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Early Bird is HERE!

Early Bird is the first chance for members to renew their membership in advance of the new year. Our goal is 500 members renewed today- help us reach it!

Keep the fun going!

Activities & Incentives on April 20th:

- First 500 girls who renew on the first day (or before) will get a First Day Patch
- Fun Facebook videos throughout the day with songs, dances, and more

Early Bird Incentives:

- Early Bird Patch
- Retail Shop discounts for girls, leaders and Service Units
- Discounted event before the Juliette Gordon Low Campfire
- No charge exclusive Early Bird Event on June 18th

GSUSA Incentive:

- Paint Your World Purple - featuring Kristen Bell
- Must renew by May 13th
- Event Date: May 19th at 6:00 p.m. or 9:30 p.m.
- Members-only virtual event



Click the graphic above to learn more about the great benefits of renewing your membership as an Early Bird. Mark your calendars for April 20th, the first day of our Early Bird Renewal. You will not want to miss out on the fun and exclusive events!



Kristen Bell and Girl Scouts:
Paint Your World Purple, May 19



Cheers to our Volunteers

Come and enjoy a different type of craft with us

Fredericksburg
Thursday | May 12, 2022
6 Bears & A Goat Brewery
6:00-8:00 p.m.
limited space available
RSVP is required to attend

Richmond
Thursday | May 19, 2022
Triple Crossing Brewery - Fulton
5:00-7:00 p.m.
The venue requires NO early admittance
RSVP is required to attend

We are excited to host events at two locations for our volunteers to drop in, enjoy a beverage with friends and staff. Please attend the location and date that will work best for you. Kindly RSVP by filling out the form linked here by April 21, 2022.

Cheers to our Volunteers

We want to recognize our volunteers by hosting two social events as an appreciation for all your dedication to Girl Scouts. Please plan to join us at the location and date that works best for you. Please click on the invitation above to RSVP to this **adult only function**. An RSVP is required as the venues do have limited capacity.

We are excited to announce: We will have a Girl Scout Cookie and Beer pairing selection at the events!

Cookie Rewards

Here is what you need to

know:

- Rewards up to the t-shirt at the 400 level will be delivered to your local Service Unit Product Program Manager. Normally it takes several weeks to deliver, so expect them late in May. Once the SUPPM has the rewards, they will contact troop leaders to arrange a pick-up or delivery time.
- Pathway Passes will be mailed to girls' homes. If you have moved in the last year, please check your account in MyGS to make sure your mailing address is correct. Pathway Passes expire on Friday, September 30th, 2022. Passes can be used to renew a girl's membership, in the GSCV Retail Shop and towards events and camp.
- Girls who earned tickets and acorn bucks to the Cookie Boss event (500 packages) at the Night at the Diamond will receive an electronic invitation with information on how to RSVP. Girls who did not earn the Cookie Boss event can still attend by purchasing tickets through the Flying Squirrels website. The game is on Friday, June 10th.
- Girls who earned an invitation to the Stellar Seller Event (750 Packages) will receive an electronic invitation with information on how to RSVP. This event will be held at Camp Pamunkey Ridge on Sunday, June 5th.
- Girls who earned a camp session (1,000 packages) will receive an electronic invitation with instructions on how to register for camp.
- Girls who earned rewards at the 1,250 level and above will pick up their rewards at the Stellar Seller Event on Sunday, June 5th. They will receive an electronic invitation with instructions on how to RSVP.
- Girls who earned the American Girl Doll (1,250 packages) will receive an electronic communication allowing the girl to select one of four doll choices. Girls who do not respond will receive the American Girl Doll of the Year.
- Girls who earned the private watch party at the movies (3,000 packages) will receive an email to arrange the best location for their party.
- The volunteer tote for the troops that earned them (PGA of 200+) will be distributed with the other rewards through local Service Unit Product Program Manager.
- The Fall Product/Cookie Crossover patch earned by girls who sent 15 emails during the Fall Product Program, and sold at least 275 packages of cookies will be mailed directly to the girls' homes. You should expect this patch in June.



