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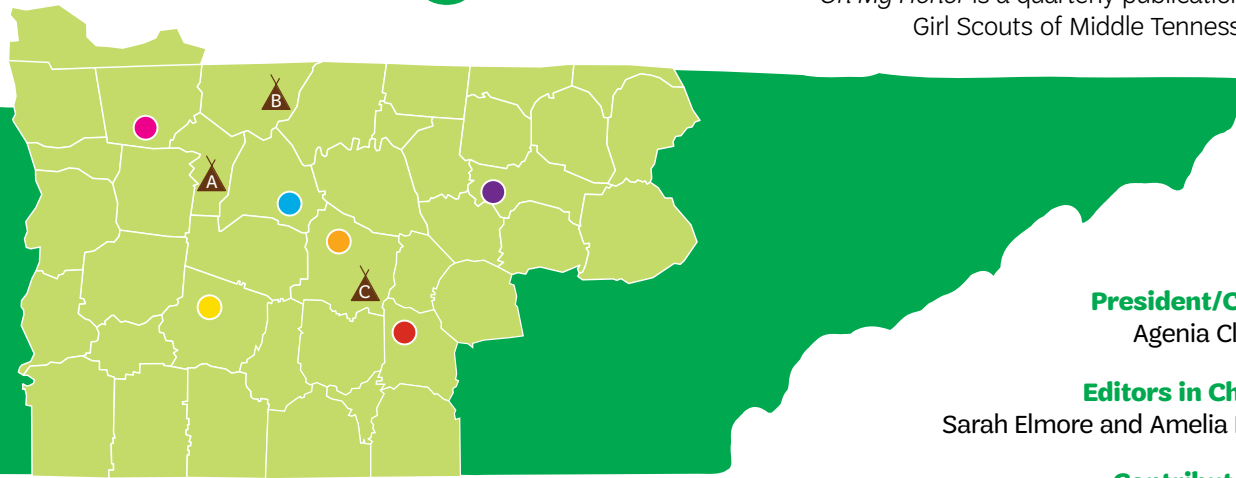


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- City or county where troop is based
- Short blurb describing the photo

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Cover: Girl Scouts explore new heights at summer camp.

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Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee Shop

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Cabin Hours:

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

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| Monday | 8:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 8:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. |
| Wednesday | 8:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. |
| Thursday | 8:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. |
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New Leader Vests have arrived!

Sizes SMALL through 5XL available for \$30 each.



Check out our new EXPLORER merchandise!

Buy each item separately for \$15 or bundle all three pieces for \$30.
Available while supplies last.

We're Excited to Announce **45 NEW** Badges Over the Next Few Months!

something NEW for every level of Girl Scouts

With Girl Scouts, I can...

With Girl Scouts, girls can challenge themselves and be anything they dream of! From helping their community to becoming future scientists, Girl Scouts are changing the world, and we want to see how Girl Scouts encourages you to dream big!

experience the outdoors

help soldiers overseas



make the world a better place

explore my passions



make new friends

travel to Japan



Use the trefoil on the back cover to show what you've done with Girl Scouts, then email your photo to CommunicationsDept@gsmidtn.org or share on social media with [#GSMIDTN](https://twitter.com/GSMIDTN). Let's show the world what Girl Scouts can do!

Troop Scrapbook



Troop 10 visited St. Louis where they visited the City Museum, toured the Arch, and attended a Cardinals game!



Cadettes in **Troops 840 and 2390** hosted a Fairy Myst for Service Unit 87!



After saving, budgeting, and planning for two years, **Troop 600** visited Hawaii where they hiked and met with local Girl Scouts!



After seeing Papa C Pies featured at Outside the Box, **Troop 151** enjoyed visiting and having a mini pie cooking class!



Share Your Story!

Tag your posts with **#GSMIDTN!**



Dear ON MY honor,
I would like to tell you about my great-grandmother, who just happened to be a G.S. She is the oldest G.S. in AL. She is now 104 years old. I'm not kidding. She was an Eaglet Girl Scout. She inspired me.
Brownie Scout Gillian

Read about Gillian and her great-grandmother at gsmidtn.org/gillian

Troop 2095 stopped by the Nashville Service Center and took a tour of the museum with Historian Cindy Robinson!

