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For Troop Leaders & Service Unit Managers

September 14, 2017

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Council Activities

Important eligibility deadline for earning Highest Awards!

The 2017 Girl Scout membership year is coming to an end on September 30th. This means that if you are an Ambassador aging out of Girl Scouts or a Cadette bridging to a Senior, your Highest Award Final report forms must be submitted by September 30th!

Gold Award: Make sure your completed Gold Award Final Report form is submitted to Council before September 30th. The Gold Award Final Report form should include a letter of recommendation from your Project Advisor discussing your work on the completion of your project. The Gold Award Pin will be sent from Council directly to the Girl upon approval.

Silver Trefoil: Make sure your completed Silver Trefoil Final Report form is submitted to Council before September 30th. The Silver Trefoil Final Report has no additional documents. The Silver Trefoil Award Pin will be sent from Council directly to the Girl upon approval.

Silver Award: Make sure your project is completed by September 30th and hand in your Final Report with a copy of the Online Approval Tool to a Nation's Capital Girl Scout shop as soon as possible. This paperwork acts as verification for the shop and allows them to sell the Silver Award pin.

Questions about the Highest Awards can be directed to Zoe Dranove through the link below.

[Learn More](#)

SAVE THE DATE: Cadette Babysitter Badge

Girl Scouts Nation's Capital and GEICO's Art of Independence program empowers Girl Scouts to discover skills that will prepare them for a positive, healthy and independent future. We are highlighting the Cadette Babysitter Badge. Get the badge requirement booklet found in the It's Your Planet Badge Activity Set. Gain skills and learn about how kids develop, how to focus on play, how to find employers, and what to do when challenges arise. Learn how to be a well-prepared, responsible and effective babysitter.

Who: Cadette

When: Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 1-5pm

Where: Brighton Woods Camp

Fee: \$15 per person- includes a certificate, GEICO patch, & snack. Financial assistance is available upon request.

Registration: Opens September 19, 2017, registration is limited to the first 50 Girl Scouts.

[Learn More](#)

STEMtastic: A Cadette Leadership Experience

Who: Cadettes - rising 6-8 graders

When: October 14, 2017 9:15 am - 4:00 pm

Where: Carson Middle School * 13618 McLearen Road * Herndon, VA 20171

What: Participate in a day-long event around STEM and in particular, robotics. The first part of the day will focus on topics, careers and opportunities that make a career in STEM an exciting endeavor using robotics as a prime example. Along with the career session, the morning will include hands-on workshops that will introduce girls to robotics and coding. In the afternoon, girls will guide Brownies through the activities required for them to earn one of the new robotics badge.

Fee: \$5.00

[Learn More](#)

A Journey Through Girl Scout History

Who: All Girl Levels

When: November 11, 2017 9:00-11:00 am

Where: Winchester Archives & History Program Center - 119 Youth Development Court * Winchester, VA 22601

What: Please join us at the Winchester Archives Center and take a step back in time. Experience the early years of Girl Scouts while learning about Juliette Gordon Low and her antics as well as the history of our council. Participate in a ceremony or two to share in various Girl Scout ways, and find out what happens

behind the scenes as you explore vintage uniforms, books, badges, pins and more!

Fee: \$5 per girl

Register: Click below to register.

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Thinking Day Workshop

Who: Adults

When: November 11, 2017 1:00-2:30 pm

Where: Winchester Archives & History Program Center - 119 Youth Development Court * Winchester, VA 22601

What: What is Thinking Day? What's the purpose behind the Juliette Gordon Low World Friendship Fund? What is WAGGGS? How many Girl Scout World Centers are there and where are they located? Join us for a round-table discussion to explore the answers to the above questions, and more.

Fee: Free

Register: Click below to sign up.

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Cookie College To-Go Kits

Who: Daisy, Brownie, Junior

What: Cookie College To-Go kits are program kits designed for service units and troops to host their own Cookie College. We realize not everyone can attend our events so we want to bring Cookie College to you. The kit includes leader guides that walk you through planning, set up, clean up, and how to conduct each class.

Cookie College events are a great opportunity for older girls to earn service hours by planning and hosting. It's also an opportunity to earn money for Girl Scout trips, Take Action projects, and other Girl Scout related activities.

To learn more about purchasing and ordering deadlines, click below.

Questions: Contact Sara Tyler at styler@gscnc.org or 202-534-3770

If you would like to attend an in-person event, look for those details on Rallyhood in the next two weeks.

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Program Partner Activities

COME HORSE AROUND!

Who: Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette

When: Saturdays 1 or 2pm

Where: Waredaca Farm, 4501 Damascus Rd., Laytonsville, MD (right outside of Olney)

What: Trail Rides for Juniors and above OR A hands on learning experience with grooming, leading, plus a short ride for Daisies and Brownies. See our [website](#) for more information.

Fee: \$50/ girl for trail rides or \$30/ girl for hands on program

Register: Call 301-919-8297 or email Celeste through the link below.

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Cadette MEdia Journey

Who: Cadette

When: September 23, 2017 6- 9pm Also offered October 7 & November 11, with more dates in the winter and spring of 2018.