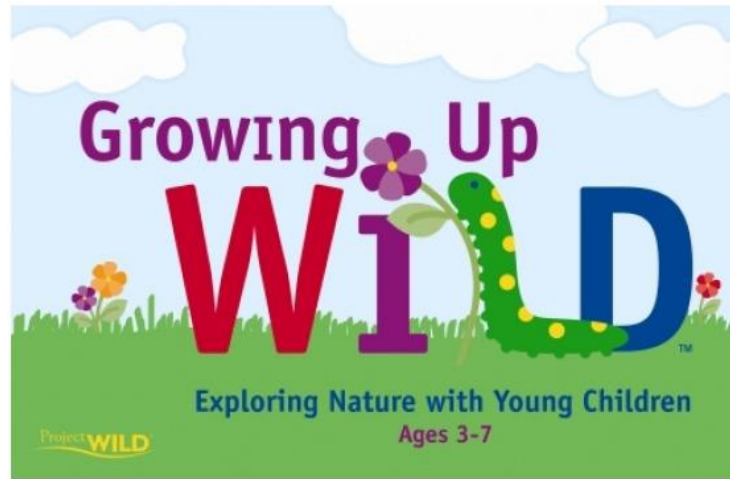
Growing Up WILD

Training for Daisy and Brownie Leaders

Girl Scouts has emphasized the importance of getting outdoors for the past 110 years. Learning about the environment and having fun outdoors helps Girl Scouts build courage, confidence and character to make the world a

better place.

Growing Up WILD builds on Girl Scout Daisy's and Brownie's sense of wonder about nature and invites them to explore wildlife and the world around them. Through a wide range of activities and experiences, explore differences between living and non-living objects, basic needs and characteristics of plants and animals. Leaders will receive a troop copy of the **Growing Up WILD guide** along with other resources to help conduct the activities with their troop. The 27 **Growing Up WILD** activities supports many of the Daisy and Brownie badges, including the Outdoor Art, Math in Nature, Camping and more.



Date: Saturday, May 14th, 2022

Time: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Location: Fort Clifford, 100 Brockwell Lane, Colonial Heights, VA

Registration is open now and closes Saturday, April 30th. Troop leaders are encouraged to have one leader from their troop attend as the maximum class size is 25.

[Register here now!](#)

Partner Program Opportunity



Virginia Credit Union - Financial Literacy
GSCV Service Center, 4900 Augusta Ave.
Richmond, VA 23230
\$15 for Girl Scouts

The best way for girls to develop business skills and learn to think like an entrepreneur! All levels of Girl Scouts have the opportunity to work with the professionals from Virginia Credit Union to earn Financial Literacy badges.

These special sessions for Girl Scouts are being hosted in-person at the GSCV office and include the

badge.

Money Counts leaf for Daisy
Saturday, April 30th | 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Learn more about money. Girl Scouts know that you can use money to buy things. But girls will also learn how you can use money to help people and make the world a better place. **[Register here.](#)** **Registration deadline April 22, 2022.**

Money Manager badge for Brownies
Saturday, April 30th | 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Girl Scouts will learn the differences between needs, like food and clothing, and wants, like games and movie tickets, and how best to financially plan for both. **[Register here.](#)** **Registration deadline April 22, 2022.**

Savvy Shopper badge for Juniors
Saturday, April 30th | 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Girl Scouts will explore the difference between needs and wants and learn how to make a

plan to support both. [Register here](#). **Registration deadline April 22, 2022.**



Girl Scout Night at the Fred Nats

The Fredericksburg Nationals are hosting their first Girl Scout Night! Girl Scout troops and families will be able to purchase discounted tickets to the game. There will be a pre-game parade as well for all the troops who purchase group tickets. Girl Scout Patches will be available as well. You can purchase your ticket [here](#).

Girl Scouts Supporting Ukraine

Our thoughts are with the Girl Guides of Ukraine and all people of Ukraine.



In order for Girl Scouts to raise money in support of our sister Girl Guides and their volunteers and families who are being impacted by the war in Ukraine, the GSUSA Board of Directors has lifted fundraising restrictions. Here are a few ways girls can offer their support:

1. **CARE – Ukraine Crisis Fund** – collecting funds to send immediate aid— food, water, hygiene kits, and services; prioritizes support for women, girls, and the elderly.
2. **Save the Children – Ukraine Crisis Relief Fund**—international humanitarian organization that is focused on improving the lives of children around the world in addition to providing emergency aid in natural disasters, war, and other conflicts.
3. **Voices of Children**—Ukrainian organization supporting children with psycho-social support.
4. **World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts Emergency Relief Appeal**—an emergency appeal fund to support Member Organizations involved in the crisis around Ukraine and to provide other humanitarian support in response to this emergency.

Girl Scout Shop Stop



Planning Earth Day activities?

There's a fun patch for that! Find your favorites and get ready to make memories. Earth Day is an annual event held on Friday, April 22nd, 2022 to demonstrate support for environmental protection.



The Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia Retail Shop will be closed:

Saturday, April 23, 2022
Due to Annual Meeting

Monday, April 25, 2022

Due to professional development

The Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia Office will be closed:

Monday, April 25, 2022

Due to professional development

Summer Hours begin Friday, May 6th

The Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia Office and Retail Shop will be transitioning to Summer Hours on Friday, May 6, 2022.

Office

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday: CLOSED

Retail Shop

Monday-Thursday: 10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Sunday: CLOSED

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Girls and volunteers can text NEXT to 59618 to join!