CAMP RECAP Camp Holloway

As autumn comes to Millersville, brown and gold leaves settle on the grounds of **Camp Holloway**. Holloway rests quietly at the moment, but from June to July it was ablaze with energy (even when the rain put out a campfire or two).

As usual, Holloway offers a variety of programs for different age ranges. This year, we introduced a few new programs, including our first Harriet Potter week from June 16-21, which featured a field day of fun games (including real-life Quidditch!) and a Sorting Hat ceremony. Girl Scout Brownies created foaming, bubbling Fizz Whiz potions with the help of counselors, Juniors made their own fur-covered copies of the Monster Book of Monsters, and Hogwarts Kitchen Insider Cadettes learned how to make tasty treats that wizards and muggles alike can enjoy. Further, a record number of girls (51, to be exact) earned the Camp Holloway's Summer Camp Challenge patch during that week, an honor only earned at Camp Holloway during the summer.

Harriet Potter week was also the camp's launchpad for a new weekly event: the Holloway Hues competition.

"It's a friendly competition between units that encourages kind behavior, keeping camp clean, and being helpful," said Holloway Camp Director, Lauren "Flip Flop" Reichstein.

By practicing these behaviors, campers can earn points for their cabin, which is assigned a team color. The cabin with the most points at the end of the week wins the competition.

Other exciting updates this summer included expanding our day camp programming so there are now separate programs for Girl Scout Juniors, including tree climbing and swing-by-choice for *Junior Adventure*, relaxing crafts and pampering for *Oh-Spa-LA-LA*, and astronomy activities for *Space Out* campers.

The 2020 Camp Guide comes out in December, and registration opens soon after. Flip Flop promised that parents can look forward to "more amazing programs, expansion on existing programs, and more adventures."

"I also want parents to know how much we appreciate everyone's support and trust," she said. "We couldn't do what we do without families trusting us to give their girls a great experience. I am truly thankful to work with such a wonderful Girl Scout community."



CAMP RECAP Camp Sycamore Hills

With its zero entry and only 4 foot depth, the new aquatic facility at **Camp Sycamore Hills** is the definition of inclusivity. Girls of all swimming ability have the opportunity to participate in a multitude of different activities such as swim lessons, a weekly Luau, and free swim where girls can play under the huge sprinkler in the middle of the shallow end. The favorite new summer activity is Corcls®. Corcls, which are similar to kayaks but are small and round in shape, give Girl Scout Brownies and Juniors the chance to learn and practice paddling skills as they play various games.

Girls can also enjoy the aquatics facility on land. The handmade deck chairs and pool pavilion are perfect spots to just hangout in the sun or under the shade if they need a break from the rays. Through summer camp, more than 1200 girls were able to experience the new pool. The staff at Camp Sycamore Hills is excited that Girl Scouts in Middle Tennessee can now look forward to many years of learning and loving the water!



Summer Camp BY THE NUMBERS



996 GIRL EXPERIENCES
at Summer Fun Camps across Middle Tennessee.

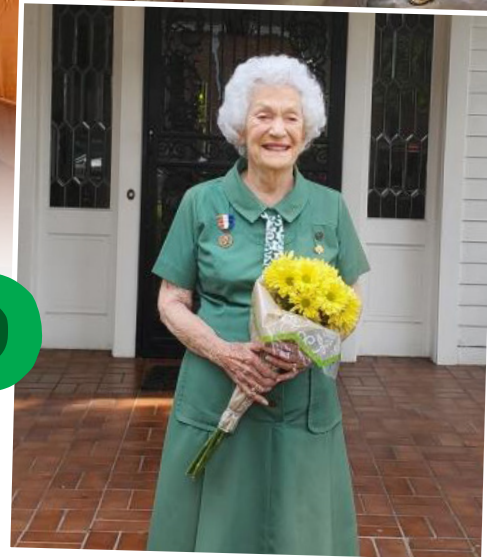
731 GIRL EXPERIENCES
at Camp Holloway during June and July.

1,432 GIRL EXPERIENCES
at Camp Sycamore Hills during June and July.

3,159 GIRL EXPERIENCES
with opportunities for girls to be active and learn new skills!



