with a successful fundraising campaign. We will highlight the enhancements to this year’s program and help you prepare for the upcoming Girl Scout Cookie Program. You will sample this year’s new Fall Product items, review the girl rewards and learn about this year’s girl rewards for the Fall Product Program. All troop product sales managers and volunteers are invited to attend.

**First Aid/CPR/AED - Blended**
**Aug. 17; Aug. 19; Aug. 26; Aug. 30; Sept. 8; Sept. 14; Sept. 27; Sept. 29; Oct. 12; Oct. 25; Oct. 26; Jan. 19; Jan. 31; Feb. 15; Feb. 28; March 15; March 28; April 20; April 25; May 23; May 24**
**Locations vary**
This course will prepare you to recognize and care for a variety of first aid, breathing, and cardiac emergencies involving adults, children and infants and meets OSHA/ workplace requirements. The online portion of this blended course features award-winning simulation learning — an interactive experience where you will respond to real-world emergencies in a virtual setting — that will prepare you for the instructor-led classroom skill session.

Cost: $50

**Girl Scout Leadership Experience & Volunteer Toolkit Training**
**Aug. 17; Aug. 19; Aug. 21; Aug. 26; Aug. 28; Aug. 29; Aug. 31; Sept. 14; Sept. 15; Sept. 16; Sept. 19; Sept. 21; Sept. 26; Sept. 28; Oct. 5; Oct. 10; Oct. 12; Oct. 24**

**Locations vary**
An in-person introduction to leading a troop of girls in a unique Girl Led environment that incorporates the 3 Keys to Leadership (what girls do), the Girl Scout Processes (how they do it), and the Leadership Experience (what they get). The training handbook is available online and printed copy is given to each volunteer that attends the training.

**Highest Awards Q&A - All Awards**
**Sept. 10; Jan. 7**
**Teleconference**
Join a conference call for Girl Scouts and leaders who have questions pertaining to the Girl Scout Highest Awards. Ask your questions and learn more about budgets, timelines, sustainability, evaluations and everything in between.

**Highest Awards Q&A - Bronze**
**Oct. 1; April 15**
**Teleconference**
Join a conference call for Girl Scouts and leaders who have questions pertaining to the Girl Scout Bronze Award. Ask your questions and learn more about budgets, timelines, sustainability, evaluations and everything in between.

**Highest Awards Q&A - Gold**
**Dec. 3; Feb. 4; May 6; June 3**
**Teleconference**
Join a conference call for Girl Scouts and leaders who have questions pertaining to the Girl Scout Gold Award. Ask your questions and learn more about budgets, timelines, sustainability, evaluations and everything in between.

**Highest Awards Q&A - Silver**
**Nov. 5**
**Teleconference**
Join a conference call for Girl Scouts and leaders who have questions pertaining to the Girl Scout Silver Award. Ask your questions and learn more about bud-
gets, timelines, sustainability, evaluations and everything in between.

**Lifeguard Certification**  
**Sept. 8-10 and 15-17; May 11-13 and 18-20**  
**North Fork Leadership Center**

Participants who complete this training will earn American Red Cross Lifeguard certification. Participants will be required to swim 550 yards continuously; tread water for 2 minutes without use of arms; surface dive, retrieve a 10-pound weight and swim back with weight; and swim underwater. Two weekends are required to complete the certification. Participants must be at least 15 years old.

Cost: $85/Girl Scout, $150/non-Girl Scout youth, $85/Girl Scout adult, $150/non-Girl Scout adult

**Lifeguard Recertification**  
**Oct. 13-15; April 20-22**  
**North Fork Leadership Center**

Participants must have a current American Red Cross Lifeguard certificate. Participants must be able to swim 500 meters and collect a 10-pound weight from the bottom of the pool, and meet other criteria. Training includes classroom and pool activities.

Cost: $30

**Outdoor Training Extravaganza - ACA Archery Certification**  
**Sept. 22-24**  
**Camp Kateri**

Archery participants will receive a Level 1 USA Archery certification, enabling them to facilitate archery with their Girl Scouts. These participants are also requested/elected to assist at Aquatics Weekend to ensure the instructor-to-girl ratios are met, as required by the Safety Activity Checkpoints. It’s also a great opportunity to practice and reinforce your newfound instructor skills. Participants must be at least 16 years old. Those 18 and older will achieve the first step toward becoming an Gateway instructor.

Cost: $70

**Outdoor Training Extravaganza - Chef Certification**  
**Sept. 22-24**  
**Camp Kateri**

Get hands-on experience in kitchen equipment operation and meal preparation, as well as health and safety guidelines. This training does not provide an external certification, but successful completion does provide the knowledge and experience to operate the Camp Kateri kitchen. Participants must be at least 18 years old.

