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Volunteer Appreciation

Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia would like to sincerely thank you for your dedication and commitment to our girls. Girls benefit from your actions as champions of girls!

A small token of our thanks is on its way to you, so watch your mail.

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In Memory



Gingia West was a valuable Clover Trails Service Unit Girl Scout Leader with the Daisy and Brownie Girl Scouts at 31st Street Baptist Church. The energy she brought to each meeting with her soft-spoken expressions of love, encouraged the girls to always strive to do their very best. Before retirement, they knew she had a 'sweet treat' for them before departing for home. Even during her illness, Gingia helped to plan and attend meetings and events as her health allowed. We will truly miss her presence.



Early Bird registration

We're hoping all members renew between now and June 3rd, 2022 for the membership year that starts Oct. 1, 2022. Special bonus: Only members who renew by May 13th can attend an exclusive virtual event with Kristen Bell (details below). Renew your Girl Scout membership at www.comgirlscouts.org

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.



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

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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

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 look forward to seeing everyone that has confirmed they are joining us in Fredericksburg. **If you are joining us in Richmond, there are just a few days left to rsvp - by Tuesday, May 3rd.**

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

Cookie Rewards

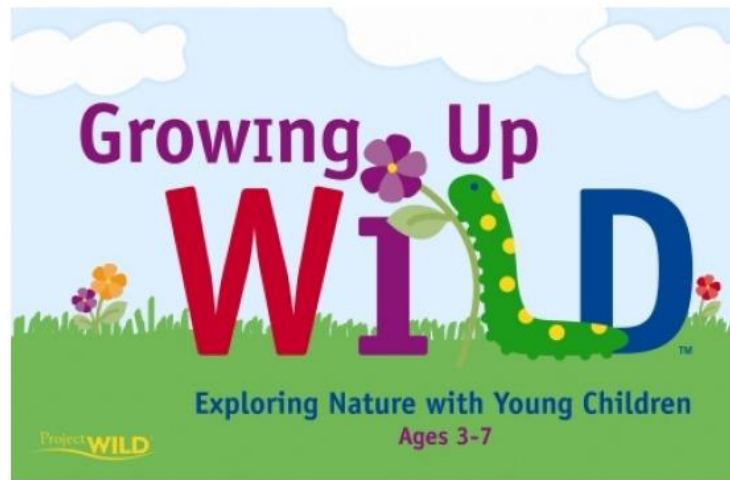
Here is what you need to know:

- 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.



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

Fredericksburg Food Bank Peanut Butter Drive Open House & Donation Drop-Off

Saturday, May 21st, 9:00-12:00pm, cost \$10

Every year the Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank serves over 31,000 people across the Central Rappahannock River Region. This drive will help ensure that our community has access to this excellent source of protein that also tastes good! Make a difference and help collect peanut butter for your neighbors facing hunger. When you arrive to drop off your peanut butter, you will get an inside look at how a food bank works. Take an exclusive tour of the facility and follow your peanut butter from reception to distribution! Receive a patch!



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](#).

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!