Girl Scout LEGEND



I first met Miss Pinkie Hill at a day camp on Golden Mountain in Sparta, Tennessee. She and the nurse would share a station for a day, and each group would have a time to come and talk with Miss Pinkie. All of us would find a seat in front of Miss Pinkie and listen to her intriguing stories.

Recently, my Girl Scout troop and I went to visit her at home. We had a snack with her, then she shared so many stories with us. One of the stories Miss Pinkie shared with us was when she took her troop to Washington, D.C. At the time, it only cost each girl \$50 to go. They saved money by driving through the night, so they did not have to pay for extra hotel nights. Each girl brought an extra dollar to every meeting, that way they would have their \$50 ready to go in no time.

She also told us about a funny thing that happened during their visit... *One of the employees that worked at the hotel found Miss Pinkie. The employee told her that some of the girls with her were throwing ice out the window. Once she got up to the room, she looked at the window and there was her daughter throwing ice out of the window.*

Miss Pinkie donated all her old Girl Scout things to our local museum in Sparta. The museum allowed her to get the things out so we could see them and she could show us what she was talking about. When we visited the museum, she was wearing one of her old uniforms and her great granddaughter was wearing another one. She also had pictures and documents she showed us. One of the documents she showed us was how they used to have to register their troop. (They would have to fill out this big paper because they did not have computers back then.) She also showed us a huge group picture of all the girls that went to Washington D.C.

I hope one day I can give girls amazing experiences like Miss Pinkie has and share my adventures with younger Girl Scouts.

Abbigail McCulley
Girl Scout Senior in Troop 2562



Thank You Miss Pinkie!



Nashville's 200th Historical Marker Unveiling

Honoring Civil Rights Pioneer

Josephine Groves Holloway

who paved the way for African-American Girl Scouts in Middle Tennessee

by Sonma Nwanso and Sophia Rokas



Historical Marker 200, placed outside the Nashville Service Center at the corner of Granny White Pike and Battery Lane

As a Girl Scout Junior troop, we wanted people outside of Girl Scouts to know about Josephine Groves Holloway. It all started when we went to Camp Holloway in the spring of 2018, earned the Guerney's Cabin patch, and learned about the camp's beginnings. As we started learning about Josephine Holloway, we realized that with the great things she has done, she was surprisingly not that well known outside of Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee. We wanted to find a way to make sure more people were able to learn about her life and the amazing things she did, including starting the first African American troops in Middle Tennessee, becoming the first African American professional to work at our council, and being the driving force behind the creation of Camp Holloway. From there, we became determined to find a way to memorialize her life within Nashville city limits.

In May 2018, we had a meeting to learn about city government with Councilperson Angie Henderson of District 34. We decided it would be a good idea to write a letter to her explaining we wanted to honor Mrs. Holloway and asking for her help. We presented the letter to her at our meeting, and she graciously agreed to help us.

Knowing we would have to tell Mrs. Holloway's story to inform others and convince them to support our project, our troop continued to learn about her life.



Troop 1347 after the resolution passed



Troop 1347 with members of the Holloway family

Our troop leader helped us learn important facts about many of the key moments in her life which included the things she did to advance civil rights and make Girl Scouts a more inclusive organization. We visited the Civil Rights Room at the Nashville Public Library to learn about the history of civil rights in Nashville and the obstacles people of color faced at that time in history. This gave us an even greater appreciation of all she was able to do and a better understanding of the will it took for her to make the changes she did.

We later received funding through Councilperson Henderson's efforts to install a historical marker at the Girl Scout Service Center on Granny White Pike and also worked together to write a resolution (Resolution No. RS2019-1630) that would first be read at City Council on March 19, which just happened to be Josephine Holloway's birthday!

On July 23, 2019, along with members of her family now living across the United States, members of Nashville's Metro Government, staff of Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee, and fellow Girl Scouts, we gathered to celebrate the installation of the historical marker that now sits on the corner of Granny White Pike and Battery Lane.

This project has been a great learning opportunity for our troop and made us realize we have the power to make changes within our community. We have also had a great opportunity to learn so much more about Josephine Holloway and continue to be inspired by her spirit and determination!

THE GIRL SCOUT EXPERIENCE

by Paulette Allen

My experience with Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee has been an exciting, challenging, and rewarding journey spanning more than 20 years, and there is no better place to start than at the beginning. After several ladies accepted the challenge to start a Girl Scout troop at Lake Providence Missionary Baptist Church in the 1980s, my husband and I enrolled our oldest daughter as a Brownie. From 1992-1999, I served periodically as a parent volunteer, but I mostly monitored the activities from a distance.

