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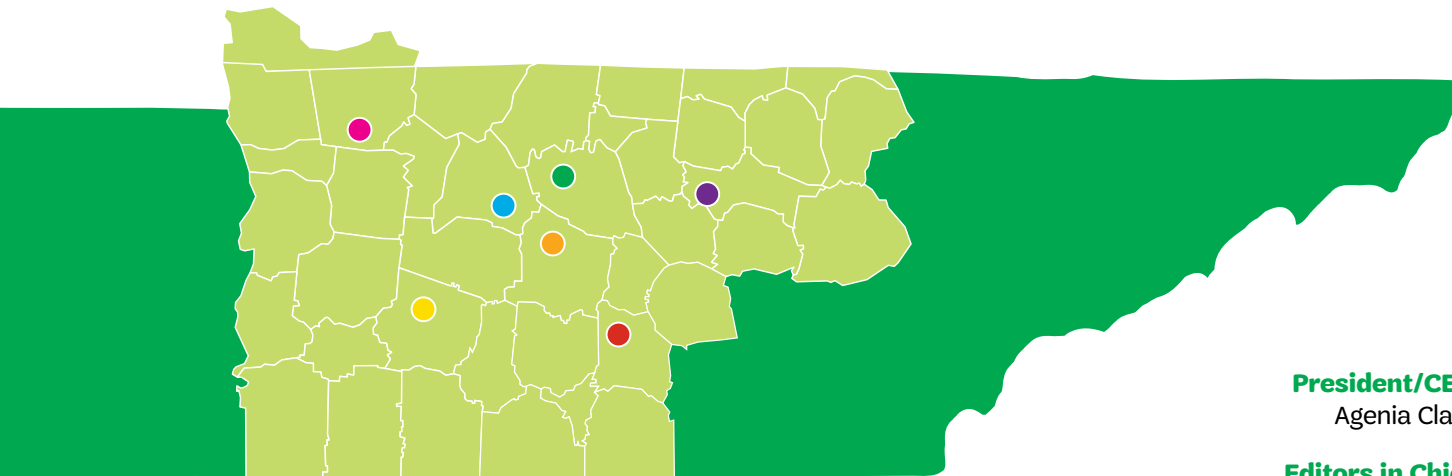
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### All submissions must include:

- Troop and Service Unit number
- City or county where troop is based
- Short blurb describing the photo
- Clear, good quality photo (*No text or Photoshop effects, please.*)

We do not guarantee all photos or other submissions, such as articles, will be used. Photos and stories can also be submitted through our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages.

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**Cover:** Troop 499 recently braved the rain to visit Camp Sycamore Hills and learn the lesson that a Girl Scout leaves no trace.

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# CABIN TALK

## Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee Shop

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## Cabin Hours:

*We are open the first and third Saturday of each month.*

<b>Monday</b>	8:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.
<b>Friday</b>	8:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