Where: Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax Street Alexandria, VA

What: Media is an unavoidable part of life, but are you controlling it or is it controlling you? Girls will use the collection of the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum to examine types of media, persuasion techniques, and stereotypes. Then, using their new media savvy, they'll take action and create a Public Service Announcement to get the real message about a topic that's important to them. By the end of the program, girls will have completed all of the steps for the It's Your Story-Tell It: Media leadership journey for Cadette Girl Scouts, except for the survey. All troops will receive a copy of their PSA to use to complete the survey at home.

Fee: \$25

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DC State Fair

Who: All

When: September 24, 2017 11am- 8pm

Where: Waterfront Station in SW DC 4th and M St SW

What: The DC State Fair is a free showcase of the city's agricultural and creative talents: a full day of competitions, education, and entertainment, with local vendors selling food, drinks, art, and crafts. In our eighth year, the 2017 DC State Fair will be held on Sunday, September 24, at Waterfront Station in Southwest DC.

While the DC State Fair is inspired by time-honored state fair traditions-like growing and gardening, animal husbandry, and deep-fried foods-it also honors the things that make the District of Columbia unique. This means the DC State Fair puts on a Pet Parade instead of a pig race and holds competitions to find the best pupusas, mumbo sauce, and Double Dutch jumpers in the city.

Contests include Best Strawberry Jam and Best Apple Pie, but also Best

Compost, Best Kids' Cupcake, Best Pupusa, Watermelon Seed-Spitting, and Double Dutch. The State Fair also features an education tent, a kids' activities area, and a mainstage of family-friendly entertainment.

No registration required unless you plan to enter one of the [Best of Contests](#).

Fee: Free

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Urban Gardening Project: Installing a Fall Vegetable Garden in a Raised Planter Garden

Who: Cadette, Senior, Ambassador

When: September 23, 2017 10:30am- 12pm

Where: Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum 1901 Fort Place SE
Washington, DC 20020

What: Participants learn about fall vegetable gardening, what leafy vegetables and which root vegetables are excellent for planting Participants learn about fall vegetable gardening, what leafy vegetables and which root vegetables are excellent for planting and harvesting in the fall. Bring gardening gloves!

All participants receive vegetable plants and seeds to take home for their personal garden. The next and final workshop in this series is November 18. This program sponsored in part by DC Tours and Transportation, and Ed's Plant World.

Fee: Free

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Disney on Ice-Dare to Dream

Who: Daisy, Brownie, Junior

When: September 29- October 8, 2017, showtimes vary

Where: Eaglebank arena

What: Come as a Scout Group and save \$5 on tickets. Free commemorative Patch with purchase of each Scout ticket.

Fee: Opening Night Tickets \$15 with groups of 15 or more.

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Earn a Patch with Cabot Creamery!

Who: All

When: September 30- October 1, 2017 10am- 4pm

Where: National Mall

What: Join Cabot Creamery Co-operative at the NCBA CLUSA Co-op Festival and have fun completing our Co-op Scavenger Hunt!

Our Scavenger Hunt will take you all over the Festival to learn about the co-operative business model, see live demos from our co-op partners like ACE Hardware and Organic Valley, and earn our free Co-ops for Community patch.

Join us either September 30th or October 1st, any time between 10am-4pm, on the National Mall, Washington, DC. The Festival closes at 4pm, please arrive by 2pm to allow adequate time to complete the Scavenger Hunt.

Please email healthinfo@cabotcheese.coop with any questions about the event.

Although all Scouts are welcome, Daisies may need some help from their parents or leaders to complete the Scavenger Hunt.

Fee: Free

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Spooky Spy Family Night

Who: All

When: October 13, 2017 6-9pm

Where: International Spy Museum 800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005

What: Has your brother been spying on you? Is grandma really a secret agent? Does dad really have lethal ninja skills? Now's your chance to find out as your family of spies gains exclusive after-hours access to the Museum! Test your family's spy skills as you run top secret missions, go deep undercover and transform your appearance with the help of professional make-up artists, challenge yourself in Code Cracker competitions, explore all forms of spy tradecraft, and enjoy SPY snacks. Come in disguise as your favorite spy!

Fee: \$12-14 (one adult required for every five KidSpy agents)* Space is limited-advance registration required.

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Cupcake Plushie Machine Sewing & Cupcake Decorating! Celebrate National Cake Decorating Day!

Who: Junior, Cadette

When: October 15, 2017 10:30am- 1:30pm

Where: Cupcakes and Lace Aldie, VA

What: Girls learn how to machine sew and make a big cupcake plushie complete with sprinkles! Then have a blast with some real cupcake decorating!

Drop off/pick up class. Please pack a nut free bag lunch. Open to girls in 4th grade and up.

Fee: \$46 (includes all supplies and snack)

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Harvest Festival

Who: All

When: October 15, 2017 12- 3:30pm

Where: Riversdale House Museum

What: Enjoy Fall family fun with hands-on activities in the garden and open hearth kitchen. Includes a tour of the historic house. Create autumn crafts, snack on seasonal treats, dig up some fun with interactive activities in the garden, explore the open hearth kitchen, and more! Refreshments and activities are available while supplies last.