In September 2000, I decided to make it official and became a registered volunteer. My youngest daughter was a Junior and asked me to be a leader with her troop; I graciously agreed. I served in this capacity for almost three years, learning the Girl Scout Promise and Law and tie-dying t-shirts, among other things.

In September 2003, as my eldest daughter advanced through the ranks, I offered to work with the Girl Scout Seniors and was met with open arms and many well wishes. What I didn't expect was that I would still be here almost 20 years later, but I have the card to prove it.

Working and nurturing girls towards the highest award has been met with much hard work, but I proudly have kept going with the help of dedicated leaders and supportive parents. With their help, I have coached more than 60 young teens through the Gold Award process and our service unit has produced more than 70 Gold Award Girl Scouts.

Troop leaders, volunteers, and parents alike understand that teen girls today are faced with many challenges and many things to captivate their attention. Girl Scouting tends to be the last item on a girl's bucket list of things to do until they realize what we have to offer, which usually occurs in their senior year of high school. This is why, in our troop,



we try to deviate a bit from pre-planned activities and offer variety in the Girl Scout experience. Our girls have been treated to new adventures including meal planning, presenting elevator speeches, day camping, voting, and biennial out-of-state education and fun trips to Kentucky, Texas, California, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, New York, Illinois, and the nation's capital.

The Gold Award is a wonderful experience for troop leaders to witness the girls develop from a teen to a young adult. They become more confident in their speech, writing, and presentation skills. As a leader with years of experience in understanding the process, I require my girls to perform research and provide statistics on projects they are interested in proposing.



At this year's Girl Scouts Honors Day, I was honored to witness Troop 539 Girl Scout Ambassadors, Moniaka Bonds, Kelsey Knuckles, and Brianna Smith receive their Gold Awards.

I am most appreciative of Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee staff and the members of Service Unit 51 for continuing to be the beacon of light where girls can be girls in a competitive world. Girl Scouts builds girls – and leaders – of character, courage, and confidence.

Way to lead, Girl Scouts!



Lily Wilson, second from right, pictured with her troop

FROM SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO SCHOLARSHIP

by Lily Wilson

My experience with Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee has prepared me to be a leader in my community and beyond by helping me find my voice both literally and figuratively. I found support and encouragement from my Girl Scout community to help me overcome obstacles created by my early insecurities and shyness, and I am proud to share my personal growth story with younger girls! I have learned so many things in my 13 years as a Girl Scout, including the importance of team building and good communication skills, and the value of friendship and encouragement. I have amazing memories from years of summer camp and trips to Washington, Savannah, and Chattanooga; as well as hundreds of shared meals, songs, and crafts. Perhaps the most important thing I learned in my Girl Scout experience is that an idea does not have to be big and flashy to make a BIG impact. Each of us has the ability to bring about change in our community, and every act of kindness, justice, and encouragement we show to others has a positive impact.

My Gold Award Project, *The Last Minute School Supply Store*, started as an idea to coordinate donations from area businesses and churches for the purpose of providing struggling parents the opportunity to “shop” for school supplies at no cost. I began sharing my vision with Sunday school classes, youth groups, and Girl Scout troops within our council, but I eventually promoted the project to large congregations. This experience taught me to formulate my ideas into a clear, concise presentation, to make eye contact with as many people as possible, and the importance of listening to feedback and ideas from the audience.

The Agenia Clark Scholarship will help me continue to grow in my outreach and communication skills, as well as broaden the communities that my projects can touch. I will be attending college in Ohio, where I plan to participate in as many service projects as I can – while still keeping my grades up!

I am grateful to Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee, not only for the generous scholarship, but also for the life skills and confidence they taught me.



Lily Wilson earned her Girl Scout Gold Award by creating *The Last Minute School Supply Store*. By bringing together local churches and businesses to coordinate donations and volunteers, Lily was able to supply almost 250 families with necessary school supplies. Lily’s project will be continued through the educational outreach program at her church with financial help from various grants.