## IMPORTANT DATES!

**November 16-17, 2018:** Weekend before Black Friday Holiday Sale!

*Ornaments available for purchase.*

**November 21-25, 2018:** CLOSED for Thanksgiving Holiday

**December 1, 2018:** Cookie Merchandise available for purchase.

**December 12, 2018:** CLOSED until Noon

**December 15, 2018:** Winter Clearance Sale

**December 22, 2018-January 1, 2019:** CLOSED for the Holidays

# Cookies are Coming!



## NEW LOOK

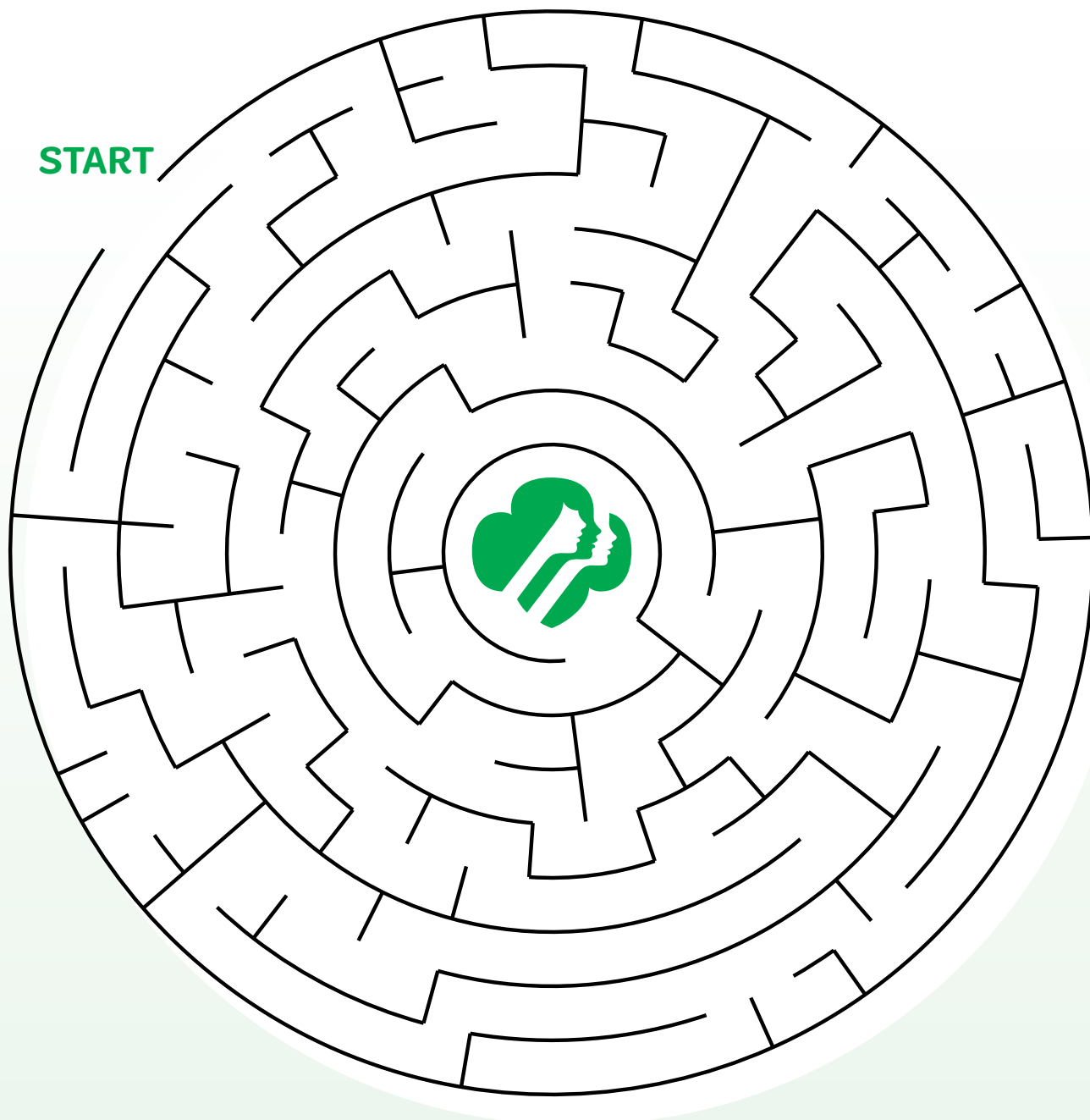
*for Old Favorites!*

*Available in the Cabin while supplies last.*





# Girl Scout Trefoil Maze



Make your way to the Girl Scout Trefoil!

To learn how YOU can be a Girl Scout, visit [www.gsmidtn.org/join](http://www.gsmidtn.org/join).



# Troop Scrapbook



Girls attending **Wildlife Wonders** learned all about wild animals and spent time visiting the horses at Camp Sycamore Hills!



Girls from **Troop 810** recently visited Washington, DC.



Girls from **Troop 2249** traveled to the birthplace of Juliette Gordon Low in Savannah, GA!



