

S'more News

exclusively for leaders and volunteers

Summer hours are still in effect!
Friday, May 26, 2023 - Saturday, September 2, 2023

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Shop Hours

Monday - Thursday: 10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
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Saturday & Sunday: CLOSED



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August 16, 2023 Edition

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GSCV Welcomes Franchell Sharpe



We're thrilled to welcome Franchell Sharpe to the GSCV family! Franchell is our new Membership Placement Specialist, and works hard with our Membership team to bring Girl Scouting to every interested girl and adult.

Her work includes starting new troops, finding troops for new members, and building meaningful connections with our community.

Because of her extensive sales background, you may occasionally spot her smiling face down in the Augusta Avenue Shop.

Welcome, Franchell; we're glad to have you!

NEW! On the GSCV Blog!



In Case You Missed It: Our highlight of the summer? Celebrating 110 years of excellence with YOU! The 110 Rally at Camp Pamunkey Ridge brought together girls, leaders, volunteers, and lifetime members in celebration of THE. BEST. COUNCIL. EVER!

We enjoyed camp activities, sang Girl Scout camp songs, danced, pet animals, canoed, bridged to adults...the list goes on. What an incredible celebration of 110 years of building girls of courage, confidence, and character.

If you missed the action or want to relive the largest Girl Scout celebration ever, check it out on our blog!

[Read It Here!](#)

Program Events and Activities



Harrigan stopped into the Council office to sample the treats and model the new Girl Scout toy beanie!

Get your paws on these items in the new Girl Scout-themed Bark Box, available through the magazine portal of the Fall Product Program. It kicks off September 9th!

Girl Scout Nights at the Altria Theatre!



Disney will offer a 30% discount on group tickets (10 or more) to Girl Scouts for the **Thursday, October 19 at 7:30 PM** performance of Frozen at Altria Theater.

[Get Your Tickets!](#)



Join us at the Richmond Ballet for *Dracula* on **Saturday, February 17th** at **2:00 PM!**

Exclusive Girl Scout Tickets Here!

GSCV Treat Yourself: Fall Product Program

UPDATE: Materials for the upcoming Fall Product Program will be mailed to Troop Leaders' homes in mid-August.

If there is a specific adult volunteer you want to ensure receives the packet, please send an email with full name and mailing address to gshelper@comgirlscouts.org. Please ensure it's the preferred address for the Fall Product packet mailing.

Fall Product Program begins on September 9, 2023.

The Fall Product Program is a fun and simple way for Girl Scout troops to finance adventures, give back to the community and learn the five essential skills of Goal Setting, Decision Making, Money Management, People Skills, and Business Ethics. Troop packets will be mailed to leaders this summer.

This year's theme is OWN YOUR MAGIC and the mascot is the Ocelot.

The Ocelot is a medium-sized wildcat found throughout the Southwest in the United States, Mexico, and Central and South America. They are agile climbers and love to swim. Their



beautiful fur coats make them resemble a jaguar or leopard. Encourage your Girl Scouts to learn more interesting things about these beautiful, endangered cats. New this year customers will be able to purchase Tervis products and a special Girl Scout themed Bark Box through the magazine portal.



Key Dates for 2023

September 9: Start date for online sales and order taking can begin

October 3: Last day for parents/guardians to enter order form orders in the M2 site

October 5: Last day for troop leaders to enter order form orders in the M2 site

October 20: Fredericksburg Drive Thru

October 21: Richmond and Chesterfield Drive Thru

October 23 -24: Rural Deliveries

October 26: Second Chance Order pick up Fredericksburg

October 27: Second Chance Order pick up Richmond and Chesterfield

November 9: Last Date to purchase magazines, nuts and candy online

November 10: ACH draft for troop payment

November 10: Deadline for rewards selections

Feature Your Troop on Social Media!

**WE WANT TO FEATURE YOUR
GIRL SCOUT TROOP ON OUR
SOCIAL MEDIA!**



Has your Girl Scout troop completed a project, taken a trip, or done something worthy of a shout out? Let us know!

**We're looking for more
incredible Girl Scouts to feature
on our social media.**

Submit your photos and a short description to our Director of Marketing & Communications, Janna Joyner, at jjoyner@comgirlscouts.org. We can't wait to feature them!

Training Opportunities

**September 16, 2023
Pamunkey Ridge**

Beginning Camping
Registration is open!

**September 29-30, 2023
Pamunkey Ridge**

TREK Weekend 2023
Registration is open!

**October 7-8, 2023
Pamunkey Ridge**

Canoe/Kayak/Stand up Paddleboard Training
Registration is open!

