

Events

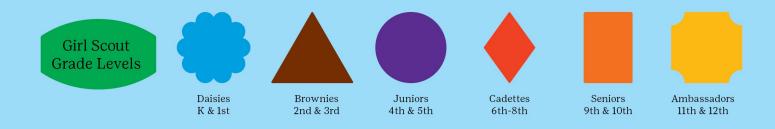
What is an event?

An event is a Girl Scout-sponsored activity where members come together as a larger group to complete an activity resulting in skill-building outcomes. Examples include badge workshops, themed experiences, travel, community service, and camp. It's our goal to create "fun with a purpose" by incorporating the Girl Scout Leadership Experience into every event. Events are offered in all four of our core pillars: Life Skills, Entrepreneurship, Outdoors, and STEM.

Make sure to check out everything you need to know about events by viewing our <u>Event FAQ</u> on our website.

Who can attend an event?

Any currently registered member of Girl Scouts may participate in council-sponsored events offered to your current grade or age level. Girls may participate individually or as part of a troop. Select events are open to participation by non-Girl Scout family and/or friends. View individual event listings for information on participants welcome to attend and event pricing options.



Can adults attend with their girls?

To make every girl's experience fun and safe, all events must meet the minimum adult volunteer/girl ratio required by Safety Activity Checkpoints. An adult volunteer is a currently registered adult member of Girl Scouts who has successfully completed a background check screening and is assigned to a volunteer role. The online event listing will provide details on adult event registration, including price and membership requirements when applicable. If the minimum ratio is not met, the event will be cancelled and refunds processed.

Who delivers events?

- Service Units are a small sub-set of council volunteers who plan and deliver experiences for Girl Scouts in their local area. When the service unit's event is open to all Girl Scouts in the council, the event may be advertised on the council webpage. If it is only for their service unit, the service unit is responsible for promoting the event.
- Program Partners
 Program Partners are special interest groups and subject matter experts who partner with GSDH to plan and deliver experiences for Girl Scouts. These can be businesses such as an engineering firm or zoo, a museum or theatre group, or a club such as the Kappa Delta Sorority.
- Council staff also plan and deliver experiences for Girl Scouts. In addition, GSDH supports service units and program partners in the planning and delivery of experiences.

How do I find these opportunities?

- 1. Upcoming events are featured in the Girl Scouts Connected newsletter sent the first Wednesday of each month to email subscribers. Opt-in to emails through your myGS Account.
- 2. Get connected to your local service unit for news on local events.
- 3. A full listing can be found on our website:

Event List

The Event List offers the opportunity to search for events. A few things to know about the event list:

Events are in order of the date they start.

Events remain on the website until they occur, however, typically a registration deadline is 1-4 weeks prior to the start date.

Use the "keyword" search or the "advanced search" to filter to the Girl Scout grade level or pillar interest category.

Events may include virtual, in-person and on your own time delivery style opportunities that have a registration deadline.

New events are added as they become available. Check the EVENTS page often and/or emails for updates; program release information.

Event Calendar

The Event Calendar displays events in a calendar view by start date. Click on the event to see a pop-up description and registration deadline.

Patch Programs

Girl Scouts offers a variety of patch programs throughout the year. Each one has requirements to complete to earn the patch and information on how to order. We recommend ordering the patch right away as quantities may be limited.

How do I register and pay for events?

Registrations are not confirmed and spots are not reserved until full payment or deposit, if offered, has been processed via online event registration or back office processing.

• Credit or Debit Card

Online registration systems, including gsEvents, accept credit/debit card to confirm your registrations.

Dakota Dough

Pay online with credit/debit card and submit a <u>Dakota Dough Reimbursement Form</u> with receipt to receive reimbursement for the event.

• Request a Scholarship

<u>Complete the online form</u> to submit your request and registration. You will be notified of your registration status after your request has been reviewed. Please submit at least 2 weeks prior to event registration deadline.

• Check or Money Order

Submit <u>paper event registration form</u> with payment. Mail to office noted on form prior to registration deadline to ensure timely receipt for processing.

Are substitutions allowed?

Substitutions are not allowed for girl participants. Substitutions may be available for adult registrants to maintain our adult volunteer to girl ratios. Submit adult substitution request to help@gsdakotahorizons.org

What is our Inclusion Policy?

Girl Scouts-Dakota Horizons embraces all and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, pregnancy, age, national origin, disability, genetic information, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.

Can accommodations be made for special needs?

GSDH will provide reasonable accommodations. Requests may be submitted to help@gsdakotahorizons.org, or through the online registration process in the Special Circumstances field.