Girls from across Middle Tennessee enjoyed their time at **Badge Blast**!



Girls from **Troop 2801** showed honor and respect at their Memorial Day event.



**Troop 665** celebrated bridging from Daisies to Brownies and Brownies to Juniors!



## EDITOR'S NOTE

*Shout out to Troop 2446!*

*In the previous issue of On My Honor, we incorrectly left out Troop 2446 who recently earned their Bronze Award. Congratulations to the girls of Troop 2446. We are so proud of your hard work!*

**Troop 743** recently attended a training class at Panera Bread!





# SUMMER FUN CAMP WRAP-UP



by Meredith Banaszak

Summer 2018 continued into our second year of day and twilight camp experiences with planned themes including Enchanted Woods; Peace, Love, & Girl Scouts; Outdoor Art; and Girl Scouts Invent, Make, & Create. Offered throughout Middle Tennessee, each Summer Fun Camp is council sponsored and volunteer-led.

**THANK YOU** to all of our Camp Directors, Co-Directors, Camp Administrative Teams, and adult volunteers that helped make this summer possible!



**15 SUMMER FUN CAMPS**  
throughout the months of June and July.

**348 ADULT VOLUNTEERS**  
lending time and energy to lead our girls.

**1,091 GIRLS**  
encouraged to be active, to explore, and to experiment.





# GIRL SCOUTS: TITAN UP!

by Sarah Elmore

From its beginnings, **Girl Scouts: Titan Up!** has provided girls with an exciting, hands-on way to explore career paths in sports and discover how they can apply what they're learning in school to their future.

This year, girls and their families spent Saturday, October 13, 2018 in the life of a Tennessee Titan, both on and off the field. Attendees then watched the Titans take on the Baltimore Ravens the following day on Sunday, October 14, 2018.

Thank you to the **Tennessee Titans** for hosting this program for the fourth year in a row!



## Coming Soon!

Our new Aquatic Center at Camp Sycamore Hills will open Spring 2019. Mark your calendars and come check it out!







# THANKFUL FOR GIRL SCOUTS

by Andrea Blackman

***“Once you wake up thought, you can never put it to sleep again.” – Zora Neale Hurston***

We never know how dialogue will flow during a Girl Scout meeting. Before each meeting, we spend hours planning and visualizing. Then, we surrender. We surrender to an awakening of ideas, curiosity, and thought. We surrender to a group of girls who make their own path and ask their own set of questions.

***On my honor, I will provide a window into various experiences and thought processes for my troop. On my honor, I will wake up the curiosity and creativity of each amazing Girl Scout Cadette. On my honor, I will help each girl find her voice.***

Our meetings are more than just following a Journey or doing a few crafts. During our meetings, many girls come to the conclusion that there are areas around us where girls are living in separate, unequal communities. Our two hours are often spent engaged in dialogue.

It's about inhaling, exhaling, and stepping in.



I expect the girls who participate in our Girl Scout troop to leave with an understanding that people experience life differently. Not every girl will walk out the door after eighth grade having experienced a dramatic shift in their levels of courage, but I hope they will leave with some level of understanding or empathy for each other and for our communities.

I am grateful to be at the starting point of their intellectual and social consciousness. Our time together provides a framework for looking at the world—and the people in it—and being compassionate toward others, regardless of the differences; three years of witnessing an entry point of discovery and awakening for my girls... *our girls*.

I encourage the girls in my troop to create their own platform, confront stereotypes, challenge injustices, and lead with introspection. So, what can a girl do? For Troop 676, together we ask, “How do we as Girl Scouts create the world we live in today?”