Girl Scouts, wear your vest or sash for a chance to win a FREE troop program! First 15 Scouts also win a FREE patch! Patches available for \$2.

Fee: \$5 Adult; \$2 Student 12 & under

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Close to Home: Experience Sled Dogs and Dog Sledding!

Who: All

When: October 20, 21, 22, or 23, 2017 8am- 12pm

Where: Northern Baltimore County

What: It's all about the dogs! Girl Scouts work closely with our team of well-behaved sled dogs harnessing, feeding, and learning all about dogsledding including: what the dogs eat; how the dogs are trained; positions on a dog

team; equipment used in dog sledding; the commands used in dogsledding; and famous dog sledding events. Each girl takes a short individual (1/2 mile) ride.

Fun patch and light snack included. Official Girl Scout Brownie Try It and Junior dog mushing badges are available for purchase at \$3.00 per badge.

Minimum of 12 and maximum of 20 Girl Scouts. Tag a longs (age five and up) welcome.

Fee: \$65

Register: Email Catherine at catherine@marylanddogsledding.com

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Girl Scout Night at DC United

Who: All

When: October 22, 2017

Where: RFK Stadium 2400 East Capitol Street SE, Washington, DC 20003

What: Join DC United for their last game at the historic RFK Stadium! Organize a group of 15+ from your troop and your group leader will receive two (2) complimentary tickets to the match. All girl scouts in attendance will have access to exclusive Fan Experience programs and more! Girl Scouts will receive a limited edition Girl Scout Patch and proceeds from each ticket sold benefits SHARE!

Fee: Tickets are \$25 through October 20th or while supplies last. For groups of 10+, please contact Aaron McCollum at 202-587-5480 or AMcCollum@dcunited.com.

[Learn More](#)

Primary Blues: Blues 101 for Families

Who: Daisy, Brownie, Junior

When: October 28, 2017 11am- 12:15pm

Where: The Music Center at Strathmore

What: This multimedia concert gives kids and adults a crash course in the blues.

Fee: Adults: \$14; Kids 12 & under: \$5

[Learn More](#)

Trick or Treat in the Garden

Who: Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette

When: October 28, 2017 10am- 1pm

Where: Tudor Place

What: Halloween is "spooktacular" at Tudor Place! Wear your costumes (optional) and wander the estate's meandering paths to find treats (not tricks!) in every corner of the enchanting North Garden. Paint pumpkins and enjoy other crafts, face painting, and traditional outdoor games amid lovely autumn color. This outdoor event will take place rain or shine. Please dress for the weather!

Fee: Tudor Place Member Child: \$7, Non-Member Child: \$10, Adult Chaperone: \$5

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Write NOW!

Who: All

When: November 4, 2017 11am- 4pm

Where: National Postal Museum, Washington, DC

What: Celebrate the History and Art of Correspondence

Fee: Free

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Cupcakes, Manicures & Badges!

Who: Daisy

When: November 4, 2017 10:30am- 12:30pm

Where: North Laurel Community Center - Laurel, MD - Deep Run Room

What: Daisies will earn the "Making Choices" badge, all while receiving mini manicures & enjoying mini cupcakes! - Badge cost not included

Fee: \$20

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Chamber Music at The Barns: Attacca Quartet

Who: All

When: November 5, 2017 3pm

Where: The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Rd, Vienna, VA 22182

What: Buy one adult ticket, get a youth ticket for free through Young at Arts! First prize winners in the 7th Osaka International Chamber Music Competition in 2011, and top prize winners and Listeners' Choice award recipients in the 2011 Melbourne International Chamber Music Competition, the internationally acclaimed Attacca Quartet performs a program featuring Haydn, Beethoven, and Ippolito.

Fee: \$40

[Learn More](#)

The Fairfax Ballet Company present The Nutcracker

Who: All

When: November 25, 2017 at 2pm and 7pm and November 26, 2017 at 2pm

Where: WT Woodson High School 9525 Main Street Fairfax, VA 22031

What: Tickets include:

- Snack at intermission
- Patch and rocker
- Troop photo with principal dancers*

*Photos can only be taken after the shows on Saturday.

Fee: Center Orchestra seats \$23 each or Side Orchestra seats \$20 each. Contact the Ticket Coordinator at 703-665-9427 or through the link below for a discounted rate on 10 or more tickets.

[Email](#)

Rock Kit Assembly

Who: All

When: Ongoing before October 1, 2017

Where: Luck Stone Leesburg 20210 Luck Ln Ashburn, Va 20147

What: We need help assembling Rock Kit boxes that will be passed out at the National Science Teacher Association Conference in October. There are 1000 boxes that need to be assembled, which I believe can be completed relatively

quickly with a number of hands. I would be willing to share my career in STEM with the girls and provide a Quarry tour once they complete the box assembly.

Email using the link below to sign up.



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Upcoming Events

[Girl Scout Day at Hershey Park](#)

September 30, 2017 10am- 6pm

\$30 with special promo code 86325

[Girl Scout Convention](#)

The Greater Columbus Convention Center Columbus, Ohio

October 3-8, 2017



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