For more information on the Agenia Clark Gold Award Scholarship for Excellence in Leadership, contact Poppy Lee at PLee@gsmidtn.org or (615) 460-0255.



Agenia Clark Gold Award Scholarship for Excellence in Leadership

In 2015, the **Sue Peters Foundation for Girls of Character, Courage, and Confidence** established this scholarship program. The scholarships will be applied to tuition, fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for course load at accredited, nonprofit two or four year colleges/universities in the United States.

Award: Amount varies

Requirements:

- Girl Scout Gold Award recipient whose troop was under the jurisdiction of GSMIDTN at the time of the award
- High school senior attending an accredited, post-secondary two or four year college or university in the U.S. immediately following high school graduation
- Minimum GPA of 2.5
- Minimum ACT score of 21

EQUESTRIAN

at GSMIDTN

I have been in Girl Scouts since I was in Kindergarten and have attended summer camp at Camp Sycamore Hills for nine years. I have learned so many things through the horse programs at Camp Sycamore Hills and as a Girl Scout in general.

My experience at Camp Sycamore Hills taught me how to be confident. As a young girl, I was afraid to come out of my shell around people that I was unfamiliar with. At Camp Sycamore Hills, I began to realize that no one would judge me for who I was. I began to grow confident as I grew up. Because of this, those who know me would tell you that I no longer hide myself from people.

My confidence has grown so much from my first summer, and it has given me the ability to become a level three Vaquera as I volunteer at the horse barn during the year. This summer, I had the amazing opportunity to intern at the horse barn for two weeks. I learned things about the horses that I never knew, and I cannot wait to share the things that I learned with other people.

As a Girl Scout, I have gained new social skills and new friends. The excitement on the younger girls' faces when they make a new friend is something I will never forget. I love meeting people with similar and different interests as me because I always learn new things from them. I am proud to have many female role models to look up to as I continue to grow and follow my path to my future.

- Delmiccia, Ambassador in Troop 2293



I can't say enough good things about the Equestrian Program at Camp Sycamore Hills! Delmiccia has been going to Camp Sycamore Hills since the summer between second and third grade... she just finished tenth grade and this year was her ninth summer! During her first summer, Tex was her "Shero" and she still is today. This year, she spent three weeks at camp—one as a camper and two as a Vaquera intern in the barn. People ask me frequently if I'm crazy for letting her be a Vaquera and getting up on most Saturdays and many Sundays to drive her there and have her at Camp Sycamore Hills by 6:30 a.m. I probably am a bit crazy — about her and about this program!

Being in Girl Scouts and volunteering in the horse barn has helped to get her through some pretty tough times in life. It is like free equine therapy for her. This experience has taught her that she can get through tough things and can do whatever she puts her mind to. Whatever path she chooses to go down in her life, I know that her time in Girl Scouts and her time in the horse barn at Camp Sycamore Hills will have given her a leg up over her peers. As a single parent, it is important to me that she has lots of strong female role models to look up to. She gets that in the camp and equestrian staff. They know her, love her, and accept her and all her quirks and needs unconditionally. That, to me, is invaluable! Joining Girl Scouts and becoming a (troop leader) volunteer when she was in Kindergarten was one of the best decisions I've ever made for her and for me!

- Mary, Delmiccia's mom and Troop 2293 Leader

LA ESQUINA EN ESPAÑOL

THE SPANISH CORNER

Nuestro Primer Año Como Girl Scouts by Jackie Gomez • Líder de Tropa 6010

En mi primer año como líder de tropa, he visto la curiosidad y energía que tienen mis niñas al tener un espacio libre para explorar nuevas oportunidades. Antes muchas de ellas eran un poco tímidas pero ahora se sienten seguras de sí mismas al intentar algo por primera vez. Unas de las experiencias más lindas que hemos tenido como tropa es ir a la exhibición de Frida Kahlo, ir en canoas por el lago, e ir al centro de adopción de animales. Cada actividad o tema que hemos aprendido en nuestras reuniones les da un paso así adelante porque se sienten empoderadas al derrumbar cualquier barrera en su vida. ¡Ahora se el potencial que tienen mis niñas al ser Girl Scouts!



Visite nuestra nueva página en
gsmidtn.org/En-Espanol

If you would like to be involved in our Latino Outreach initiative or volunteer with one of our Latina troops, please contact Sofia Guerrero at SGuerrero@gsmidtn.org or (615) 460-0229. Bilingual volunteers are needed.