Maybe our  
little collective  
will demonstrate  
that the most  
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As our communities and country become increasingly divided, it is important to have places where young people—our girls—can gather and attempt to understand differing perspectives. And maybe, in some small way, our little collective will demonstrate that the most effective way to create change is to look within. Maybe the world will see the courage and character of Troop 676 as we **speak, listen, ask, learn, and do.**

***To witness these girls do and become...***

*This is what excites me about Girl Scouts. This is why I am grateful.*

Andrea Blackman serves as Troop Leader for Troop 676 in the Lake Providence area. To learn more about volunteering your time as a Troop Leader, visit [gsmidtn.org/volunteer](https://gsmidtn.org/volunteer).







photo credit: Jon Morgan

# MAKING s'more MEMORIES

by Amelia Lee

To celebrate **National S'mores Day** on August 10, 2018, Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee set out to break the Guinness World Record for Most People Making S'mores Simultaneously. Metroparks Toledo currently holds the record with 566 people, but we decided to try setting a new record since s'mores are such a huge part of Girl Scout history and camping!

Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee knew we had to set our goal high to make sure we were able to claim the record. More than 1,000 people came together to roast marshmallows in the parking lot of Holy Family Catholic Church in Brentwood! We loved seeing the community support us in reaching our goal, and we are thankful for the amazing volunteers who helped us make this event a success.

We were lucky enough to have The Hershey Company find out about our event and donate over 1,000 Hershey Chocolate Bars to help us make the most delicious s'mores.

A big thank you goes to Stephanie McDaniel, Service Unit 178, and Teresa Moore, Service Unit 173, who made this event a huge success! We appreciate their efforts in attempting to break a Guinness World Record.

With 801 people successfully making s'mores simultaneously, we hope we were able to set a new record, but it takes about 12 weeks for Guinness to verify documentation. As soon as we know if we broke the record we will let you know!







**Our upcoming Girl Scout Cookie Season  
will be BOLDER than ever!**

Cookies are still \$3.50 per box for Do-Si-Dos, Samoas, Savannah Smiles, Tagalongs, Thin Mints, and Trefoils. Girl Scout S'mores and Toffee-Tastic are still \$5.00 per box.

### **eBudde Troop App**

Stay on top of troop cookie sales, anytime, anywhere! The eBudde Troop App brings the power of eBudde technology to your phone or tablet. It's sure to become every busy cookie volunteer's favorite app.



## **Mark Your Calendars!**

**Cookie Pre-Orders Begin:** December 26, 2018

**Initial Cookie Orders End:** January 17, 2019

**Cookies Delivered to Service Units and Troops:** February 1 – 2, 2019

**Cookie Booth Sales:** February 3 – March 3, 2019



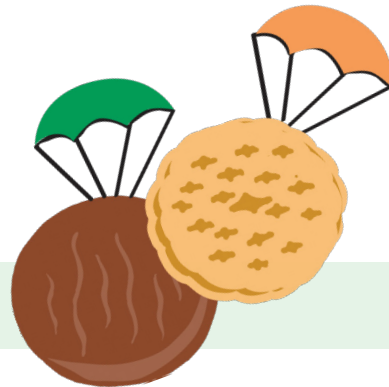
### **Cookie Pro Contest 2019 is Coming Soon!**

As part of the **Girl Scout Cookie Program**—the largest girl-led entrepreneurial program in the world—girls gain essential life skills that stay with them forever. The Cookie Pro contest highlights those accomplishments for everyone to see. When you participate, you'll show the world how the Cookie Program prepares girls like you to lead, learn, and succeed not just for today, but for the future, too!

*Every girl who enters GSUSA's **Cookie Pro Contest 2019** will receive instructions by email on how to unlock this awesome, limited-edition Cookie Pro 2019 patch for optional purchase.*

# GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

*from a Stellar Seller Perspective*



*Through the Girl Scout Cookie Program, girls learn character and confidence building skills they can take to the classroom and beyond. We spoke with longtime Girl Scout Stellar Seller, Dannesha, about her experience selling cookies over the years.*

My name is Dannesha and I joined Girl Scouts at the age of 6. I started as a Girl Scout Brownie at Hull Jackson Montessori in first grade and have proudly been a Girl Scout for nine years. Thanks to my parents, I've been a Stellar Seller from the very beginning of my Girl Scout journey. I believe this is because my parents have always supported and encouraged me to put in the work with booth sales in the sun, rain, sleet, and snow. My mom taught me that when I believe in myself, have determination, and put in the work, I will eventually achieve my goals. I have learned I achieve the best results when I am dedicated to my goals. My mother and my little brother are my best helpers and I am blessed to have a strong support team from my family, friends, and church members.