Cost: $25

**Outdoor Training Extravaganza - Gateway Canoe Certification**  
**Sept. 22-24**  
**Camp Kateri**

Learn the basics of recreational canoe paddling including strokes, games, group safety and rescue skills. Successful completion of this class enables participants to facilitate canoe activities on Gateway Council properties only. Participants must be at least 16 years old. Those 18 and older will achieve the first step toward becoming an Gateway instructor.

Cost: $70

**Outdoor Training Extravaganza - Gateway Kayak Certification**  
**Sept. 22-24**  
**Camp Kateri**

Explore McCarthy Lake by kayak — no experience required! Learn the basics of recreational flat water kayak paddling including strokes, games, group safety and rescue skills. Successful completion of this class enables participants to facilitate kayak activities at Camp Kateri. Participants must be at least 16 years old. Those 18 and older will achieve the first step toward becoming an Gateway instructor.

Cost: $70

**Outdoor Training Extravaganza - Jump Start into the Outdoors**  
**Sept. 22-24**  
**Camp Kateri**

Consider yourself an indoor person, but want to be an
Volunteer Training

example of a risk-taker for the girls you mentor? This package will provide you some of the basics of being at camp without completing the camp certification. You’ll learn Leave No Trace principles, how to make a snack on a pie iron and how to care for the cast iron, and how to help girls pack for their campout. You will also complete American Red Cross Basic Water Rescue and First Aid/CPR/AED certifications. The two certifications will allow you to meet the Safety Activity Checkpoints requirements in several areas. Participants must be at least 18 years old.
Cost: $70

Wilderness First Aid
Sept. 9-10; Oct. 14-15; Jan. 6-7; March 10-11; April 14-15
Camp Kateri
Wilderness First Aid is designed to allow volunteers to provide a safe outdoor adventure to include camping, hiking and other activities that are in secluded or out-of-the-way areas. The overnight training will show the steps to render aid to children and adults in a wilderness or any area where aid is more than 30 minutes away, as well as educate volunteers on important safety procedures and council policies involved in making the trip a (safe!) success. Participants must have current first aid/CPR certification and must be at least 16 years old.
Cost: $65

Volunteer Resources
Find all of these and more at girlscouts-gateway.org/VolunteerResources

Volunteer Essentials
Volunteers Essentials (you might also hear this referred to as the VE) is a reference document for Girl Scout volunteers. It contains important information about policies and procedures, plus useful tips for working with girls. The VE can act as an encyclopedia for Girl Scout volunteering: When you have a question, just look up the topic in the VE!

Safety Activity Checkpoints
When preparing for any activity with girls, always begin with the Safety Activity Checkpoints written specifically for that particular activity. Every adult in Girl Scouting is responsible for the physical and emotional safety of girls, and agrees to follow the Safety Activity Checkpoints and general safety guidelines.

Volunteer Toolkit
The Volunteer Toolkit (VTK) is a digital resource that supports troop leaders and co-leaders, making the process of running a troop easier and more efficient. You can build your troop calendar, plan your year (use The Gateway Guide as you work!), record attendance, locate resources like the Safety Activity Checkpoints — and more. This tool has become indispensable for many leaders!
The Volunteer Toolkit: Your Digital Troop Assistant!

The Volunteer Toolkit (VTK) gives you program content and other resources to manage your troop planning all year long—and keep it going smoothly!

You can:

- Access Journey and petal and badge troop meeting plans
- See step-by-step activity guides for each troop meeting
- View and edit your troop roster
- Manage renewals for both girls and adults
- Email parents with a single click
- Share troop meeting activities with parents
- Record troop finances and girls’ meeting attendance
- Log girls’ petal/badge and Journey achievements
- Add events and your own troop activities

The Volunteer Toolkit now offers multi-level troop access—and coming in summer 2017 is all-new program content for STEM and Outdoors, plus Welcome to the Daisy Flower Garden!

NEW!

What volunteers are saying:

“I like that there are meeting plans and schedules to follow. I also like being able to keep track of the patches my girls earn. The ‘my troop’ feature that allows me to email all of the parents at once is great, too—I use that a lot.”

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE VOLUNTEER TOOLKIT?
JUST SIGN IN AT GIRLSCOUTS-GATEWAY.ORG, CLICK MY GS AND CHECK IT OUT!

The Volunteer Toolkit contains program and meeting plans for K-5 (Daisy, Brownie, Junior and K-5 multi-level). Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador troops have access to features including the troop roster, troop finances, national resources, and all K-5 program content (if needed for working with younger troops).
Nominate a volunteer for adult recognition

There’s more than one way to thank a volunteer for making an impact in Girl Scouts’ lives.

Nomination forms are available at girlscouts-gateway.org/VolunteerAwards. Due by Dec. 31.