**October 14-15, 2023
Camp "Kitty" Kittamaqund**

Intermediate Camping
Registration is open!

**October 21-22, 2023
Pamunkey Ridge**

Canoe/Kayak/Stand up Paddleboard Training
Registration is open!

**October 28, 2023
Pamunkey Ridge**

Beginning Camping
Registration is open!

**November 2023
Pamunkey Ridge**

Outdoor Cooking - coming soon!

**Open 24/7
on-demand**



Beginning Camping

Let's get your troop outside! The Beginning Camping course is designed for leaders and troops who have little camping experience and want to take their troop camping. Upon completion of this course, you will be certified to take your Girl Scout Troop on a camping trip in the backyard, in a permanent structure such as a cabin at a state park, or Girl Scout Camp. The course follows progression in the outdoors and is specifically designed for Daisy, Brownie and Junior Leaders. We can't wait to see you at training! This course takes place in a single day with a required prep video to watch prior to training. You will be sent the video after registration is completed and processed.



Beginning Camping Training:

September 16th | 8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. | Camp Pamunkey Ridge

OR

Beginning Camping Training:

October 28th | 8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. | Camp Pamunkey Ridge

[Register here!](#)



Join us for a *TREK Through Georgia* at Pamunkey Ridge Girl Scout Camp!

- Learn about The Birthplace, Girl Scout travel and more
- Experience the highlights of camp
- Network with fellow leaders
- Take away new troop ideas

This adult-only training weekend is for new and seasoned leaders alike. Make memories and new friends. Do not miss out on this weekend of fun.



Join us for TREK Weekend 2023!
Friday, September 29, 6:00 p.m. (optional overnight)
Saturday, September 30, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
\$40 (includes meals, class supplies, and event patch)

Register below!



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of the commonwealth
of virginia

Download the flyer above and share with your troop adults!

***TREK Weekend is
for volunteers,
by volunteers.***

Register today!

TREK Weekend 2023 September 29-30, 2023

Our theme this year is *TREK Through Georgia, held at Pamunkey Ridge Girl Scout Camp*. So, register today and join us for exciting Girl Scout leader focused workshops, a chance to explore Pamunkey Ridge Camp, and a Georgia inspired menu.

- Climb the Adventure Tower at Pamunkey Ridge
- Hear tips for taking your Girl Scout troop all over the world
- Chat with a representative of the Gold Award Review Committee

This adults-only weekend is just for you! Register below for a fun packed weekend of Girl Scout learning and networking.

September 29-30 TREK Weekend Registration

Browse the TREK Weekend workshops



Intermediate Camping

Required Prep Session: October 3rd | 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. | metro Richmond location

Training: October 14-15 | 9:00 a.m. Saturday - 1:00 p.m. Sunday (Friday night is optional) | Camp "Kitty" Kittamaqund

Time to get outdoors! The Intermediate Camping Course is designed for leaders and troop volunteers seeking to take their troop tent camping. This course will give leaders hands-on experiences so they can successfully lead girls on outdoor experiences for multiple nights. Girl Scouts has a lot to offer through outdoor adventures and you will gain knowledge and practical training to prepare you to plan and manage overnight camping trips. You will learn a variety of safety techniques for fires, cooking and camps. You will also receive valuable tips for program planning, clean up, kapers and packing.

This training does require a Prep Session. The Prep Session will be held at a location in metro Richmond. [Register here!](#)

Canoe/Kayak/Standup Paddleboard Training

**Saturday, October 7th, 2023 & Sunday, October 8th, 2023
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. both days
Camp Pamunkey Ridge
Cost: \$70**

Or

**Saturday, October 21st, 2023 & Sunday, October 22nd, 2023
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. both days
Camp Pamunkey Ridge
Cost: \$70**

By taking the Canoe, Kayak, and Standup Paddleboard (SUP) Certification, you will become certified to bring this experience to girls in your troop, service unit, and special events! Certified adult instructors are required for Girl Scout canoeing, kayaking, and SUP.

Space is limited so be sure to register right away!

You will receive an email from the trainer with details regarding what you will need



Retail Shop

**Ready, Set, Back To Troop!!
Your Year of Wonder starts now.**



Everything you need for a successful Back To Troop season is here.

Backpacks, Uniforms and Uniform Apparel, and Handbooks.
Our grade level backpacks and t-shirts can take girls from school right to their troop meetings.

Visit our retail store or shop online!

[Shop Now!](#)

Shop hours now through September 2, 2023

Monday - Thursday | 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. | Friday | 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
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[Shop online 24/7](#)

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