When I am not selling Girl Scout Cookies, I keep busy by participating in sports. I always find time to sell Fall Product and take Girl Scout Cookie orders, even if that means going from booth sales directly to my basketball games. Sometimes it feels like I am running all the time, but it's worth it when I see the results from my hard work.

Selling Girl Scout Cookies has helped me learn better communication and made me more independent and outgoing. I still sell door-to-door in my neighborhood. Getting to know my neighbors personally has been a great part of my selling efforts. They anxiously wait for me to come to their house with my cookie form each year. Setting goals and reaching them has helped me and my troop have the opportunity to take many trips that have exposed us to different experiences.

One of the reasons I love Girl Scouts so much is it helps me do my best and set a good example for other Girl Scouts. I have earned the Silver Award and am now in the process of working toward my Gold Award!

Being a Girl Scout has taught me life lessons that I will continue to use as I grow up, and I am thankful for this opportunity. I certainly take these words to heart, "On my honor, I will try to serve God and my country, to help people at all times, and to live by the Girl Scout Law."

*Sincerely, Dannesha*

## Cookie Season

*Booth Sales Open*  
**February 3 - March 3, 2019**

The Girl Scout Cookie Program is about more than just cookies! As business owners, girls learn how to launch their own cookie enterprises while developing important life skills like goal setting, decision-making, money management, people skills, and business ethics.



# Girl Scout Cookie Program Word Search

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COOKIES	GOALS	SAMOA	TOFFEE TASTIC
CUPBOARD	MANAGEMENT	SAVANNAH SMILE	TREFOIL
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT *at the* 2018 ANNUAL

# Girl Scout Luncheon



Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee was excited to hold our **2018 Annual Girl Scout Luncheon** at Music City Center in downtown Nashville on September 18. Our co-chairs, Suann Davis and Mary Lindley Carswell, and committee did an exceptional job organizing the event.

Guests heard from amazing speakers while dining on a delicious lunch. Gold Award Girl Scout Lilli told of how selling Girl Scout Cookies encouraged her to set goals and earn the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award a Girl Scout can earn. For her Gold Award Take Action Project, she worked to place solar panels on her high school, which took a lot of time, energy, and dedication. Her effort was rewarded as she earned her Gold Award and was further recognized by both TVA with an innovation award and the city of Fayetteville, Tennessee with a resolution from the mayor.

While special guest Dylan Dreyer was not able to attend in person due to Hurricane Florence, she was still able to video call in from New York City and give a moving speech. Dreyer, a meteorologist for NBC News often seen on Weekend TODAY and Sunday TODAY with Willie Geist, talked about the importance of following your passions and not being afraid to try something new. She mentioned her days of Girl Scouting and earning badges towards math, science, and weather, which helped forge her career path in meteorology.

A big **thank you** goes to our committee, speakers, attendees, and sponsors who helped make this year's Girl Scout Luncheon a huge success!





## Special Thanks

### GOLD SPONSORS



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# UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Fall is the perfect time to think about which programs to explore!  
Take a moment to look at the 2018-2019 Program Guide for all the fun  
adventures to have this Girl Scout year at [gsmidtn.org/programs](http://gsmidtn.org/programs)!

*Registration is on CouncilAlignMENT unless otherwise noted.*

## Brownie First Nighter

Experience your troop's first night at camp with us! Take part in outdoor fun as you craft, explore nature, learn fire safety, and enjoy a delicious campfire treat. Lunch, dinner, and breakfast are included.