Si le gustaría participar en nuestra iniciativa de alcance Latino o ser voluntario con una de nuestras tropas latinas, comuníquese con Sofia Guerrero en SGuerrero@gsmidtn.org o (615) 460-0229. Se necesitan voluntarios bilingües.



Get ready for a Girl Scout Cookie Season of WOW!

Cookies are still \$3.50 per package for Trefoils, Tagalongs, Thin Mints, Samoas, Do-Si-Dos, and our new lemon cookie. Girl Scout S'mores and Toffee-Tastic are still \$5.00 per package.

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. Troop Leaders, be sure to download the Troop App from Little Brownie Baker from your app store.



Mark Your Calendars!

Service Unit Cookie Coordinator Trainings: November 1 or 2, 2019

Cookie Pre-Orders Begin: December 24, 2019

Initial Cookie Orders End: January 12, 2020

Cookies Delivered to Service Units and Troops: January 31 – February 1, 2020

Cookie Booth Sales: February 2 – March 1, 2020

Don't Forget!

You can still order candy, nuts, and magazines online until October 29!

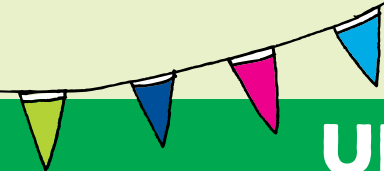


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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Excited about the new STEM badges? Us too! Supplement your badge activities with Girl Innovators travel programs. We can run a facilitated Girl Innovator or Camptivity programs at the Nashville Service Center, one of our camp properties, or an off-site council location. We'll provide all needed materials and run the activity.

Or check out our new Tech Closet! The Tech Closet allows you to check-out Girl Innovator materials to have at your troop meeting so you can facilitate the program on your own. We'll provide a complete guide, including a list of any supplemental materials needed.

Learn more about robotics, mechanical engineering, and more at gsmidtn.org/girl-innovator!

WANT TO SEE ALL THE PROGRAMS WE HAVE TO OFFER?

View our online events calendar at gsmidtn.org/calendar.



ADULT TRAININGS & ENRICHMENT

Adult Trainings are required to make a property reservation on CouncilAlignMENT and consist of tips to make your camping experience a great one!

Camping Skills 1 & 2

Camping Skills 1 & 2 prepares leaders to camp or travel with their girls.

November 23 • Camp Holloway
December 14 • Camp Holloway

Camping Skills 3

Camping Skills 3 teaches practical skills while primitive camping. Sites may be without electricity, running water, bathroom facilities, and cell service.

Camping Skills 1 and 2 must be completed before taking this training course.

October 5-6 • Old Stone Fort, Manchester TN

First Aid/CPR/AED Training

October 5 • Cookeville TBA
October 19 • Nashville Service Center
November 16 • Nashville Service Center

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 on camping trips and when traveling.*

Commercial Kitchen Training

Commercial Kitchen is designed to teach proper use, cleaning, and maintenance of equipment at our camps. *Troops must have someone certified in Commercial Kitchen Training when serving 50 or more participants.*

November 23 • Camp Holloway
December 14 • Camp Holloway

New for 2019-2020! Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee is pleased to offer Camping Skills 1, Camping Skills 2, and First Aid/CPR training free of charge to one adult in every troop!
For more details, contact Volunteer Resources at VolunteerResources@gsmidtn.org.

Be YOU. Be the FUTURE.



Cadettes at Girl Scout Day on the Hill learned about the impact they have on our future.



Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM)
Whether building a robot, designing an app, or protecting the world's wildlife, girls work together to solve problems and engage in cooperative partnerships.

Outdoors
From canoeing on a peaceful river to conquering our zipline, we encourage Girl Scouts to overcome their fears and move beyond their limits.

Life Skills
Through skill-building badges and community service projects, Girl Scouts develop positive relationships, advocate for causes, and explore careers that allow them to take the lead.

Entrepreneurship
When a Girl Scout participates in one of our product programs, she's building confidence, strengthening financial literacy, and developing essential life skills she can take with her wherever she goes.

Register for **Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee** online at www.gsmidtn.org/join!

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With Girl Scouts, I can