**December 1-2, 2018** · Camp Holloway  
**March 9-10, 2019** · Camp Sycamore Hills

## Ponies and Pals

Each participant brings mom, dad, or an adult friend to spend time with the horses at Camp Sycamore Hills. Meet horses in the barn, groom ponies, and try a leadline ride with your favorite adult leading your horse in the arena. This program is especially for Daisy and Brownie Girl Scouts, but non-Girl Scouts and older girls are welcome too! Please register for the date and time you would like to attend.

**March 31, 2019**

**April 7, 2019**

**April 28, 2019**

*Camp Sycamore Hills*

## WANT TO SEE ALL EVENTS?

View our online calendar at  
[gsmidtn.org/events](http://gsmidtn.org/events).



## Entrepreneur Programs

Inspire the out-of-the-box thinkers in your troop to follow their dreams and reach for the stars in these engaging programs that spark their imagination!

### Entrepreneur Badge Blast • March 23, 2019

Discover and work towards completing Cookie Business and Financial Literacy Badges. Badges include **Daisy:** Money Counts and Making Choices; **Brownie:** Give Back and Philanthropist; **Junior:** Customer Insights and Business Owner; **Cadette:** Business Plan and Budgeting; **Senior:** My Portfolio and Financing My Future; **Ambassador:** Research & Development and On My Own.

### Entrepreneur Patch Program Box

Tap into your entrepreneurial spirit with this patch program box! This box gives you all the tools and activities you need to complete the Entrepreneur Center Patch Program. You'll brainstorm business ideas, learn about marketing and budgeting, and show off your awesome ideas to your friends and troop leaders! Patches may be purchased for \$2 each.

# UPCOMING TRAININGS

**“Be prepared”** is the Girl Scout motto, so get a jump-start on planning meetings and activities for your troop by taking trainings this fall!

## Preparing for troop activities, spring camping, or travel? **Camping Skills 1 and 2 are the trainings for you!**

These trainings prepare leaders for troop travel with girls from hotels to cabins and tents. Leaders will get girl preparation and planning skills useful in all travel situations. The online components Camp Prep, Camp Information and Procedures, and Camp Ready are filled with information that is key regardless of type of trip your troop may choose.

The hands-on skills portion completes the training with information that will make camping with the troop a great experience. Check out the following upcoming opportunities for camping training:

**December 1, 2018** · Camp Holloway  
**March 9, 2019** · Camp Sycamore Hills

## **Red Cross First Aid CPR AED Training**

Red Cross First Aid CPR AED is designed for those who have never taken a full certification course or who have an expired certification. *Troops must have someone certified in First Aid CPR AED accompany the troop on camping trips and when traveling.* Check out these upcoming training opportunities:

**December 1, 2018** · Cookeville  
**January 26, 2019** · Nashville Service Center  
**February 16, 2019** · Camp Piedmont

## **JAM Sessions**

JAM Sessions are grade-level trainings. These trainings cover information on Girl Scout Journeys, girl awards, troop management, and making Girl Scouts a fun, meaningful experience for the girls as well as the adults who lead them.

**JAM Sessions will be scheduled in each region.**  
*Check with your service team to see if one can be scheduled in your area!*

The calendars on our website and CouncilAlignMENT list dates and locations for all adult trainings.  
**Register for trainings in your CouncilAlignMENT profile at [gsmidtn.org/CouncilAlignMENT](https://gsmidtn.org/CouncilAlignMENT).**

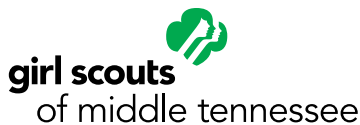
## **Volunteer Resources Cabin Chat** **December 15, 2018** · Nashville Service Center

Bring your own green table cloth to silk screen and learn more about the resources we provide!

**Don't miss this great event! Registration is open through CouncilAlignMENT.**

For questions, email Poppy Lee at [PLee@gsmidtn.org](mailto:PLee@gsmidtn.org).





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# We launched a Facebook Group!

The Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee Group serves as a private community for registered Girl Scouts, parents, volunteers, and leaders across the 39 counties of our service area.



## Join Today!

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